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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 7-07-19

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting Only

Chaired By: B. Beam

Begin Time: 7:00 p.m.

End Time: 8:33 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: S. Pincus

Draft Approved Date: 10-06-20

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Bradley (TC)	Ashe, Ryan	Bendit, Jeffrey(TC)	Balog, Tony (GCVRS)(TC)
Buchanan, Chris (TC)	Baylous, Denise	Pincus, Stephen(TC)	Doak, Melissa (York County)
Davenport, John (TC)	Bogue, Bert (VCU/LifeEvac)	Player, Michael(TC)	Samuels, Gary(TC)
Hunter, Greg (TC)	Brann, James		Lefever, Jeremy(TC)
Kerns, Lewis (TC)	Buis, Judy		Glover, Julia(TC)
McClure, Rick (TC)	Byrd, Blake		
Prata, Anthony (TC)	Cease, William		
Smith, Matt (TC)	Cumbie, Beth		
Smithers, Tabitha (TC)	Dougherty, Jason		
Sweet, Jason (TC)	Griffiths, Darryll		
Tucker, John (TC)	Harper, Kim		
Young, John (TC)	Hunter, Greg		
Paulette, Mitch (TC)	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					
Item	NOTES				Action Required	By Whom/When	
Call to order	1/07/20 Minutes: Roll call was taken. J. B. Beam asked committee if there were any necessary changes. None requested. Tony Prata motioned approval of 04-07-20 EMS Operations Committee meeting minutes. 2 nd by Matt Smith. Unanimous approval.				DRAFT Minutes	PEMS facilitator/4-1-20	
Introductions and Membership Changes	Melissa Doak to take the place of Jeff Payne for York County. Tony Prata motioned to accept the change. Greg Hunter 2 nd . Unanimous approval.				Update Rosters	PEMS/7-15-20	
Appointments	No new appointments or changes						
Staff Report	<p>Steve Pincus stated that the last committee meeting of VAOEMS was cancelled.</p> <p><u>Regional Medical Director:</u> PEMS President Julie Glover provided an overview of the process that was used to select PEMS new “Regional Medical Director.” There were two candidates who were interviewed. The panel who interviewed the candidates consisted of a representative from the Executive Committee, the MAC, staff, and the president. The people who were there Chief Dent, Seth Craig, Dr. Dodd, Sadie Thurman, and Julie Glover.</p> <p>It should be noted that while an RMD was selected, both applicants will be working in various capacities in PEMS.</p> <p>Next EMS Ops meeting is scheduled for 10/06/20.</p> <p>Jeff Bendit reviewed the RSI OMD Letters – each agency who are doing the rapid sequence intubation need to make certain that the pharmacies that the agencies change the RDI med boxes with has an RSI standing orders letter from their respective agency OMD. It is important that if the agency changed the OMD then the letter needs to be updated. If the agency has not changed the OMD then no updates are needed.</p>						

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<p>PEMS Committee Reports</p>	<p>Pharmacy Committee- J. Bendit said the next meeting is August 5, 2020. Medication Incident Reports will be reviewed. Most common issues reported are: Not getting a physician’s signature for giving controlled substances and not witnessing wastage appropriately.</p> <p>Brad Beam said that there was a significant conviction of a former provider out in the western region of the state. The provider diverted medications. Jeff noted that there is a web-based inventory tracking system that PEMS uses in order to accurately monitor drug administration/usage as well as inventory.</p> <p>PICO Committee- (Jeff Bendit)In January the “Diversion Plan” was updated. Verbiage was checked for uniformity with the verbiage used by the EVHC.</p> <p>MAC Committee-Tony Prata reported that there was discussion by Dr. Lawson about OMD approvals for their agencies on things that came out related to COVID. There was some discussion over committee report outs to the MAC over removing Ativan and the need to keep Versed refrigerated. In addition, there was discussion over use of Ketoimine for seizure patients.</p> <p>There was discussion relating to putting the COVID Taskforce on hold in case if there is a resurgence in COVID cases.</p> <p>BOD- Julie Glover reported that PEMS staff have been very busy keeping up with COVID-related issues in addition to their daily work. She acknowledged how agencies, PEMS, hospitals, etc. rallied together and developed the Peninsula Covid Operations Center (PCOC) as well as MP/NN to set up ways in which to deal with the pandemic’s effects in the region.</p> <p>COVID protocols/policies will remain. The doctors are keeping abreast of the ever-changing situations and research.</p> <p>Brad Beam reported out that PEMS is looking to build a bathroom within the PEMS facility due to re-opening regulations related to COVID. PEMS staff continues to work remotely at the present time until that work can be completed. The BOD approved this measure.</p>		
<p>Old Business</p>	<p><u>Telestroke</u> B. Beam - Riverside Regional Telestroke Trial for the Middle Peninsula agency has been postponed. Jimmy Brannndt forwarded the algorithm for telemedicine from VCU to Jeff Bendit. This will be forwarded out to the group.</p> <p><u>COVID Telemed</u> Blake Byrd and Mitch Paulette relayed to Bendit that this has been implemented in Northern Neck, but there has not been many transports or refusals. VCU is heading this program up.</p> <p><u>Community Paramedicine/Telemed</u> Gower-NNFD is in the beginning stages working with CARES Act money. This will be part of the Community Paramedicine and NNFD is working with Riverside on this project.</p> <p>Thomas Nelson and Rappahannock Community Colleges are working on a Community Paramedic Program for the fall through the Workforce Development program which will mean lower costs and people will become eligible for National Registry.</p>	<p>Forward out telestroke algorithm</p>	<p>Jeff Bendit</p>

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	<p><u>PEMS Restocking Agreements</u> – Jeff Bendit – Ongoing. Hospitals have signed, but there are a few agencies who have not. The CLIA Waivers are also due.</p>		
New Business	<p><u>Jeff Bendit</u> has moved to Florida and will continue working with PEMS via telework until his replacement is selected. The application period is open until July 20, 2020.</p> <p><u>COVID Devices</u> YCFLS purchased a Stryker Patient Cover used to provide safety from aerosolized treatments given to patients.</p> <p>There was a discussion on what is being used to decon units and stations – most use some type of aerosolized sprayers to apply the decon fluid.</p> <p><u>EMS Days at Busch Gardens</u> – The BOD made the decision to cancel this at their last meeting. Due to the COVID pandemic.</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Inservice training – Most are doing online training. OEMS has free training available through their website. Bon Secours is trying to modify their expo to make it meet COVID regulations on social distance, etc. b. Need to recommend to the State doing a video live series where CE may be awarded. State Office could perhaps host these across the Commonwealth. c. COVID cases in some of the jurisdictions are starting to climb. 		
Important Dates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. TEMS Tidewater Healthcare Expo cancelled for this year moved to 4-28-21. b. Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium April 17, 2020 rescheduled August 28, 2020.(Kim Harper – passed along that this will probably be cancelled.) c. August State EMS Advisory Board Meetings are cancelled. 		
Adjournment	Gower made motion to adjourn 8:33 p.m. Tony Prata. 2 nd . Unanimously approved.		