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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 1-07-19

Meeting Location: PEMS

Chaired By: B. Beam

Begin Time: 7:00 p.m.

End Time: 8:33 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: J. Bendit

Draft Approved Date: 04-07-20

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Bradley (C)	Ashe, Ryan	Bendit, Jeffrey	Balog, Tony (GCVRS)(TC)
Buchanan, Chris (TC)	Baylous, Denise	Pincus, Stephen	Doak, Melissa (York County)
Davenport, John	Bogue, Bert (VCU/LifeEvac)	Player, Michael	Samuels, Gary
Harris, Bev	Brann, James		Lefever, Jeremy
Kerns, Lewis	Buis, Judy		Glover, Julia
McClure, Rick (TC)	Byrd, Blake		
Prata, Anthony	Cease, William		
Smith, Matt	Cumbie, Beth		
Smithers, Tabitha	Dougherty, Jason		
Sweet, Jason (TC)	Griffiths, Darryll		
Tucker, John	Harper, Kim		
Young, Chris	Hunter, Greg		
	Klink, Shanon		
	Lankford, David		
	Lee, Robert		
	McDaniel, Tamara		
	Newsome, Patricia		
	Parker, Sarah		
	Paulette, Mitch		
	Payne, Jeffery		
	Raymond, Tony (VCU/LifeEvac)		
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		

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		Rowsey, Victoria			
		Shore, Richard			
		Smith, Thamera			
		Snyder, Larry			
		Stevens, Ashley			
		Young, John			
		Discussion			
		B. Beam @ 7:00 p.m.			
Item	NOTES			Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to order	1/08/19 Minutes: J. Bendit stated that P. Hoyle facilitated the last meeting. He has since moved to Grayson County as an Emergency Manager. The minutes have not been completed yet and we will attempt to obtain a recording to complete or get from Paul to be approved in the next committee meeting. B. Beam asked committee to motion: T. Prata motioned to defer approval 10-1-19 EMS Operations Committee meeting minutes. 2 nd by B. Harris. Unanimous approval.			DRAFT Minutes	PEMS facilitator/4-1-20
Introductions and Membership Changes	REMOVE Andy Aigner, left King William County VACANT REMOVE Jeff Beasley- ADD Blake Byrd in his place. See County Administrator Westmoreland appt. REMOVE Tamara McDaniel. REPLACE with William Cease. See County Administrator Westmoreland appt. letter REMOVE Wally Beauchamp and REPLACE with John Davenport as alternate. See County Administrator Lancaster appt. letter. REMOVE Patricia Newsome and REPLACE with Matthew Smith as primary. See County Administrator Lancaster appt. letter. REMOVE Paul Hoyle and REPLACE with Stephen Pincus. REMOVE Dennis Mann, left Middlesex County VACANT. REMOVE Ashlee Stevens and REPLACE with Gary Samuels as the Primary Bon Secours Health System representative. ADD Melissa Doak to the Courtesy List for York County. Administrator letter appoints 2 others. ADD Tabitha Smithers HEMS Life Evac III Alternate. REMOVE Joseph Lenderman and REPLACE with Lewis Kerns. See County Administrator Gloucester appt. letter.			Update Rosters	PEMS/4-1-20
Appointments	Pharmacy Committee – (B. Beam) PICO – J. Davenport motioned by M. Smith and 2 nd by J. Sweet. Unanimous agreement. Medical Advisory Committee Meeting – (J. Sweet/ T. Prata) Board of Directors – Peninsula- B. Beam volunteered to replace R. Lee. Motioned by C. Young and 2 nd by J. Sweet. Unanimous agreement. J. Sweet volunteered to remain. Motion by B. Harris and 2 nd by C. Young. Unanimous agreement. Middle Peninsula- Greg Hunter agreed to stay. Motion by M. Smith and 2 nd by J. Sweet. Unanimous agreement. Northern Neck- Rick McClure			Update Committee Rosters	PEMS/4-1-20
Staff Report	VAOEMS Communications Committee update- J. Bendit has a copy of the last VAOEMS Communications Committee minutes, 8-2-19. There are little impacts to the PEMS region at this point. G. Samuels stated that they are				

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	<p>now posted on the https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GetFile.cfm?File=Meeting\58\29770\Minutes_VDH_29770_v1.pdf Website. Last meeting 10-22-2019 Next meeting: 1-22-2020</p> <p>Trauma Data Reporting Errors: J. Bendit stated this quarter had some improvement. Imagetrend has < and > signs that are getting mixed up when charting on GCS. Notified region to ensure EMS aware of the discrepancy which gives a higher number of reporting than actually meeting STEP 1 in the Trauma Triage for transport to Trauma Center.</p> <p>VCU/MVC LifeEvac Dinner and informational services provided prior to this meeting. Topics discussed between those present. T. Raymond and B. Bogue presented informational data and asked what agencies might need after medevac transports. They showed some information that some agencies couldn't gain access to. Agency report of MEDEVAC transports given to those present. Discussion of Billing and access to T. Raymond</p> <p>Protocol Rollout 2020 J. Bendit stated that the PEMS Protocol Rollout schedule is posted on the main page of the PEMS Website. J. Sweet and others in the room asked to get copies sooner in order to get the protocols printed for those that don't use smart phones.</p> <p>OMD Protocol Approval Letter. J. Bendit stated that the pharmacies in the region are required by the State Board of Pharmacy to have a Standing Order signed by the Regional OMD for the PEMS Protocols. All agencies that use their own special protocol, such as: RSI, need to have their own Standing Order for RSI signed by each individual OMD. Each of the pharmacies, and PEMS, need to have a copy. J. Bendit stated that the Newport News Fire Department is still needed. C. Young stated that he would look for this.</p> <p>PEMS annual award submission deadline: 4/20/2020. J. Bendit stated that we have streamlined award submission with a fillable form. We are unable to use fillable PDF at this time, but the alternative works well.</p>		
PEMS Committee Reports	<p>Pharmacy Committee- B. Beam stated that updates to PEMS Medication Box to reflect Protocol changes are working.</p> <p>PEMS PICO Committee- J. Bendit mentioned the PEMS Ambulance Restocking Agreements are due for the 5 year review and re-signing. PEMS initially starts with the area Hospitals and once completed, requests them from all of the agencies. Hospitals are required to send through their legal section and then return to PEMS which takes a long period of time. J. Bendit sent to the PEMS EMS Operations Committee in December. B. Beam asked for document. B. Beam asked what the importance of this document. M. Player stated that this document is very important because CMS has specific rules that the document helps to keep fines from occurring in the transferring 1-1 items as we do. This document needs to be agreed upon by all of the hospitals and agencies in order to follow CMS rules. One of those rules is that we cannot favor 1 system over another for quid-pro-quo. This is why the Restocking Agreements came about.</p> <p>MAC- J. Sweet stated that there was a combined PEMS/TEMS MAC meeting in December and there were no updates in this meeting. Completion of PEMS Protocols and planning Rollout. B. Beam said that the MAC Approved the</p>	Submit Agreements to group. Sign and return to PEMS.	J. Bendit 4/1/20

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	<p>updates and used the Doodle tool in order to gain max participation by a large number of the agency's OMDs. M. Player stated that the TEMS Region started the Handtevy program.</p> <p>BOD- J. Sweet stated that the annual discussion of the Budget in PEMS was reviewed. M. Player stated the Per Capita assessment of the agencies had to go up this year because the region's population is decreasing, not increasing, as hoped in order to compensate for the rising cost of everything. PEMS has had to start soliciting support earlier and earlier in the year in order to be successful in soliciting the support.</p>		
Old Business	<p>B. Beam asked about how the changes from the DEA/ FDA would impact PEMS Regional Medication Boxes. M. Player stated that changes in what we do versus what the law states may play a role in future business. The DEA and FDA recognize the unique way that Virginia EMS uses Regional Medication Boxes and are not going to make a decision whether this is illegal at this point. They will look into it in the future as to how to implement a change in how medications are distributed, tracked and used by EMS Agencies. Suggest that EMS Agencies remain vigilant in their tracking of Medication Boxes daily with the box number and seal number. Ensure forms are filled out and accurate in the exchange process. J. Bendit knows that there are some issues when pharmacies are closed. Some ED Nursing Staff are filling in the gaps to help the exchange and others leave data entry to the pharmacies when they come in the next day. The Clearly Inventory Tracking system has been passed on to other regions that are not using a tracking system. We complete random inventories that has proven to be effective. G. Samuels sits on the VA State Advisory Board Committee and states that the system is not going to push this issue. The way we do business could create a health crisis in Virginia if the FDA and DEA decide to stop business as we currently do so with the regional medication box program. He also states that hospital systems that operates across state lines, such as, Mercer take over and partnership with Bon Secours and other hospitals, already have issues when obtaining approval from those that operate in other states. It has been addressed, but remains a constant battle. B. Beam stated that he already has worked on implementing purchasing medications with difficulties in tracking on the required forms.</p> <p>M. Doak stated that most agencies shutter at the potential change and fear what would happen. She questions if this is why we should go to State-Wide-Med Box system? If narcotics or controlled substances are the issue, why not try to barcode the 5 controlled substances within the boxes?</p> <p>M. Player states that we are capable already to identify issues, tracking the exchanges efficiently, and monitoring the system with checks and balances helps our region. Each of the agencies has an electronic/software that can report drug usage by provider to identify: who is using too much of a controlled substance, too little. Making this a local routine could also argue our regional processes.</p>		Waivers
New Business	<p>OEMS Communication- B. Beam stated this was a carry-over from the previous meeting.</p> <p>Ambulance Restocking Agreements- J. Bendit mentioned the PEMS Ambulance Restocking Agreements are due for the 5-year review and re-signing. PEMS initially starts with the area Hospitals and once completed, requests them from all of the agencies. Hospitals are required to send through their legal section and then return to PEMS which takes a long period of time. J. Bendit sent to the PEMS EMS Operations Committee in December. B. Beam asked for document. B. Beam asked what the importance of this document. M. Player stated that this document is very important because CMS has specific rules that the document helps to keep fines from occurring in the transferring 1-1 items as we do. This document needs to be agreed upon by all of the hospitals and agencies in order to follow CMS rules. One of those rules is that we cannot favor 1 system over another for quid-pro-quo. This is why the Restocking Agreements came about.</p>		1 July 2019, RSI Agencies

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	<p>RRMC telestroke trial- J. Bendit posted letter from Dr. Ramakrishnan requesting support for a telestroke trial from June 2020 until June 2021. This letter was sent to the middle peninsula for support because they have the need and capability to connect to the internet in order to attempt this trial. J. Bendit has received interest by several of the middle peninsulas agencies to this point. RRMC has stated they are providing financial support for items such as tablet for each ambulance involved. They are providing an algorithm that addresses the use as a protocol for strokes that meet criteria from the hours 7p – 7a. This is the initial request letter. We are bringing to all agencies and hospitals in order to ensure fairness, the potential best options for the patient, and whether telemedicine can work to improve comprehensive intervention. They are using working telestroke algorithms in the U.S. as a template. More to follow.</p> <p>G. Samuels expressed issues as one health system is heading this up and wanted to ensure that it doesn't take away from other health systems. B. Harris stated that from the HELO side, she thinks that the telestroke should not specify a health system but state verbiage such as: Comprehensive stroke center instead of a hospital system comprehensive stroke center which could help.</p> <p>RCC President invited to PEMS for introduction to the PEMS EMS community on January 14, 2020. M. Player stated that approximately 9 years ago, this forum brought together the EMS community and RCC leadership in order to bring the EMS program to the middle peninsula and northern neck. In the past few years, they have lost traction with little support and a dwindling program. With a new President, this is an opportunity to solicit support from the County Administrators in order to ensure there is a listening ear. Please bring them, have discussions, meet her, and address concerns. We want to have a good impression from the community.</p>			
Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. President RCC at PEMS January 14, 2020 1200 (EMS Programs) b. Holiday MLK Jr. Birthdate January 20, 2020. PEMS office closed. c. President's Day February 17, 2020. PEMS office closed. d. PEMS Protocol updates March 2020. e. Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium April 17, 2020. f. Pediatric Trauma Conference CHKD/EVHC/EVMS May 15, 2020. g. Celebrate EMS Day at Busch Gardens May 16, 2020. h. Telestroke, Middle Peninsula, Target start date June 2020. <p>B. Beam stated that he and M. Player discussed the VBEMS Officer 1 offered at the Chief's Conference February 18-19, 2020. Contact PEMS for information.</p> <p>B. Beam mentioned that the Infection Control program has some changes about teaching refresher courses. Contact PEMS if any questions.</p>			
Adjournment	T. Prata motion to adjourn 8:33 p.m. C. Young 2 nd . Unanimously approved.			