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PEMS EMS Operations Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 10-04-2022

Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting

Chaired By: Brad Beam

Begin Time: 2:00 p.m.

End Time: 3:02 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Steve Pincus

Draft: Approved Date: 01-17-2023

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Beam, Bradley (C) (TC)	Ashe, Ryan	Brophy, Kevin (TC)	Vest, Ellen (TC) Middlesex County
Breibell, Thomas (TC)	Bartol, Elizabeth	Craig, Seth (TC)	Wind, Stacie (TC) RCC
Doak, Melissa (TC)	Baylous, Denise	King, Joann (TC)	
Hunter, Greg (TC)	Brann, James	Pincus, Steve (TC)	
Kerns, Lewis (TC)	Buchanan, Chris	Player, Michael (TC)	
Morey, William (TC)	Buis, Judy	Thomas, Debbie (TC)	
Paulette, Mitch (TC)	Byrd, Robert	Veach, Travis (TC)	
Reaves, Stacy (TC)	Dougherty, Jason		
Samuels, Gary (TC)	Griffiths, Darryll		
Smith, Matthew (TC)	Harper, Kim		
Tucker, John (TC)	Harris, Bev		
Williams, Shannon (TC)	Judkins, Chris		
Young, John (TC)	Kain, Mark		
	Lankford, Jeremy		
	Lefever, Jeremy		
	Louka, Amir		
	Main, Cody		
	McDaniel, Nick		
	McClain, Scott		
	Packett, Mitchell		
	Payne, Christopher		
	Prata, Tony (T)		
	Quinnerly, Nikosha		

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
	Reinhardt, Joey		
	Rodman, Jason		
	Shore, Richard		
	Smithers, Tabitha		
	Snyder, Larry		
	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	S. Pincus
3. Approval of Minutes*	Mitch Paulette made a motion to approve the draft minutes as submitted. Motion second by Melissa Doak. Motion carried unanimously.	Change draft minutes to final.	S. Pincus
4. Appointments/ Membership*	<p><u>*Members No Longer Serving (Needs Motion and Vote to Remove*)</u></p> <p>a) King & Queen County David Lankford – (Alternate – no longer associated with K & Q)</p> <p><u>*New Members – (Needs Motion and Vote to Approve*)</u></p> <p>a. Middlesex County – Ellen Vest (Need Letter form County Administrator)</p> <p>b. King & Queen County – Kevin Mounts – Alternate (Need Letter form County Administrator)</p> <p>c. Essex County – Nick McDaniel (Letter form County Administrator Received)</p>	Update Committee Roster as voted.	Kevin Brophy
	<p>*Motion was made by Mitch Paulette to accept Nick McDaniel on the committee since the letter was received. Second by Tom Breitbeil. Motion carried.</p>		
	<p>*Motion was made by Mitch Paulette to accept both Ellen Vest and Kevin Mounts on the committee with the stipulation that PEMS receives letters from their respective county administrators. Second by Bill Morey. Motion carried.</p>	Get letters from administrators	Steve Pincus
	<p>Brad Beam announced that he would be stepping down at the end of October because he took a position at Amherst County. Williamsburg will need to submit a person to replace Brad.</p> <p>*Mitch Paulette made a motion to nominate Chief Melissa Doak of the chair of the EMS Ops Committee. Motion was seconded by John Young.</p> <p>Discussion: Brad beam asked Chief Doak if she would accept the nomination and she replied that she would. Motion carried unanimously.</p>	Change Roster to reflect Melissa Doak as Chair	Kevin Brophy

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5. Presentation	<p>Stacie Wind from Rappahannock Community College gave a presentation on a free community health clinic. Remote Area Medical-RAM Free clinic on Nov 12-13th at Richmond County Elementary School. They need volunteers to assist with this endeavor. This clinic will provide free vision, medical and dental care on a first come basis.</p> <p>Volunteers need to fill out the online application which may be accessed from the QR code on the flyer that was sent out.</p>		
6. Staff Reports			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regional Medical Director b. July 1 Protocol Update c. PEMS Field Coordinator - Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Regional Medical Director – Steve Pincus reported that Dr. Louka has continued on with PEMS b. July 1 Protocol Update - Steve Pincus reported that another rollout took place on July 1st. that dealt with to the VA OEMS Red Dot Procedures. c. PEMS Field Coordinator – Education -- Joann King stated that if anyone has training that they would like to advertise, to please send it to PEMS. We are trying to make the PEMS Training Calendar a “Go to.” She also reported that a new RACE Score Poster was developed and was being printed. These will be distributed to the agencies. 		
7. PEMS Committee Reports			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pharmacy b. PICO c. MAC d. BOD e. PPP f. STEMI g. PCC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Pharmacy – T. Veach reported that there was some discussion about moving the D10 bag to the top; a provider recently compounded a medication in that bag instead of 0.9% NaCl bag and also reducing it to one bag for D10. They need to get approval from the MAC. The D-10 will then be moved from the bottom up to the red pouch. b. PICO – Pillows are being added to the restocking sheet. Providers will have to ask hospital personnel when they need to restock pillows. The smaller ERs are asking that EMS personnel fill out the restocking form. c. MAC – Seth Craig reported that PEMS is on track for the March 2023 roll-out. The behavioral health protocol is under review. In addition, there will be an update so that PEMS protocols will match the States “Red Dot” roll-out. Seth mentioned that Epi in cardiac arrest for A-EMT is one of the new Red Dots. <p>Chief Player stated that Dr. Louka reported that James City County was beginning to carry blood. Two units will be carried on the supervisor</p>		

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	<p>vehicles.</p> <p>d. BOD – Chief Player stated that there are three new board members – Chief Doak representing licensed EMS agencies on the Peninsula, Johanna Northstein with Chesapeake Bank is representing financial institutions, and Dr. Gupta is representing the MAC. There is a new Executive Committee—Julie Glover as President, Pat Dent as Vice President, Chief Barrick as Treasurer, Gary Samuels and Sherwin Stewart are the “At-large” representatives.</p> <p>e. PPP- Melissa Doak reported that the Committee is receiving requests to return items to the Procedures and Protocols that have been removed by the MAC such as the right-side/15 L ECG diagram.</p> <p>f. STEMI – Debbie Thomas shared data from the STEMI report. She stated that the STEMI Committee members are concerned that getting 12-Leads ECGs within first patient contact is falling short. PEMS target in the PEMS Protocol is to obtain the 12-lead within 5 minutes and the National target is within the first 10 minutes. In the PEMS region there is a 67% fall out rate for not obtaining the 12-lead within the 5 minutes. However, only 27% fall out of the national benchmark.</p> <p>For those patients who should be receiving aspirin, there is a 3% fall out rate.</p> <p>Debbie also reported that 97% providers were indicating that they were using a stroke score, but not necessarily the RACE score.</p> <p>g. Pediatric Care Committee- Bill Morey reported that they are meeting on October 19th and they will go over some protocols. Seth reported that HandTevy sent the protocol to PEMS and MAC, PPP, and the Pediatric Care Committee will be reviewing that protocol.</p>		
8. Old Business	<p>a. In-person Meetings (Steve) PEMS will be going to a hybrid meeting format where people can attend in-person or virtually. This will start on the next scheduled committee meeting.</p> <p>b. Medication/Equipment Shortages - Travis Veach reported that from time-to time these are now appearing in our region. If the pharmacies are unable to fill a particular medication or if they reduce the quantity, the medication kit will be marked indicating the shortage.</p>		
9. New Business	<p>a. OEMS Contract - Chief Player reported on the status of the contract with OEMS. OEMS extended the contract for another quarter because of the shared business unit. There is a backlog because of this. October 1 this terminated so OEMS will hopefully have the new contract on January 1st.</p> <p>b. Ideas for EMS Leadership courses in the PEMS region. Steve reported that at Symposium seems to be the only time where these types of courses are offered. Chief Player stated that perhaps the Ops committee could form a sub-committee to research topics and suggest speakers for these topics. This is so that PEMS could assist agencies in meeting their own</p>		

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	<p>needs. It was suggested that this is done on a quarterly basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Sepsis (Notification to hospital on fluid quantity given) - Debbie Thomas reported that the Performance Improvement Committee has discussed quality measures concerning Sepsis patients. Providers should notify the hospitals of any suspected sepsis patient. The hospital also need to know how much fluid (quantity) has been administered to these patients. d. Medication Usage – The PPP committee asked if there was a way that they could look at the usage of certain pain medications (Toradol, Morphine, and Fentanyl). Debbie Thomas pulled the data from ESO. The question was how often are these medications administered and should we change anything. She then asked whether this group had any insight as to why the number was so high for Fentanyl. Brad Beam stated that often times administration is given to the same patient up to four times and it may be that looking at the number of administrations in order to get appropriate pain relief may be what is making that number so high. (Each dose is getting counted.) <p>Bill Morey brought up the fact that a lot of the rural agencies only have EMTs and A-EMTs and the only medication available to them is Toradol. He does not want the low numbers to necessarily drive a decision to reduce what is in the medication kits because it would hamper what the rural agencies can do for pain management.</p>		
10. Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Steve Pincus reported that there would have to be maintenance on PEMS MS Teams whereby we need to delete the team and rebuild it so members of the committee will receive notifications that they have been removed and a separate notification that they have been added to the team. This is being done to make certain that this group has full functionality. b. Gary Samuels reported that RGH should be opening the new ED around October 17th. A walk-thru is scheduled for October 11th. <p>Mary Immaculate is in the early stages of planning to build a new tower that will also house the new ED. They are working on the design so services will not be interrupted. They are also designing the approach to be able to fit the larger size medics and have a better maneuvering area for the medics to get in and out of the ED.</p>		
11. Important Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. EMS Symposium in Norfolk is November 9-13. b. Next EMS Ops Meeting is January 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm. With this meeting committee member should be able to attend in-person or virtually. 		
12. Adjournment	<p>Motion to adjourn was made by Shannon Williams. M. Doak provided the second. The meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.</p>		