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Peninsulas Prehospital Committee, December 14, 2004

Call to Order 19:14

Introductions: MEMBERS

Willard Hicks
Tom Ezell
Dr. Kim Mitchell
John Cook
John Young
Craig Topping
Betty Reeves-Nobles
Lynn Harley
Jessie Wood
Chuck White
Ellen Vest

1. Meeting held at Poquoson Fire Station 2
2. Minutes of the September 2004 joint PHC approved on the concept of being cleaned up. There were several errors which need to be addressed with the secretary of the group.
3. **Old Business:** Apparently, some providers and agencies still do not understand the Rules & Regulations of the state. The state EMS representatives were recently at RRMC giving warnings to medic crews found running red lights to hospital with only BLS patients. This violates state Rules and Regulations. So far only warning have been issued, but all providers and agencies need to be aware of this situation. The state reps have also been issuing warning in TEMS and ODEMSA.

There also was a short discussion on the temperature regulation and the fact some agencies do not seem to think it applies to them.

4. **MMRS:** Several training classes are currently listed on the PEMS website for MMRS personnel. The next scheduled class is January 24-25, 2005. York County reported they got their trailer. Some of the gear has come in. Willard Hicks asked that all the agencies be kept in the informational loop. There does not seem to be much information making its way down to the agencies participating in MMRS.
5. **DMAT:** Tom Ezell reported the team is now a level 3 which means it has completed its required initial training and will start getting some equipment issued. While the team as a whole is not in a deployable status, over a dozen members were recently deployed to assist with post hurricane issues in Florida. Several more went to Maryland to assist with restocking the eastern regional medical cache.
6. **EM System:** EM System is not up and running in all dispatch centers yet. James City County does not have it running at this time. Some pages are being sent out due to the hospital daily status updates at 0300 hours.

7. **MAC Committee:** There were no major announcements from the joint MAC meeting in December. There was discussion on the national scope of practice draft. The PEMS MAC drafted a letter to reply to this stating opposition to the possibility of removing Intermediate from the scope of practice. The time for comment ended on December 15.

York County Fire and Life Safety reported they are still not working under the new regional protocols. They anticipate starting in February 2005.

So far, there have been no major problems seen with the new medications or protocols. The policies protocol and procedures committee will be addressing changes to regional protocols and the developing the test to the providers.

8. **Pharmacy/Hospital Updates:** Still working on a updated stat box. Tom Ezell reminded everyone of the proper procedure for wasting narcotics and documentation of the wastage. There are still some providers who do not understand the policy and the fact the pharmacy cannot waste these medications. Wastage also requires two signatures (the medic and a licensed person such as a nurse) and the amount of the medication wasted.
9. **CTS:** Ellen told every one about the reorganization of the CTS program at PEMS. Jeanne Dunston is now the program coordinator and Ellen will be spending time on the web and QA/QI projects with Dane.
10. **Equipment from PCREMSA:** Ellen advised that there is a lot of equipment that was removed from the PCREMSA site and is available for regional instructors to use. The equipment is free for the taking but will have to be returned when and if we ever get another regional training center. A list of available equipment will be forthcoming.
11. **Good of the Order:** Dr. Mitchell stated she was installing a 6x8 board in the ER EMS room to disseminate information and possibly have fun quizzes (EKG of the week) on for the providers coming into RRMC. Willard asked that this information be posted on the PEMS site for all of the providers to benefit from it.

Adjournment at 2020 next meeting will be held at MIH February 10, 2005 at 1900