



## Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

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### PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

**Meeting Date:** 01-05-2021

**Meeting Location:** Virtual Meeting

**Chaired By:** Brad Beam

**Begin Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**End Time:** 7:47 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By:** Steve Pincus

**Draft:** Approved **Date:** 04-06-21

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Beam, Bradley	Ashe, Ryan	Amy Ashe	Nikosha Quinnerly (Sentara Hampton Careplex)
Davenport, John	Baylous, Denise	Craig, Seth	
Doak, Melissa		Pincus, Steve	
Gower, Jim	Bogue, Bert (VCU/LifeEvac)	Debbie Thomas	
Hunter, Greg	Buis, Judy		
Paulette, Mitch	Buchanan, Chris		
Smith, Matt	Cease, William		
Sweet, Jason	Cumbie, Beth		
Tucker, John	Dougherty, Jason		
Young, John	Griffiths, Darryll		
	Harper, Kim		
	Harris, Bev		
	Kerns, Lewis		
	Klink, Shannon		
	Lankford, David		
	Lefever, Jeremy		
	Louka, Amir		
	McDaniel, Tamara		

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

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
f. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Brad Beam, the Chair.		
g. Introductions			
h. Approval of Minutes	Motion to approve the minutes from October 6, 2020 meeting by Jim Gower. Seconded by Jason Sweet. Motion carried unanimously	Post Minutes	Steve Pincus
i. Appointments/ Membership	Tammy Smith, Sentara, is no longer employed by Sentara Hampton Careplex. Nikosha Quinnerly (Director of the ED) was introduced to be appointed to the vacant position. (Jennifer Wagoner will serve as her backup.) Motion made by Jason Sweet to accept Nikosha as a member of the committee with Jennifer as the backup. Jim Gower provided the Second. Motion carried unanimously	Update Roster	Steve Pincus
j. Staff Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>f. VAOEMS Wayne Berry was unable to attend – no report.</li> <li>g. PEMS Regional Medical Director Report (Dr. Louka was unable to attend.) Steve provided information regarding the protocol update from Dr. Louka. Doctors from the MAC are currently reviewing the protocols for the protocol update. Their recommendations will be brought up at the next MAC meeting.</li> <li>h. Vaccinations (Discussion took place under New Business)</li> <li>i. Next meeting: 04/06/21</li> </ul>		
k. PEMS Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pharmacy - No report out from the Pharmacy Committee as Brad did not attend the last meeting.</li> <li>b. PICO – John Davenport reported out. There was discussion of the supergularic airways and what the different agencies were using. The annual re-supply list was approved.</li> <li>c. MAC Committee – Jason Sweet reported out. Most of the talk surrounded the protocols. They also talked about changing the format to get more doctors involved in the protocol process so that meeting time is not dominated by the protocol process.</li> <li>d. BOD Meeting – Brad Beam reported out. The audit was presented by Wells Coleman. PEMS did not have any issues noted in the audit.</li> <li>e. PPP- Melissa Doak reported out. The PPP has been very active in reviewing the protocols. Dr. Louka was clear in pointing out inconsistencies throughout the protocol pages. He made some</li> </ul>		

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	<p>valuable suggestions. Dr. Louka is also trying to encourage other physicians within the area to participate in the PPP committee. Some subgroups have come out – Pediatric Group which will take a special look at everything related to pediatrics. A subgroup also looked at the formatting of the protocols. There is talk of beefing up the Sepsis protocol.</p> <p>Seth reported out that Steve and Seth and Debbie have worked on a new platform where the OMDS can look at the protocols and have online chats, edit documents, and make comments. Please let your agency OMDs that this is going live and they will be receiving an email first on how to navigate through SharePoint, and a second email which will provide the link to the group.</p> <p>Seth and Steve also have begun to develop a process where anyone/EMS providers can provide PEMS with notification of an administrative error or if they wish to make suggestions i.e., “Protocol X is outdated. Can you review that?” People will be able to submit a form online. This will allow the PPP to determine if it is administrative or is there a need to update or develop a new protocol. Does it need to go out the Trauma, Stroke, STEMI, or the new Peds Committee? This is not live yet, but it will enhance the way that the committee will track and handle recommendations from the field. The goal is to have providers feel that they are making a difference with the protocols.</p> <p>f. Debbie Thomas was re-introduced as the person who will be taking over the clinical care components for PEMS from Jeff. She spoke about the STEMI report. Additionally, she reminded everyone that for Strokes providers need to report and document RACE scores – this was brought forth from the hospitals at the Stroke Committee meeting.</p>		
Old Business	<p>a. The tele stroke trial for the Middle Peninsulas has been postponed/on hold. They are wondering what the impact with Walter Reed. Debbie is going to do some additional checking and will update the status once she finds out.</p> <p>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. In the month of December, they used it for transport decisions regarding COVID patients. He stated the system works well but just is not used very much because the patients did not meet criteria. The doctors found out that the Log on – Log off timeframe will time patients out and will not leave them as active. (Kicks them out after a certain number of days.) Mitch stated that he would like to see more of the features of the system to be used. This was being done in conjunction with VCU</p> <p>Gower stated that the York County and Riverside tested some zoom capabilities. This was discussed in the Monday Peninsula EMS phone calls. The COVID cases increased so the project did not really get off the ground. Gower feels that it has not been dropped-only postponed. telem discussions have not taken place since the initial trials were done.</p> <p>c. John already spoke about the restocking agreements during the report out for PICO.</p> <p>d. PEMS Bathroom Build is now complete. PEMS also has approved a cleaning contract in order to</p>	Debbie to inquire about the status of telem program.	Debbie

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	<p>meet the DOL regulations and CDC cleaning guidelines.</p> <p>e. Meetings – The meetings are to remain virtual. It is unknown when in-person meetings will resume.</p>		
New Business	<p>a. EMS Ops – Meeting times. The committee discussed changing of the meeting times since at present in-person meetings and dinner were not taking place. After polling the members, it was decided by the committee members that they would like to have a daytime meeting.</p> <p>b. CLIA Waivers and Antigen Test Kits – Steve reported out for Chief Player that PEMS is supposed to be receiving the test kits. If agencies want them, they must have the CLIA waiver signed prior to being able to receive them from PEMS. (The new Waiver form will include the waiver for administration of vaccinations as well.). Providers may be called upon to assist with giving the vaccinations.</p> <p>c. COVID Vaccinations are currently taking place for EMS providers. The regional protocol for vaccinations is currently in draft. Localities are currently working on individual MOUs with the health department that was originated in VA Beach.</p> <p>There was also discussion about medical providers joining the medical reserve corp. Mitch Paulette spoke to the successes his organization has had with the health department, specifically Three Rivers. He has personnel who have already gone through the training necessary to join the MRC and they can now swab and vaccinate, etc. His organization still had to have the MOU signed off by the organization, the doctor from the health department, and his organization's OMD.</p> <p>d. ECG Transmissions – There was a discussion regarding ECG transmissions to the hospital as to whether this problem remains. Matthew Smith stated that Middlesex and King &amp; Queen were awarded an RSAF grant to replace their cardiac monitors. This in effect will take the Phillips transmission server off-line. Matt also stated that the largest problem was reliable data/cellphone connectivity (LTE data from within the units or in certain areas) necessary to make the transmission happen. The best practice that King &amp; Queen found was to have a vehicle mounted modem with an external antenna. The lifepaks were just unable to directly transmit from inside the back of the ambulances.</p> <p>The main issue is not that the monitors could not transmit, rather it was the lack of suitable connectivity sustainability and range of the cell service</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>a. Next meeting is April 6, 2021. This meeting will be held on Big Blue Button. The meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.</p> <p>b. EVMS is sponsoring their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pediatric Conference on May 14, 2020 This will be a virtual event.</p>		
Adjournment	Motion to Adjourn by Mitch Paulette. Second by Jim Gower. Meeting adjourned at 7:47		