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**Medical Advisors Committee Meeting  
September 8, 2005  
Minutes**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Dr. Mitchell.

**Introductions:**

Introductions were made around the room.

**Members:**

Dr. Kim Mitchell  
Dr. Peter Sim  
Dr. Rick Siira  
Dr. Bruce Mayer  
Dr. James Dudley  
Dr. Thomas Young  
Dr. Cheryl Lawson  
Dr. Chris Baker  
Dr. Stephen Apostoles  
Ms. Lou Ann Miller

**Guests:**

Monica Smith  
Dr. Bland Lawson  
Bettie Reeves-Nobles  
Craig Topping  
Thomas Schwalenberg  
George Netroe  
Jerome Barbour  
Michael Player  
David Barrick  
Kim Johnson

**Staff:**

Jim Masten  
John Cooke  
John Davenport  
Tom Ezell  
Ellen Vest

**Review of June 9, 2005 Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved with the correction of the spelling of Dr. Siira's name. Motion made by Dr. Lawson and seconded by Ms. Miller.

**Dr Bland Lawson:**

Dr. Bland Lawson, Director of Trauma Services at Riverside Regional Medical center addressed the group with concerning the improvement of communications between the trauma community and EMS. Dr. Lawson referred to several situations where the interface between the field and the physicians on the trauma service could be improved. He mentioned efforts to develop Quality Assurance/ Quality Improvement programs that involve EMS. John Cooke reminded the group that PEMS is currently advertising for a Performance Improvement Specialist and asked to group to refer interested candidates to the PEMS website for application information. The person who fills that position will be expected to work closely with the Riverside Trauma Service.

**ALS Coordinator Endorsements:**

The following names were presented to the group to become ALS Coordinators in the PEMS region.

Mark Higgins (extended current area)  
Mark Garnett  
Epifanio Perez IV  
Scott Sutton

John Davenport

PEMS staff has all necessary paperwork for these endorsements and there being no discussion. A motion was made by Dr. Sim and seconded by Dr. Siira to endorse all. Passed unanimously.

**OMD Changes for Hampton Fire Department and Eastern State:**

Dr. Cheryl Lawson will replace Dr. Gary Kavit as one of the Operational Medical Directors for Hampton Fire Department. Her application package is pending, however having been OMD for this agency previously and assuring the group that all necessary requirements have been met, the group agreed to approve pending PEMS staff securing forms.

Dr. Bruce Mayer will become the OMD for Eastern State Hospitals BLS transport service.

Motion was made by Dr. Mitchell and seconded by Dr. Sim to accept both as PEMS OMD's. Unanimously approved.

**Hospital Diversion:**

Jim Masten discussed two issues with hospital diversion.

**Elections:**

Dr. Kim Mitchell was nominated to continue as the chair and Dr. Peter Sim was nominated as the Vice Chair. Both were elected unanimously.

**Neonatal Transport Exemption:**

Mr. George Netroe of Mar Mac/TSI addressed the group at length involving a proposal that would allow agencies to provide non emergent transport of stable neonatal patients without meeting the criteria of being a neonatal transport unit. Mr. Netroe had compiled his data into PEMS policy format which was considered carefully. Mr. Netroe presented information from OEMS that indicated that his request for a variance would be considered after approval from the regional medical advisors. The group decided to send the issue to the PPP for further evaluation and refinement.

**STAT Medication Box:**

Tom Ezzel presented the results of the STAT Box trial. The data that was received was overwhelmingly positive however, there Tom, in conjunction with the PEMS Pharmacists, suggested removing Glucagon from the STAT Box and the addition of Sol u Medrol. We are also considering adding an Epi Pen after more research is accomplished. The five medications supplied in the STAT Box will be removed from the Red Drug Box. Tom Schwalenberg of York County made the point that if we remove these drugs from the Red Drug Box, then all PEMS agencies will be forced to embrace the STAT Box. The question was raised as to what those agencies with only one locking cabinet on their units would do with a STAT Box. There are agencies with ambulances that have locking compartments that are only big enough to accommodate the current Red Drug Box alone. The committee recommends that we actively pursue funding through RSAF to implement the STAT Box region wide but, maintain that further and more complete investigation be done to determine which ambulances in the region will not accommodate the STAT Boxes.

**Joint Medical Advisors Meeting/AHA update:**

John Cooke reminded the group that traditionally the TEMS and PEMS Medical Advisors meet holds a joint meeting in December. There has been discussion of moving this meeting back to allow time for the American Heart Association to publish their new ECC guidelines. These guidelines may result in changes to our protocols. The deadline established by OEMS for the regional councils to have completed protocol revisions is June 06. The group decided to remain on schedule with the joint meeting scheduled for December 07, 2005. The meeting will be held in Tidewater. TEMS staff will be contacted to determine time and location.

**For the Good of the Order:**

Craig Topping of Hampton Fire Department brought to the attention of the group that his department was just notified that as of October 01, 2005 Langley Air Force Base Hospital will no longer operate an Emergency Department and will not provide Advanced Life Support EMS. At this point Hampton Fire Department anticipates having to cover the base with ALS transport services.

Dr. Dudley has been appointed to Chair the Professional Development Committee of the Governors Advisory Board. He also announced the Virginia College of Emergency Physicians will hold an Issues Conference.

Dr. Mitchell has been appointed to Chair the State Medical Directors Committee.

Dr. Lawson reminded the group the VA 1 DMAT was in need of Physicians, Respiratory Therapists, Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians. Those interested should contact a DMAT member or visit the website.

Dr. Mitchell announced that Trauma Symposium will be held next year on March 31. Dr. Tom Blackwell will be speaking again next year.

Clarification was made that a physician must sign all PPCR's where an invasive procedure was performed.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Motion was made and immediately seconded to adjourn at 12:25 p.m.

Next Meeting:  
December 1, 2005  
PEMS Office