

Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.
Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

Annual Joint Operational Medical Directors Committee Meeting
Minutes – December 1, 2004

Medical Directors Present

PEMS Chair, Kim Mitchell, M.D.
TEMS Chair, Stewart Martin, M.D.

Tamara Barnes, M.D. - Medical Transport
Cheryl Lawson, M.D. - Hampton Fire
Karen Link, M.D. - James City Co. Fire
Lewis Siegel, M.D. – Chesapeake Fire
Peter Sim, M.D. - Newport News Fire
Stephen Skrip, M.D. – Medical Transport
Frank Lee, M. D.- Langley AFB
Steve Apostoles, M. D.- NNS
Chris Baker- M. D.-Hampton
Chris Haas, M. D.- MAR-MAC
Shanda Bhandary, M. D.- Franklin
Art Chambers, M. D.- Suffolk
Rick Siirn, M. D.- Hampton Careplex
Gutierry Miguela, M. D.- Fort Eustis

Staff

Jim Chandler, TEMS
Don Wilson, PEMS
John Cooke, TEMS
Laura Walker, TEMS
Dane Davis, PEMS
Tom Ezell, PEMS
Jim Masten, PEMS

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John Davenport, PEMS

Guests

Richard Childress, Isle of Wight Co.
William Ginnow, HRMMRS
LouAnn Miller, Riverside Regional
Ken Pence, Fort Eustis/Fort Story
Tom Calogrides, TCC
Todd Nolen, Chesapeake Fire
Scott Winston, Office of EMS
Joe Corley, HRMMRS
Judy Shuck, HRMMRS
Sam Dahl, Norfolk Fire
Bettie Reeves-Nobles, Hampton Fire
Edith Stiltner, Southampton Memorial
Hospital
Susan Stone, Southampton Memorial
Hospital
Wayne Berry, Newport News Fire
David Barrick, Newport News Fire
Craig Topping, Hampton Fire
Phil Sheridan, Fort Eustis
John Cornett, Riverside Regional
Leonard Rice, Fort Eustis

I. Call to Order

Dr. Kim Mitchell called the meeting to order at 12:37 pm at Riverside Regional Medical Center. Members and guests introduced themselves. The minutes of the December 3, 2003 were approved as amended with the removal of a dangling sentence in the first paragraph.

OLD BUSINESS

II. State Medical Control Committee Report

Dr. Kim Mitchell reported that the state medical directors have looked at various human patient simulator manikins in order to determine for a checklist for minimal criteria. The state office has also purchased the manikins for the accredited training institutions and those manikins have been distributed. The committee has also been working on the issue of EMTs carrying their own SUB-Q EPI and administering this.

III. Metropolitan Medical Response (MMRS) Update

Bill Ginnow, MMRS Program Manager, provided an overview of the Hampton Roads MMRS initiatives. He reported on the status of medication caches in each of the

jurisdictions as well as gave a brief overview of the storage guidelines that would need to be adhered to. Antidote kits will also be deployed with the Strike Team and with the Regional Hazardous Materials (HazMat) team. An orange antidote kit was brought to the meeting for all attendees to look at as well as several auto injectors. Bill informed attendees that 100 kits have been set up and that all but three have been placed in agencies sent out. Laura Walker briefly explained the WMD antidote kit training program which has been developed and is currently being beta tested in many TEMS agencies. It is planned to have the program on line by January 1st for all providers in both regions to begin using. During the development of the program, it became obvious that this was not only a MMRS training program, but a protocol training issue in both regions.

IV. TEMS Report

The TEMS staff gave a brief report of annual programs and progress within the TEMS region. Several organizational changes occurred this year within the council: a Governance Committee was created within the Board of Directors to improve the quality of board work and to promote diversity. Additionally, an EMS Medical Operations Committee was created, with all previous EMS- related committees falling under this committee. The TEMS staff has also had many personnel changes adding two full time and three part time MMRS staff members which has created some office space challenges which have been addressed through renovations. The organization of VA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team sponsored by York County, the City of Norfolk and the Office of EMS is administratively by TEMS. Team recruitment has resulted in the recruitment of over 60 members now on the federal payroll (as intermittent employees), Remaining members are in various stages of federal approval. Recruitment continues for physicians, pharmacists and pharmacy technicians. Applications accepted for other positions are currently full. Applications and additional team and federal DMAT information can be obtained at www.tidewaterems.org/dmat. TEMS staff conducted a 2-day Quality Improvement workshop with national facilitators to help EMS leaders understand QI, methods of QI, and to extend that learning to create and improve agency and regional QI programs. Additional TEMS supported a regional EMS QI committee and a Trauma Triage QI Committee which reviewed 24 cases.

V. PEMS Report

Dane Davis reported that the PEMS council has two field coordinators which share the duties required within the region and focus on specific requirements geographically within the region (one field coordinator is urban, one is rural). Dane reported that the council has had two committees over the past fives looking at education and protocols/policies/procedures and that these committees have been continually up dating small pieces of their particular policies or protocols. The council has never has had a regional test however is now looking at implementing a regional protocol test. This is now at the committee level.

VI. Protocol Work-Group Report

Laura Walker reported that no new protocol revisions had been made over the course of 2004, which the emphasis had been toward education on the existing protocols.

NEW BUSINESS

VII. National EMS Scope of Practice Model

Dr. Mitchell briefed the committee on the National EMS Scope of Practice issue and all attendees had a copy of a letter that Dr. Stewart Martin had written on behalf of the State Medical Director's Committee concerning the draft issue. Discussion was held.

VIII. Additions to the Regional Drug/IV Boxes

Dr. Kim Mitchell reported that there are no additions or deletions to the drug/iv boxes this year.

IX. Adjourn

Hearing no further business for the joint committee, the groups adjourned to individual council meetings at 1:32 p.m.

- Minutes prepared by Laura Walker