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### PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 01-04-2022

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Chaired By: Brad Beam

Begin Time: 2:00 p.m.

End Time: 3:07 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Steve Pincus

Draft: Approved Date: 04-05-2022

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Bradley (C) (TC)	Ashe, Ryan	Craig, Seth (TC)	Gregg, Chad (OEMS) (TC)
Davenport, John (TC)	Bartol, Elizabeth	Pincus, Steve (Staff Facilitator) (TC)	
Doak, Melissa (TC)	Baylous, Denise	Player, Michael (TC)	
Harper, Kim (TC)	Brann, James	Veach, Travis (TC)	
Kain, Mark (TC)	Buchanan, Chris		
Morey, William (TC)	Buis, Judy		
Packett, Mitchell (TC)	Byrd, Robert		
Prata, Tony (TC)	Dougherty, Jason		
Samuels, Gary (TC)	Griffiths, Darryll		
Smith, Matthew (TC)	Harris, Bev		
Tucker, John (TC)	Hunter, Greg		
Williams, Shannon (TC)	Judkins, Chris		
	Lankford, Jeremy		
	Lefever, Jeremy		
	Louka, Amir		
	Paulette, Mitch		
	Payne, Christopher		
	Quinnerly, Nikosha		
	Reaves, Stacy		
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		
	Shore, Richard		
	Smithers, Tabitha		

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
	Snyder, Larry		
	Sweet, Jason		
	Young, Chris		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Brad Beam.		
2. Introductions	Brad called the roll and meeting participants introduced themselves.	Record Attendance	Steve
3. Approval of Minutes*	John Tucker made a motion to approve the draft minutes as submitted. Motion second by Matt Smith. Motion carried unanimously.	Change draft minutes to final.	Steve
4. Appointments*	Tony Prata made a motion to approve the appointment of Chris Judkins from James City County and William Morey from King William County to the EMS Ops Committee contingent upon PEMS receipt of the required letters of appointment from their respective county managers. John Young provided motion second. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.	Acquire county manager appointment letters	Steve
5. Staff Reports			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chad Gregg</li> <li>b. Regional Medical Director</li> <li>c. PEMS Planner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Chad reported that for the HandTevy System, the chatter division of OEMS is leading this project. Unfortunately, VDH sent out the press release too early. OEMS is working on all of the mechanics of the roll out. Training (similar to the ESO Rollout training) will be set up for agency heads. There will be more to come on this. This may be available for the RSAF Grant Cycle as far as the equipment goes.</li> <li>The paperless initiative is for the agencies. If you have had an inspection recently, OEMS has the agency upload their documentation/requirements. This saves on the compliance inspectors having to collect the documents.</li> <li>On the fingerprint issue, the fingerprint letter will not be sent out. Those non-certified people who may need access to patient care records need to have their fingerprint records submitted through the portal. They will be added to the agency roster and affiliated. The roster will no longer be collected at inspection time.</li> <li>Background checks people who joined prior to 2003 there is no requirement; between 2003 and 2014 a State Police background check was required, after 2014 is when the fingerprint background system became the requirement. Those already having the fingerprints will just have to keep their paperwork on file. On the agency roster on the OEMS portal there is an additional column that says, "affiliated." There is another</li> </ul>		

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	<p>column which says, “rejected,” which means when their fingerprint was acquired there might have been a smudge and so the background was unable to be completed. This does not mean that this person is not eligible when they have the “rejected” noted in their row. If a person is not eligible, it will clearly state that and should show up in red.</p> <p>b. Since Dr. Louka was not present at the meeting, Chief Player reported out for him. Chief Player reported that Dr. Louka’s wife has delivered their third child. Chief Player stated that Dr. Louka said that in the State’s Medical Direction Committee, they are trying to create another level of service specifically for “critical care.” NOTE: It is not going to be a new “credential.” This will be additional level to training to raise the scope of practice to include some of what is being done in critical care transports. Once and if enacted, this will allow agencies the ability to bill for that level of care when it is provided. The medical direction committee is working through the mechanics of how to make this happen without creating a new level of certification. This will most likely be defined as an advanced level of care within the scope of practice elements.</p> <p>c. Steve reported that PEMS is switching all the committee meetings to the MS Teams platform. Staff is trying to get used to all the nuances associated with that platform. As far as the PEMS “RE-designation -- that was submitted to the State back in the Fall. The State intends on meeting with all the directors to discuss the redesignation and new contracts. OEMS will most likely be conducting a site visit at PEMS to speak with staff.</p> <p>There has been a shortage of EPI and you may notice this in what is in your med boxes. This will also be noted on the exterior of the box. Seth put together a training video on how to constitute the correct dosage. You can find this on PEMS You Tube channel.</p> <p>On PEMS website there is a “Protocol Review Recommendation form so that providers are able to request review of a particular protocol if they think there is a mistake contained within the protocol. They can also recommend new medication, new policies, or new procedures that are not in use within the PPEMS region. These requests will be directed to the proper clinical care committee for further review.</p> <p>d. Chief Player announced that Seth has taken a position with Rappahannock Community College as their director of the EMS programs. He will move to part time with PEMS still keeping the “Clinical Care” component such as the PPP Committee and the Pediatric Care Committee. PEMS will be advertising for a part-time position as an EMS Education Coordinator later in the month.</p>		
6. PEMS Committee Reports			
a. Pharmacy	a. Pharmacy - Seth reported that the protocols are on track. There are big changes in the		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. PICO</li> <li>c. MAC</li> <li>d. BOD</li> <li>e. PPP</li> <li>f. STEMI</li> <li>g. PCC</li> </ul>	<p>Pediatric Protocols. PEMS is on track to go live March 1<sup>st</sup> with the new and revised protocols. Need to send Seth email if you need a copy for printing purposes. That should be available about mid to late January. There will be a video that is produced to go out with the updates. Travis reported that this is mainly a supply chain issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. PICO – Travis stated that the committee is focusing on getting the I-gel added to the inventory.</li> <li>c. MAC – Tony Prata reported that there was a joint committee meeting with TEMS. Seth stated that all of the drafts from PPP and the Peds committee were approved. The PEMS’ SharePoint site has definitely helped this process.</li> <li>d. BOD – The Board of Directors</li> <li>e. PPP- Nothing of significance to report at this time.</li> <li>f. STEMI – No report - Debbie was not in attendance.</li> <li>g. Pediatric Care – Seth reported out. The committee went through all of the protocols. They are no going into development of ones that PEMS doesn’t currently have such as sepsis and pediatric behavioral.</li> </ul>		
7. Old Business	There was no old business to discuss at this meeting.		
8. New Business			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Regional EMS Awards</li> <li>b. RSAF Grant Period and RSAF Awards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Steve reported that PEMS intends to have an EMS Day at Busch Gardens on May 21<sup>st</sup>. We are looking for nominations of deserving people. The nomination period will be shorter this year because of the ceremony that will be held at Busch Gardens. –</li> <li>b. RSAF Grant Period and Awards – Chief Player reported that PEMS received a notification from the State that the grants from the Fall 2021 cycle had not been uploaded to the portal yet. The VDH commissioner of health had not signed off on them yet. Notification will be sent out when this takes place.</li> </ul> <p>The Spring 2022 Cycle is now open. However, PEMS has not received the guidance documents yet.</p>		
9. Good of the Order			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PEMS Re-stocking Form</li> <li>b. COVID Testing Messaging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Steve received a report from Gary Samuels about agencies not wanted to fill out the PEMS hospital re-stocking form. This is necessary for us to do because it allows us to have the one-to-one exchange along with the drug box program.</li> </ul> <p>Gary Samuels stated that Mary Immaculate’s ED has had some providers were pushing back against filling out the form. There may be a disconnect between the providers and why this is necessary. Hospitals have a big requirement from CMS in case they are audited. Mary Immaculate uses it to track especially supplies that they don’t necessarily use. They also use it to track costs as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. COVID Testing – It is important that agencies try to share messaging that the hospital EDs are not the place to get tested. The EDs are currently dealing with an extreme volume and</li> </ul>		

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	<p>they are being burdened with people trying to seek testing.</p> <p>Gary Samuels said that Mary Immaculate ER is seeing at least twice their normal volume. Currently, there is no change to their visitor policy. They are pulling even nursing leadership to work on the floors. Some EMS and Fire Agencies are calling to see if their personnel can get tested. These people have to go through the ED but they really do not want to have people refer personnel to Mary Immaculate for testing alone.</p> <p>Kim Harper stated that volumes are very high. The new variant is very contagious. The acuity of the patients is not as bad as earlier. Riverside are not testing sniffles, colds etc. Patients need to demonstrate signs and symptoms. Riverside Regional has reverted back to the N-95 masks. Their ED is up to 14 staff out. Their visitor has been stricter. 1 parent with child, 1 person with stroke or 1 visitor for those who other communication problem. The front area has been set up for patients lesser acuity.</p> <p>Shannon Williams shared that Walter Reed does not have rapid testing. She relayed that both crews and patients need to have masks on when they go into the ED. They are having increased volumes.</p> <p>Chief Player added that from the UMACCC some people are waiting 10 hours just to get tested. The rapid testing kits throughout the area are gone. PEMS is hoping to get some. However, no one knows when orders will come through. The community vaccination clinics will also become testing centers.</p> <p>Captain Doak asked that now that the Emergency Order from the governor has expired why isn't the Ryan White law being followed?</p> <p>Chief Player stated that there is trouble finding a "Source Patient" with COVID patients.</p>		
10. Important Dates	<p>Brad requested that all committee members refer to the important dates listed in the agenda that was sent out. The dates are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next EMS Ops Committee Meeting April 5, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.</li> <li>• March 21 and 24<sup>th</sup> TEEX Medical Management of CBRNE Events (Per-211 Funded by DHS/FEMA) Held on EVMS Campus. <a href="https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&amp;D=FP&amp;C=PER211&amp;S=1104">https://my.teex.org/TeexPortal/Default.aspx?MO=mCourseCatalog&amp;D=FP&amp;C=PER211&amp;S=1104</a></li> <li>• April 1 and 2 Urology Updates 2022 EVMS Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront</li> <li>• April 21 Pediatric Emergency Medicine update 0800-1300 CHKD Virtual Event</li> </ul>		

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	<p>For more information, visit <a href="http://CHKD.org/CME">CHKD.org/CME</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium April 22, 2022 (In-person?)</li> <li>• Rao R. Trauma Symposium Friday July 22, 2022 at Richmond Marriot</li> <li>• PEMS EMS Day at Busch Gardens – Regional EMS Awards Presentation May 21, 2022</li> </ul>		
11. Adjournment	Motion to adjourn was made by Kim Harper. Matt Smith provided the second. The meeting adjourned at 3:07 p.m.		