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PEMS Medical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 09-08-2022

Meeting Location: Virtual-MS Teams

Chaired By: L. Dodd

Begin Time: 10:02 am

End Time: 11:21 am

Minutes Submitted By: S. Craig

Draft Approved Date: 12-08-22

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Dodd, DO, Lisa (Chair) (TC)	Apostoles, MD, Steve	Ashe, Amy (TC)	Doak, Melissa (TC)
Fish, Jr, MD, James (TC)	Baker, MD, Chris	Craig, Seth (TC)	
Jackson, MD, Cara Marie (TC)	Bass, MD, Gregory	Pincus, Stephen (TC)	
Louka, Amir (TC)	Clarke, DO, Clarence		
Nicholson, Ben (TC)	Clifford, MD, Christianne		
Prata, Tony (TC)	Dhindsa MD, Harinder		
	Dudley, DO, James		
	Dunn, MD, Chad		
	Erwin, MD, Eleanor (Vice-Chair)		
	Garrison MD, Jason		
	Gray MD, Bryant		
	Gupta, MD, Sudershan		
	Haas, MD, Christopher		
	Harper, Kimberly		
	James, MD, Christopher		
	Jennings, MD, Torino		
	Justis, MD, David		
	Lawson, MD, Cheryl		
	McCorry, DO, James		
	Sledge, Tyler		
	Sutherland, MD, Paul		
	Sweet, Jason		
	Termeer, Jennifer		
	Weber MD, Brent		
	Williams, Cynthia		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
1. Call to Order	Meeting Called to Order at 10:02 am by L. Dodd the meeting was virtual. Attendance was recorded and confirmed as above.		
2. MAC Membership Changes	S. Craig reported that there were no changes to the MAC Membership for this quarter.		
4. Approval of Minutes	A. Louka made a motion to approve the Minutes from the June 9 th , 2022 regular MAC meeting and the June 29 th , 2022 Special Call MAC meeting. B. Nicholson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.	Change minutes from draft to final.	S Craig/09-09-22
5. Regional MD Report	<p>A. A. Louka reported that the most recent Scope of Practice and Formulary was sent out recently by Chad Blosser with the VA OEMS. He is willing to share the process they have implemented at James City County to train providers on the Red Dot procedures.</p> <p>B. B. Nicholson expressed his concern regarding the VA OEMS process for rolling out the Red Dot requirements, and asked A. Louka to make recommendations to the State Medical Direction Committee to have a more consistent method and realistic timeline without requiring agencies to file for waivers or extensions. A. Louka agreed and indicated there has been discussion about it.</p> <p>C. At the end of September/early October James City County will implement their Whole Blood Program which will be two units of O+ blood on the EMS Supervisor vehicle. He is willing to share the protocols and list of equipment they have purchased to implement this new process.</p>		
6. Committee Reports	<p>Committee Reports</p> <p>a. Pharmacy Committee – S. Craig reported that the Pharmacy Committee has requested a reduction in the number of D10 bags in the PEMS Med Box. Discussion under New Business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting – November 3rd, 2022 at 3:00 pm <p>b. Performance Improvement Committee – D. Thomas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PIC has been reviewing STEMI data, specifically on scene time and time to 12 lead. 33% met PEMS guidelines (within 5 minutes of patient contact) and 73% met national guidelines (within 10 minutes of patient contact). In reviewing some of the PCRs, sometimes providers wait to move patient to ambulance before acquiring 12 lead, some run a 4 lead in the house and then a 12 lead later. • Trauma data appears that patients are being triaged appropriately and taken to the most appropriate facilities. • A. Louka suggested that EPs/OMDs have their agencies provide the data and look at it regularly, whether using ImageTrend or ESO. • Next Meeting- September 8th, 2022 at 3:00 pm <p>c. PPP Committee – David Justis, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S. Craig reported that the online Protocol Review Request Form has been very helpful in acquiring input from OMDs and EMS providers 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting – September 14th, 2022 at 10:00 am d. Pediatric Care Committee- A. Louka <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee is reviewing Neonatal Resuscitation, Sepsis, Behavioral Emergencies, and Crush protocols • The Committee was nominated for the EMS Governor’s Award for Outstanding Contribution to EMS For Children • Next Meeting- October 19th, 2022 at 11:00 am e. Clinical Program Task Forces (Stroke, STEMI, Trauma) – D. Thomas – see report under PI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Committee – D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting – September 8th, 2022 at 1:00 pm • Stroke Committee – D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting –October 13th, 2022 at 1:00 pm • STEMI Committee- D. Thomas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting – November 10th, 2022 at 1:00 pm • EMS Operations – S. Pincus – S. Craig reported that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting – October 4th, 2022 at 2:00 pm f. PICO- T. Veach- No report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Meeting- October 12th, 2022 at 3:00 pm g. Educational Programs- J. King- No report 		
7. PEMS Updates	<p>a. Deliverables are up to date</p> <p>b. Due to security concerns, there will no longer be “reoccurring” meeting links, each meeting will have a new and unique link.</p> <p>c. PEMS hired Joanne King as the Field Coordinator- Educational Programs. Please contact her if you have training needs or need support.</p>		
8. Old Business	<p>a. S. Craig reported that the Workgroup has begun discussions since the last MAC meeting regarding AEMT administration of Fentanyl, Morphine, and Versed. They have not made a final recommendation to present to the MAC at this time.</p> <p>b. S. Gupta is the new MAC representative on the PEMS BOD to replace E. Erwin.</p> <p>c. S. Craig reported that we are still waiting on the Regional Version of the HandTevy protocol for regional distribution. The final document will be approved by the MAC, however each agency must sign a license agreement. A. Louka warned to look over the protocols very carefully for errors and discrepancies when it is received.</p> <p>d. Neonatal Resuscitation Prototol will be in MS Teams for review.</p>	AEMT scope of practice recommendations	AEMT workgroup 12-08-22
9. New Business	<p>a. Exception Protocol- A. Louka requested that the MAC either revise or remove this protocol. It appears to be mostly an amputation protocol, which is beyond the scope of practice of paramedics. J. Fish and L. Dodd agreed that this is a serious risk. After discussion about the history of this protocol, it seemed that it has not been needed in the past because the patient was freed from the entrapment without the removal of the limb. M. Doak indicated that there is an extraordinary measures statement in the Code of Virginia 12VAC5 10-70 “Extraordinary Care Outside of Protocols.” A. Louka indicated that state protocols is a ceiling, not a minimum. S. Craig will contact R. Passmore for Guidance and if they would add “within the</p>	<p>Contact Ron Passmore for guidance Post in MS Teams</p> <p>Discuss at MDC</p>	<p>S. Craig/12-08-22</p> <p>A. Louka/10-6-22</p>

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	<p>scope of practice” because in the past would imply beyond the scope of practice.</p> <p>A. Louka will bring it up at the October 6th, 2022 State Medical Direction Committee.</p> <p>A. Ashe reported that the protocol has been added and removed several times.</p> <p>b. The VA OEMS added Epi to the AEMT Scope Practice. AHA guidelines indicate Epinephrine as soon as possible in the cardiac arrest. A. Louka stated there are 2 ways to look at this- the I or P can now delegate this skill to the AEMT, or the AEMT is the AIC and now has an additional responsibility. As a region, we will have a very diverse response to calls. AEMT may be AIC who probably did not take ACLS, therefore a bridge training would be necessary when/how/etc. A. Ashe asked about transfer of care if an I or P does not ride the call into the hospital. S. Craig reported that the PEMS protocol is ALS release to BLS. A. Louka and S. Craig agreed that an I or P would probably ride the call to the hospital if ROSC is obtained.</p> <p>A. Louka made a motion to add this for MAC review. L. Dodd seconded the motion. Motion was approved.</p> <p>c. Procedure for conducting 15 lead (via Protocol Review Submission and endorsement by PPP). A. Louka expressed concern that if EMS providers are not acquiring and transmitting a standard 12 lead. In addition, in the ED over the last 12 years he has not run one. L. Dodd indicated that if people are looking for more information it is not wrong to provide that for them. If it was added back in as a “Pearl” or “Consider” instead of standard practice, that would be appropriate. A. Louka reported that at VCU they do not receive 12 leads from the field. C. Jackson indicated at Riverside the physician is required to review every 12 lead that is transmitted, including 15 Lead/right side.</p> <p>d. Dr. Termeer asked that the MAC look at the dosage of Zofran to consider increasing it because the 4 mg does not always help the patient, and redosing after the initial low dose is not as effective. A. Louka indicated he would be in favor of increasing ODT dosage. And making the IV and ODT redosing the same, both at every 10 minutes instead of having different times. J. Fish indicated a concern regarding the ability to redose if the provider starts at 8 mg. S. Craig will put the Zofran data and information provided by Dr. Justis in MS Teams for review.</p> <p>e. Pharmacy has asked for a reduction from 2 to 1 bag of D10 in the PEMS Med Box. MAC requested data regarding the usage and wastage of D10 from the pharmacies.</p> <p>f. Code of VA changed regarding infant abandonment, so S Craig was making the MAC aware of the administrative change. This is not an action item.</p>	<p>Add Epi admin in CA for AEMT in MAC MS Teams</p> <p>Add draft with 15 lead back into protocol</p> <p>Draft Zofran dosing and provide data/studies</p> <p>Acquire data regarding usage, waste, etc Update Infant abandonment protocol</p>	<p>S Craig/12-8-22</p> <p>S Craig/12-8-22</p> <p>S Craig/12-8-22</p> <p>T Veach, D. Thomas, S Craig/12-8-22 S Craig/12-8-22</p>
<p>For the Good of the Order</p>	<p>Important Dates Next regularly scheduled MAC Meeting is December 8th, 2022 in person at PEMS and will include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:00 am – 12:00 pm Emergency Physician/OMD Update • 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm Joint TEMS/PEMS Medical Direction Committee • 2:00 pm-4:00 pm Individual TEMS and PEMS Meetings 		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 11:21 am</p>		