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PEMS Pharmacy Committee Meeting Minutes

A Subcommittee of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: 5-3-2017

Meeting Location: PEMS

Chaired By: L. Enzor

Begin Time: 3:00 PM

End Time: 3:38

Minutes Submitted By: D. Thomas

Draft Approved Date: 08-2-2017

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Amin, Rali N.	Ainsworth, Jennifer	Thomas, Debbie	Hopkins, Suzanne- SWRMC for T. Sim
Blake, Greg	Beam, Bradley	Player, Michael	
Bridges, Wendy	Berry, Wayne		
Elzarian, Ed	Efremidis, Laurie		
Enzor, Lindsay (Chair)	Harmon, Mike		
Javier, June	Horton, John		
Langley, Cindy	Laverne, Jane		
Rizzo, Sarah	Lawson, Cheryl		
Sim, Teri	Luxton, Maxine		
	Lyon, Sharon		
	Newsome, Tricia		
	Pothast, Jessica		
	Smith, Curtis		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm. By L. Enzor/		
Introductions	Attendance as recorded above. Note that S. Hopkins represents SWRMC for Terri Sims.		
Minutes	Minutes approved as written.		
Staff Report	D. Thomas filling in as facilitator for J. Bendit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members should review their restocking agreements Per J. Bendit, all original interior latches for the medication boxes have been replaced, and he is now in the process of re-gluing 10-20 of the new style interior latches per quarter. 		

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Old Business	<p>Discussion regarding the current and growing list of drug shortages-described as critical and unlikely to improve anytime soon...may actually worsen.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haldol (has improved somewhat) • NaCl • Calcium Chloride • Magnesium Sulfate • Lidocaine • Dextrose abboject • Epinephrine • Dopamine • Ativan • Atropine • Fentanyl (per L. Enzor beginning to struggle with having enough of this medication) <p>G. Blake suggests pharmacies just continue to insert card with limited or missing medications into each box. States he will not remove a drug from a PEMS box to stock the hospital, but would remove one drug from a PEMS box in order to make sure another one has at least one of the required medications.</p> <p>L. Enzor states we need to become more proactive with regard to the management of shortages. M. Player agrees and states the committee should work to develop a specific policy for how it will handle drug shortages as they arrive and submit to the MAC for approval; asks L. Enzor to work with the committee on a draft for possible presentation to the June meeting of the MAC. L. Enzor states her work schedule is probably not conducive to getting it done anytime soon. D. Thomas states she would see if J. Bendit could help facilitate the process. M. Player also states he thinks it would be a good idea to keep a running list of medication issues/shortages on our website-updated by the Pharmacy Committee as things occur. All agree this would be a great asset.</p> <p>J. Bendit is working with CHKD on the possibility of adding the to the drug box exchange program.</p> <p>4th Regional Rural EMS Education Expo was held on March 11-12, 2017 and was a success with approximately 80 registrants. All reports have been positive.</p> <p>Dr. Cheryl Lawson has proposed doing pilot project/protocol for the use of Ketamine in Excited Delirium, using the same high-volume agencies that are currently in the RSI program. This proposal is still in the works, has not been presented to the MAC. If approved she would request adding Ketamine to the RSI boxes only.</p> <p>The biannual review of the PEMS Medication Box Incident Reports was completed at the February 17, 2017 meeting.</p> <p>The review of the Nasal Mucosal Atomizer recall to restock and start using was completed.</p> <p>Port Warwick update: MAC will be looking into it further at the June 2017 meeting.</p>	Draft drug shortage policy and post shortages to website	L. Enzor/J. Bendit by June 2017

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New Business	<p>Discussed potential for vial similarities between Amiodarone and Adenosine. D. Thomas states photo J. Bendit provided of two vials shows no similarities between the two, but G. Baker states there is one manufacturer that uses a clear vial for the Amiodarone making it very similar to the Adenosine. Discussed how to minimize potential for medication errors, which included possibly labeling the plastic baggie with bright colored label to distinguish them. This idea did not have wide support amongst the committee, as most felt they would need to handle every single box in order to change them. It was finally agreed they should only stock the boxes using the amber colored vials for Amiodarone.</p> <p>The PPP Committee asked that we approach the Pharmacy Committee about the possibility of adding Inhalation Saline bullets to the medication boxes. Committee sent it back to PPP for specifics regarding when/how they would be used and the required concentration needed.</p> <p>J. Bendit asked D. Thomas to solicit feedback regarding the Clearly Inventory project tab used for adding Fentanyl to the inventory. G. Blake states for them it is just another step and the tab need to go away now. W. Bridges agrees. No other feedback from the committee.</p> <p>J. Bendit asked D. Thomas to remind everyone that the Pharmacy Committee is nearing time for its biannual review for the Chairperson. L. Enzor states that she would be happy to step aside if someone else is willing to do it. She states that her meeting schedule has become increasingly difficult to meet and stresses that Riverside Health System has chaired this committee for about 5 years. D. Thomas suggests perhaps another health system representative might be interested in taking the chair position. No response. L. Enzor states she will remain if no one else will do it. D. Thomas reminds others if they are interested but would like more information about what is required, that they contact J. Bendit and L. Enzor.</p>	<p>Stock only Amiodarone in the amber vials-not the clear ones.</p> <p>Request information from PPP</p> <p>Remove clearly inventory tab for Fentanyl</p>	<p>Pharmacies-as boxes come in.</p> <p>J. Bendit/S. Craig May 11, 2017</p> <p>J. Bendit-ASAP</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Attendance verified as recorded above.</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2017</p>		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:38 p.m.		