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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 10-06-2020

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Chaired By: Brad Beam

Begin Time: 7:05 p.m.

End Time: 7:45 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Steve Pincus

Draft: X **Approved Date:**

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Brann, James	Ashe, Ryan		Berry, Wayne (OEMS)
Doak, Melissa	Baylous, Denise	Craig, Seth	Nicholsen, Ben
Gower, James	Beam, Bradley	Pincus, Steve	Kinlaw, Jason
Kerns, Lewis	Bogue, Bert (VCU/LifeEvac)	Glover, Julie	
Paulette, Mitchell	Buis, Judy		
Pincus, Steve (PEMS Facilitator)	Byrd, Blake		
	Buchanan, Chris		
Prata, Anthony	Cease, William		
Samuels, Gary	Cumbie, Beth		
	Davenport, John		
Smith, Matthew	Dougherty, Jason		
Tucker, JohnYoung, John	Griffiths, Darryll		
	Harper, Kim		
	Harris, Bev		
	Hunter, Greg		
	Klink, Shanon		
	Lankford, David		
	Lefever, Jeremy		
	McDaniel, Tamara		

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
	McClure, Rick		
	Newsome, Patricia		
	Parker, Sarah		
	Payne, Chris		
	Raymond, Tony (VCU/LifeEvac)		
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		
	Rowsey, Victoria		
	Shore, Richard		
	Smithers, Tabitha		
	Snyder, Larry		
	Sweet, Jason		
	Young, Chris		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Steve Pincus. The chair, Brad Beam was unable to attend due to an unforeseen issue. Bev. Harris, the co—chair also did not attend.		
Introductions			
Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes from July 7, 2020 meeting by Jimmy Brann. Seconded by (unintelligible). Motion carried unanimously	Post Minutes	Steve Pincus
Appointments/Membership	Tammy Smith, Sentara, is no longer employed by Sentara. John tucker from Hampton stated that he will email to Nickosha , Evening Nurse Manager, and to Jennifer Wagner, E.D. Director, to ask if they are interested in serving on the committee.	Email to determine interest in serving	John Tucker
Staff Report	<p>a. VAOEMS Wayne Berry called in and provided a baseline of information regarding the COVID vaccination. Don't have any dates yet for when it will be available. From what he hears it is appearing that the first round of the vaccine will be offered to First Responders. VA is not certain how many doses of the vaccine will be available. In addition, once the first round of vaccines have been distributed, providers may be called upon to assist in administering the vaccine.</p> <p>Second issue is that the data submission report for incident reports will be updated tonight, 10-06-20. There are agencies who are, "in the red" as far as compliance goes. These agencies need to work with personnel from OEMS to rectify the situation.</p> <p>b. The next meeting is on 1/5/2021. PEMS second quarter deliverables will be due by then.</p> <p>c. For the agencies who practice RSI, Jeff Bendit sent out letters to their OMDs for review.</p> <p>d. OEMS Regs pertaining to the PPCR requirements, a reminder was given to make certain that the hospitals need these reports in a timely manner. Please leave a MIVT is this is not able to be accomplished.</p>		
PEMS Committee Reports	a. Pharmacy - No report out from the Pharmacy Committee as there were no committee members present. PEMS noted that some of the medication boxes that were turned back in had significant damage and needed repairs. Agencies were asked to remind the providers to try to take care		

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	<p>while using the boxes. PEMS is aware that normal wear and tear does take place. If agencies need training boxes please contact PEMS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. PICO – No report from PICO as there were no member present c. MAC Committee – Tony Prata reported out. The regularly scheduled meeting was delayed for a week in order to allow the MAC to thoroughly review the recommended changes. The committee met for about four hours and many changes were reviewed. Terminology was changed to make it more uniform throughout. They tried to streamline the protocols to make them easier for providers. <p>Gower asked if the agencies were going to be able to look at the drafts. Seth Craig stated that the changes had been sent out to the OMDs for their comments. He is in the process of compiling the OMD recommendations which will then be presented back to the MAC. After that meeting the actual draft protocols will go out to the OMDs. The timeline for a roll-out of the new protocols is still scheduled for March 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. PPP- the report out from Seth is noted within the discussion above in the MAC report out. 		
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The telestroke trial for the Middle Peninsulas has been postponed. b. Middle Peninsula COVID TELEMED – Mitch Paulette stated that they had not many patients were meeting the criteria for PULSARA – most of the time it is age that causes the patient not to meet the criteria. There has been a big downturn in that area of known positive cases in that area so there has not been a lot of use. <p>Gower stated that the telemed discussions have not taken place since the initial trials were done. These may restart since some COVID – related activities have now slowed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Reminder to turn in the 2020 Ambulance re-stocking agreements if this has not already been done. d. PEMS Bathroom Build is in progress. Looking to install all of the porcelain fixtures and have the painting completed. PEMS also has to approved a cleaning contract in order to meet the DOL regulations and CDC cleaning guidelines. e. Jeff Bendit is still employed by PEMS. Since everyone is working virtually, this has not had a negative impact on service delivery. It is expected that PEMS will be putting the job announcement back out in the next two weeks. f. Meetings for now will remain virtual. PEMS is in a testing phase of a new/more robust meeting platform call The Big Blue Button. This platform will allow multiple meetings to occur at the same time, have break-out rooms, allow recorded voting/polling to take place, as well as other features. Very similar to access because there will be links to the meetings as wells as call-in numbers 		
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Discussion was held about the next round of CARES Act Funding provided by HHS. The information is on HHS’s website or can be obtained by request from PEMS. Gower said that Jeff Hawkins of Atlantic Emergency Solutions is working with agencies as far as new ambulances go. There are certain on-board features of the new medic units that help to meet criteria within the CARES Act Grant. b. COVID Vaccinations some of the first round will be targeted for first responders. Providers may be called upon to assist with giving the vaccinations. 		

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Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Next meeting is January 5, 2021. This meeting should be held on Big Blue Button. The meeting invites will be sent out with information on how to join. b. The TEMS Council is offering several good training courses such as Designated Infection Control Officer and N-95 Fit Test T-t-T course. Go to their website to get additional information. c. PEMS is in the process of distributing the EMS awards. 		
Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by Tony Prata. Second by Mitch Paulette. Meeting adjourned at 7:45		