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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 10-05-21

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Chaired By: Brad Beam

Begin Time: 6:30 p.m.

End Time: 7:19 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Steve Pincus

Draft: Approved Date: 01-04-22

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Brad	Ashe, Ryan	Pincus, Steve	Gregg, Chad (OEMS)
Davenport, John	Bartol, Elizabeth		Morey, William (King William County)
Judkins, Chris	Baylous, Denise		
Kain, Mark	Brann, Jimmy		
Kerns, Lewis	Buchanan, Chris		
Packet, Wes	Buis, Judy		
Prata, Tony	Byrd, Robert		
Reaves, Stacy	Cease, William		
Smith, Matt	Doak, Melissa		
Young, John	Dougherty, Jason		
	Griffiths, Darryll		
	Harper, Kim		
	Harris, Bev		
	Hunter, Greg		
	Klink, Shanon		
	Lankford, David		
	Lefever, Jeremy		
	Louka, Amir		
	Paulette, Mitch		
	Payne, Chris		
	Quinerly, Nikosha		
	Reinhhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
	Samuels, Gary		
	Shore, Richard		
	Smithers, Tabitha		
	Snyder, Larry		
	Sweet, Jason		
	Tucker, John		
	Young, Chris		
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Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
1. Call to Order	Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.		
2. Introductions	Steve Pincus called the role to allow participants to introduce themselves. Attendance was also recorded at this time.	Mark Attendance	Steve
3. Approval of Minutes from July 6, 2021 Meeting	Motion to approve minutes from July 6, 2021 made by Tony Prata. Second by Chris Judkins. Motion carried unanimously.		
4. Appointments	None		
5. Staff Reports	<p>a. OEMS Chad Gregg, the new PEMS Region OEMS Rep introduced himself. He started with Lurray Rescue and worked himself to a Chief Officer. He also worked for a county fire and rescue department, a private ambulance service, and in an ED as a tech. He will be relocating into the PEMS region from where he currently resides. He provided his OEMS contact information: chad.gregg@vdh.virginia.gov work cellphone number: 804-774-6262.</p> <p>b. Steve gave PEMS report. The Delta variant is quite prevalent in the PEMS region. This has caused added stress to the hospital EDs. There have been some break-through cases of COVID in those who have been fully vaccinated. PEMS is beginning to work with hospital staff to see if we can provide some mechanisms to relieve some of the stress off of the EDs and provide quicker turn-around times for medic units.</p> <p>PEMS has some PPE and Antigen tests for agencies.</p> <p>EMS Award presentations are currently taking place. Awards are being delivered to the recipients at their respective workplaces.</p>		
	c. PEMS Regional Medical Director – Dr. Louka No report		

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6 PEMS Committee with EMS Ops Representation Reports	a. Pharmacy – (Brad Beam) There is nothing significant to report from the committee		
	b. PICO – (John Davenport) No significant items to report. The committee is looking over the hospital exchange form		
	c. MAC – Brad stated that the Ops Committee needs to consider replacing Jason Sweet on that committee. (Chris Judkins expressed interest in serving on that committee.) Tony reported that the MAC has been going through the policies and pediatric protocols that were sent up from the pediatric committee.	Add this as an agenda item for the January meeting	Steve
	d. BOD – PEMS is looking at moving to another meeting platform. PEMS is currently going through the “Re-designation” process through OEMS.		
	e. PPP- Several policies were sent to the MAC. Protocols have been broken into sections to be reviewed on a quarterly basis. Providers are encourage to provide input into protocols and policies by using the new online form.		
	f. STEMI – no report		
	g. Pediatric Care Committee – they are working through the pediatric protocols. They are also working with the pediatric hospitals to make certain that PEMS region keeps abreast of changes in treatment for pediatric patients.		
7. Old Business	<p>a. 41st Annual Virginia EMS Symposium November 3-7 As of this time OEMS still plans to go through with the symposium. There will be certain restrictions in place such as proof of vaccination, negative COVID test, and masking requirements</p> <p>b. ESO Transition - ESO Help Desk (Send email to: support@ESO.com) Several agencies are moving to ESO (Williamsburg and Poquoson).</p> <p>c. RRMC Tele stroke Trial for Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck Agencies Debbie Thomas is having conversations behind the scene. However, it is unknown as to the current status of the program and if it will be resurrected.</p> <p>d. Meeting Times (Alternating Day/Night?) There was discussion as to whether the day time meetings were better attended. The committee did discuss for the volunteer agencies leadership, it was difficult for them to attend some of the daytime meetings. The committee would like to do a comparison of the attendance between the separate meeting times. The next meeting will be held during the daytime.</p> <p>e. Return to Normal In-person Meetings This will not happen at this time due to the continued numbers related to COVID spread. with</p> <p>f. Regional MCI Guide (Steve) The MCI Guide is outdated. This is going to take a complete re-</p>	Provide data regarding attendance at the different meeting times at the next meeting	Steve

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	<p>write because the guide does not take into account many of the recent types of MCI scenes. Grant money to do this has not yet materialized. Until the funding stream is finalized, a vendor cannot be hired.</p>		
8. New Business	<p>a. ED Turnaround/Wait Times – Steve reported on this in “Staff Reports.</p> <p>Lewis Kerns that Walter Reed has seen backups and it has extended turnover times.</p> <p>Assistant Chief Morey stated that they cross into ODEMSA and some of their turn-around times are very long as well. He recommended that agencies who may cross into that region download the ODEMSA app so that they can be able to contact the “Patient Distribution Center” (PDC) which will provide guidance as to where patients should be taken in order to reduce the turn-around times and get the patient seen more quickly in the ED.</p> <p>b. ESO Transition for Agencies Who Already Utilize ESO</p> <p>i. Lancaster County – Matt reported that Lancaster was having issues with receiving multiple invoices. ESO stated that the initial “go live” were for agencies who were on the State’s Image Trend contract. They delayed the existing ESO customers and third-party users. ESO advised to pay the invoices and they would reimburse for the remaining months once the State took over the payments.</p> <p>Chief Reaves expressed concerns about his agency having to pay for a lot of the implementation components such as the CAD integration. His understanding was that the State was going to assist all of the agencies with the implementation costs. There is a lot of confusion regarding what the State is actually going to cover.</p> <p>Brad Beam stated that Williamsburg was forced to pay as well. Poquoson help pay the cost since Williamsburg and Poquoson share a dispatch center.</p> <p>Many agencies felt that since the State changed the epcr vendors then it was not necessarily fair for the agencies to bear the brunt of the transition costs. The committee felt that perhaps Adam Harrell could attend the next EMS Ops meeting to clarify some of the confusion related to transition costs</p> <p>c. Sepsis Alerts as a Regional Practice YCFLS, James City and Williamsburg have been piloting this type of alert</p>	Request Adam Harrell attend the next EMS Ops Meeting	Steve

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	<p>with Sentara Williamsburg and have seen some success. The committee feels that the PPP should really discuss this to determine if this type of alert should move further.</p> <p>d. Damaged Med Boxes – Travis Veach (Field Operations) requested that I show some of the damage being done to the med boxes. The repairs are very costly. It was requested that agency leadership remind personnel to try to take better care of the med boxes.</p>	Refer to Seth for PPP discussion	Steve
9. Good of the Order			
10. Important Dates	Next meeting January 4, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.		
Adjournment	Matt Smith made motion to adjourn and Tony Prata provided the second. Meeting ended at 7:19 p.m.		