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### PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 01-09-18

Meeting Location: PEMS

Chaired By: T. McGregor

Begin Time: 7:02 p.m.

End Time: 8:12

Minutes Submitted By: J. Bendit

Draft X Approved Date: 04-03-18

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Buchanan, Chris	Aigner, Andy	Bendit, Jeffrey	Garbett, Paul
Baylous, Denise	Ashe, Ryan	Hoyle, Paul	
Harris, Bev	Baker, Greg		
Lenderman, Joseph	Beam, Bradley		
McClure, Rick (TC)	Beasley, Jeff		
McGregor, Terrance (Chair)	Beauchamp, Wally		
Prata, Anthony	Brann, James		
Rodman, Jason	Buis, Judy		
Sweet, Jason	Cumbie, Beth		
Young, Chris	Dougherty, Jason		
	Griffiths, Darryll		
	Hall, Skip		
	Harmon, Mike		
	Harper, Kim		
	Hogge, Lauren		
	Hunter, Gregory		
	Laing, James		
	Lankford, David		
	Lee, Robert		
	McDaniel, Tamara		
	Newsome, Patricia		
	Nugent, Mark		
	Payne, Jeffery		
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Smith, Thamera		
	Snyder, Larry		
	Stevens, Ashley		

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
	Thurman, Sadie		
	Tucker, John		
	Young, John		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	By T. McGregor @ 7:02 p.m.		
Introductions and Membership Changes	<p>Introductions by those present.</p> <p>Paul Garbett here to give presentation for the Lifeflow IV fluid administration device.</p> <p>S. Thurman has moved to a new position and will no longer represent RRMCMC. Kim Harper and Shanon Klink will represent Riverside on the EMS Operations Committee.</p>		
Minutes	Motion by J. Sweet to approve EMS Operations Committee meeting minutes of October 3, 2017 as presented. Second by J. Rodman. Motion passed unanimously.		
Appointments	No new appointments		
Staff Report	<p>DEA Update – T. McGregor reported that the bill passed the house without floor debate and was stuck in the Senate. T. McGregor discussed the importance of advocacy in this issue and others involving federal lawmaking that impacts EMS. T. McGregor stated this was signed into Law in December 2017.</p> <p>CE and EMS Auxiliary Training Program – J. Bendit stated that EMS Training Funds will be reviewed by the State tomorrow for funding.</p> <p>Draft Revision of the 2018 PEMS Protocols Policies and Procedures – J. Bendit stated that they have been finalized in the December MAC Meeting and due out by deadline Mar 2018.</p> <p>Hospital Diversion Policy –J. Bendit stated that the PEMS Regional Diversion Policy has been finalized. Units diverted by medical control should be documented using a PEMS Medical Incident Review Form.</p> <p>ICCT Committee Representation on the BOD – J. Bendit reported that as a result of recent Bylaw Changes, the Interfacility and Critical Care Transport Committee appointed a representative to sit on the PEMS Board of Directors- J. Bowen. Today’s meeting cancelled due to lack of participation.</p> <p>VHAC-PEMS (Mission Lifeline) – T. McGregor reported that PEMS had joined the Eastern Region of the Virginia Heart Attack Coalition and that it would be making available Mission Lifeline Award criteria to the EMS agencies. It is important to get all agencies registered into the VHAC in order to see the updated hospital diversion statuses.</p> <p>The new PEMS Training Medication Boxes are ready for purchase. One is available for sign out when it is not being used. J. Bendit stated the training medications have arrived with shortages of epinephrine. More to follow.</p>		

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PEMS Committee Reports	<p>Pharmacy Committee – J. Bendit reported that the use of Ketamine is being reviewed by the RSI Workgroup for RSI in the PEMS RSI Medication kit. The addition of saline bullets into the PEMS Medication kit has started after the Nov 3, 2017. He states that he is bringing filter needles up as they have not always been included in the PEMS Medication box. Bi-annual review of medication box incident reports.</p>	Provide PICO with any updates to list	EMS Operations Committee 10/19/2017
	<p>PICO – J. Bendit states the annual review of the PEMS Ambulance Restocking list was up August, 2017. They voted to keep current list in the 10/19/2017 PICO Committee meeting. Requested review by EMS Operations Committee to give to the PICO with any changes. J. Sweet provided PEMS with a few additions either because he is getting some items from the Williamsburg hospitals or he was interested in getting them added to the PEMS Emergency Department Supply Replacement forms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EZ-IO stabilizer with EZ-IO</li> <li>Blood draw tubes</li> <li>Medication labels</li> <li>Vacutainers</li> <li>ET Tube Holder – adult/Peds</li> <li>Stylet 6 Fr and 14 Fr</li> <li>Vomit bags</li> <li>BP cuffs automatic various sizes</li> <li>Cord clamps</li> </ul>		
	<p>Medical Advisory Committee Meeting - T. McGregor reported that Sentara made a second presentation to the Medical Advisory Committee regarding their request to allow EMS patients to be transported to free-standing-emergency departments. M. Player stated that the discussion centered around the types of patients that should/should not be transported by EMS to a free standing ED, and what capabilities should the facility have in order to ease the concern of the EMS agencies transporting patients to them. Sentara Port Warwick will return to the September Medical Advisory Committee meeting with responses to the Medical Advisory Committee concerns. PEMS staff and the MAC leadership are ensuring that the discussion remains centered on patient care and not market share. Continued discussion through 2018.</p>	Attend BOD Meetings	J. Bowen Quarterly
	<p>Board of Directors - J. Sweet reported that the PEMS Bylaws were approved replacing the Military EMS representative on the Board with a representative from the Interfacility and Critical Care Transport EMS agencies. ICCT representative chosen: J. Bowen.</p>		
	<p>Communications Adhoc Workgroup - T. McGregor reported that additional members are needed for the Communication Ad-hoc Workgroup.</p>	Solicit support EMS Ops	Continued
	<p>CLIA Update – J. Bendit reported that the following agencies must still provide their CLIA waiver forms to J. Bendit at <a href="mailto:jbendit@vaems.org">jbendit@vaems.org</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central Middlesex (Urbanna) VRS- T. McGregor and J. Bendit stated that they disbanded and all equipment moved to Middlesex.</li> <li>Middlesex Rescue Squad- T. McGregor stated would assist.</li> <li>King William Fire Department- J. Brann stated would assist.</li> <li>Richmond County Emergency Services- J. Brann stated would assist.</li> </ul>	Send final CLIA Waivers to PEMS	Agencies listed ASAP

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	Handtevy online presentation by C. Ricketson during the October 2017 meeting. The EMS Operations Committee proposed not to move forward at this time due to potential ongoing costs. Motion not to move forward by J. Sweet and 2 <sup>nd</sup> by C. Young, unanimously agreed by all those present.		
New Business	<p>Virginia Healthcare Alerting and Status System (VHASS) Glenn McBride presentation by P. Hoyle. This is mainly to update the progress made to the reporting website. Hospitals are currently active and alerts are going to all those registered in VHASS. During the snow storm this past week, alert notifications went out appropriately. This further supports the active enrollment by agencies to make the notifications a useful tool. Some agencies have requested long-term healthcare facilities enrolled as well in order to receive any kind of notification. We 85% participation in PEMS Region up to this point. It has been positively received.</p> <p>PEMS Assessments. Population based fees will again be coming due. No price increase from this past year.</p> <p>International Association of EMS Chiefs (T. McGregor).</p> <p>General assembly session starts tomorrow, January 10, 2018. T. McGregor states: New committee assignments will happen with 15 new house members. Committees expected to be divided 12-10 and will take a little more haggling in order to pass new business. Most legislation affecting EMS has to do with gaps with compliance with the replica compacts for licenser. One issue deals with convictions of someone as a juvenile does not get reported. VAOEMS is requesting that gap to be closed as well. At the Federal level, there are two bills of interest: 1. Dec. 31, 2017 the bonus payment for transport expired. House Resolution3729 Comprehensive operations sustainability and cost act of 2017. Bill has been sitting in committee since introduced in April. IFC released letter that all agencies hold all requests for Medicare/Medicaid payments until this is resolved. Retroactive payments may be possible. 2. Zero Preventable Deaths report (T. McGregor). The National Academy reports National trauma systems to create preventable death notifications and communications between Military and Civilian organizations. Any procedures that could potentially prevent deaths that a Civilian or Military organization has been using and has shown successful will be streamlined in order to quickly allow the other to use. Rather than going through the long systematic process, it will allow the adoption more quickly.</p> <p>2004 Copy Star Copy machine/printer/scanner/fax and document finisher available to EMS agencies. Contact PEMS to schedule pick up if you would like to have it (FREE).</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>Upcoming PEMS EOC Meeting Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 April, 2018</li> </ul> <p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual VAOEMS Symposium November 8-12, 2017. Norfolk, VA.</li> <li>• Protocol Update rollout to include new Protocol “PPP” app for smart phones will be free March 1, 2018.</li> <li>• 27<sup>th</sup> annual Trauma Symposium in Williamsburg will be held on 4-27-2018.</li> <li>• EMS on the Hill April 10-11, 2018. See National Association of EMTs website.</li> </ul>		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by J. Sweet. Second by C. Buchanan. Motion passed unanimously at 8:12 p.m.		