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Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2007

1 Call to order

Thom Schwalenberg called to order the regular meeting of the Performance Improvement Committee at 10:05 on December 10, 2007 in the PEMS conference room.

2 Introductions

The following members were present:

- Thom Schwalenberg – York County Fire and Life Safety
- Christopher Cannon – Nightingale
- Louis Seay – Life Evac III
- Debbie Lambert – Mathews Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Karen Jowers – Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- LouAnn Miller – Riverside Regional Medical Center
- Lori Messina – Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Sal Messina – Middlesex County Volunteer Rescue Squad
- Robert Lee – Newport News Fire Department
- Richelle Wallace – Hampton Fire Department

The following PEMS representatives were present:

- Jeff Meyer
- Jo Richmond

The following guests were present:

- Wayne Berry - OEMS

3 Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes of previous meeting were reviewed and accepted.

4 Old Business

a PI Projects

1. Trauma (Trauma Triage Project)

- (1) New version of the project was started in September and so far there have been 30-40 calls.
- (2) Jeff still needs Trauma Registry reports and then will request the PPCR's from the agencies to identify UT patients to be reviewed
- (3) Jeff requested helicopter scene calls from the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck from September 1st to present.
- (4) Riverside hasn't been receiving the scene run sheets for patients who were flown to their facility. Louis Seay (Life Evac III) stated that the business cards were being handed out to the on scene providers.



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(5) Louis Seay suggested sending a flyer to agencies reminding them to send the PPCR's to the Trauma Centers.

2. **Operational** – No operational project currently

3. **Medical**

(1) **STEMI Project Update**

(a) Jeff is not currently receiving the information from the hospitals that he is requesting.

(b) There have been 50 STEMI cases identified between SCP and RRMCMC.

(c) Jeff is on the SCP STEMI Committee – each STEMI case is reviewed by this committee. There were 9 STEMI patients brought in by EMS to SCP in October. Each case was reviewed by Jeff.

(2) **Versed Review** – Jeff presented the information on the usage. There were 34 cases in which Versed was used in 2006 and to date in 2007. 66.7% of the time it was a Medical Control Order. Jeff has received the PPCR's on 12 of the calls and is waiting for the remainder to be submitted by Hampton Fire Department.

b **PI Committee Action Items**

1. **Medical Air Transportation** – Issue is still sitting in the PPP Committee regarding a call in which a post arrest patient was flown from the scene in Gloucester to RRMCMC. It is on the agenda for the next PPP meeting.

c **Six Sigma (EMS) Training** – First training will be held January 23 & 24 at the York County Training Center. There were 15 seats available which are full. If the class is successful, there will be another one held. Jeff explained the six sigma process.

d **PI E-Newsletter**

1. **Hospice – GVFR (Received)**

2. **Importance of 12 Lead Transmission – SCP**

(1) Thom said he will find someone to write the 12 Lead article and the statistical information will be submitted by Jeff

3. **Trauma – RRMCMC**

4. **MRSA – Hampton Health Department (Received)**

e **FY 08 OEMS Contract Update**

1. **Letter to OEMS (Combined Committees)** – Received letter from OEMS giving provisional approval on the combined committees as long as a trauma surgeon participates. L. Miller will work on getting someone from RRMCMC to participate on the committee. Discussion on fine tuning the trauma project to meet the needs of the trauma surgeon.

f **Letter to EMS Agencies**

1. **PI Projects** -Draft copy of the letter to the EMS Agencies stating the Performance Improvement Requirements and the projects was distributed to the members for review. The letter will be mailed to the agencies and their OMD's.

2. **PI Template** – PI template along with an information power point will be mailed to the agencies.

5 **New business**

a Discussion on tracking the number of times and PPCR's for the administration Albuterol, Atrovent and ASA by BLS providers on the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck.

b Jeff reminded everyone that if their providers would like a patient outcome for a particular call, they can fill out an incident form and he will get them the information.



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- c Reminder – if patient turnover at the ER take >20 minutes, please have providers fill out a medical incident form so that it can be investigated.
- 6 Medical Case Reviews** – 4 calls were reviewed by the committee.
- 7 Adjournment**
Thom Schwalenberg adjourned the meeting at 11:17. The next meeting will be January 14th at 10 am in the PEMS conference room.