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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 04-06-21

**Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting –
Big Blue Button**

Chaired By: Brad Beam

Begin Time: 2:01 p.m.

End Time: 3:26 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Steve Pincus Draft: Approved Date: 07-06-21

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Brad (C)	Ashe, Ryan	Player, Michael	Wayne Berry - OEMS
Byrd, Robert	Bartol, Elizabeth	Pincus, Steve	Adam Harrell - OEMS
Brann, James	Baylous, Denise	Thomas, Debbie	Chris Vernovai - OEMS
Doak, Melissa	Buchanan, Chris		
Gower, Jim	Buis, Judy		Chris French - ESO
Harper, Kim	Cease, William		Chris Montero – ESO
Lankford, David	Davenport, John		
Paulette, Mitch	Dougherty, Jason		Lenderman, Joe - GVFR
Prata, Tony	Griffiths, Darryll		
Reaves, Stacy			
Samuels, Gary	Harris, Bev		
Smith, Matthew	Hunter, Greg		
Tucker, John	Kerns, Lewis		
	Klink, Shannon		
	LeFever, Jeremy		
	Louka, Amir		
	Packett, Wes		
	Payne, Christopher		
	Quinerly, Nikosa		
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		
	Shore, Richard		
	Snyder, Larry		
	Sweet, Jason		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
	<p>c. Ch. Player provided PEMS Update.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEMS hired Travis Veach a Captain from Newport News who will start on April 19th. • There is a new position – an I.T. Specialist. PEMS hired Greg Bever, previous I.T. Specialist with Newport News • Debbie Thomas has again joined the PEMS Team as the Clinical Programs (Stroke, Trauma, and STEMI). • PEMS is assisting with area vaccination efforts. 		
6.	<p>PEMS Committee Reports with EMS Operations Representation</p> <p>a. Pharmacy Committee (Brad Beam)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making changes to keep up with the protocol changes at the pharmacies. <p>b. PICO Committee (John Davenport)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PICO will be looking at the hospital exchange program and the exchange list. <p>c. MAC (Jason Sweet, Tony Prata, Dr. Louka)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of the topics revolved around the 2021 protocol update. • There is an intent to update the protocols two times per year. They will be looking at protocols on a quarterly basis in order to review a quarter of the protocols each time. • They also established a “Pediatric Care Committee. <p>d. BOD (Rick McClure, Jason Sweet, Brad Beam, Greg Hunter)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEMS is now in the second year of thirteen cents per capita even into FY 22. <p>e. PPP (Melissa Doak, Seth Craig)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The protocol; tests are being worked on to align them with the current protocols. There will be a test developed for EMT-A level. (Melissa Doak) <p>f. STEMI (Debbie Thomas)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please stress to providers to acquire an EKG early on in their patient encounters. Also, they need to transmit the strips to the hospital. It is also necessary to call the hospitals and provide them the patient information so they can access that patient’s old records. • Please report the RACE Score and if their mental status is altered then remember to obtain a blood glucose level. • Please review the protocol for trauma transports to make certain that the patient goes to the right level trauma center. If you have to go to the nearest hospital for patient stabilization, please document in the narrative on why that took place. • There may be some transmission issues with the uploading of patient care reports. 		
7.	<p>Old Business</p> <p>a. RRMC Tele-stroke Trial for Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck Agencies</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A vendor has been approved. The start is delayed until Sara Watkins returns to work. Hospital systems other than Riverside have concerns that they aren't included even in the discussion. Chief Player state that this program is only a study/pilot to determine if the concept works. It is limited in timeframe and scope. b. Call sheets from Agencies to E.D.s, Patient Tracker and Hospital Hub (Gary Samuels) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See the last bullet above under "f". OEMS - Adam Harrell stated earlier in the meeting that there should not be a barrier for the hospitals receiving the reports. He is willing to speak with any agency or hospital system to assist. c. Return to Normal In-person Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEMS is waiting for the State to go back to in-person before PEMS will do this as well. Ch. Player stated that the reality is that there will most likely be a hybrid format of committee meetings since we have the virtual meeting platforms now. It should be noted that the number of attendees has gone up since we have been holding the meeting virtually. d. Meeting Times 2:00 p.m.? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of the agencies was concerned that the meeting time was during the day and not leaving availability of the volunteer agencies participation due to their regular jobs. • Brad recommended the next meeting during the daytime with the following meeting at night to look at attendance. Several other members agreed that the committee should move forward with exploring this option. (July meeting during the day and the following meeting being at night. 	Send out meeting communique to committee members regarding meeting times.	Steve
8.	<p>New Business –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tabitha put out the powerpoint on Life Evac transition to an additional helicopter. Steve will post it on PEMS YouTube Chanel. They are currently working on Statewide mutual aid for communications. b. There will not be a Busch Gardens EMS Awards Event this year. 	Post on YouTube	Steve
9.	Good of the Order		
10.	<p>Important Dates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The next meeting date is July 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. It will be virtual. b. The Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium is going to held on April 16th. Registration information is on PEMS' website. 		
11.	Adjournment Melissa Doak made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Tony Prata (3:26 p.m.)		