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Joint TEMS-PEMS Medical Direction Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 8th, 2022

Meeting Location:

In Person and Via MS Teams

Chaired By: L. Dodd

Begin Time: 12:30 pm

End Time: 1:18 pm

Minutes Submitted By: Seth Craig

Draft X Approved Date:

PEMS Present:	TEMS Present:	Others:
Apostoles, Peter	Long, David (TC)	
Ashe, Amy	Martin, Stewart	
Craig, Seth	McCoy, Brendon	
Dodd, Lisa	Owens, Matthew	
Erwin, Eleanor	Reynolds, James (TC)	
Fish, James (TC)	Roszk, Paul	
Jackson, Cara Marie	Shuck, Zane	
Jennings, Torino (TC)	Siegal, Lewis (TC)	
Justis, David	Skrip, Steve (TC)	
Lawson, Cheryl	Vagts, Valerie	
Louka, Amir (TC)	Wentzel, Carl	
Pincus, Steve	Woolum, Dylan (TC)	
Player, Michael		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting Called to Order at 12:30 pm by L. Dodd		
Introductions	Introductions were made online as indicated above.		
Membership Changes	Both EMS Councils report no changes since last year.		
Approval of Minutes	Minutes from December 7 th , 2021 Joint TEMS-PEMS Medical Direction Committee approved unanimously.		
Regional MD Reports	Dr. Martin with TEMS reported that Oral Boards for ALS providers continues to go well. He explained that TEMS is the lead on the development of the questions. The agency OMD gives the oral board examination and the when the provider passes the exam he/she is regionally sanctioned in TEMS. TEMS is conducting a Nitrox Oxide study in Portsmouth. Whole blood project is going well. They have initiated an iGel grant and		

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	<p>working on ultrasound machines in the prehospital setting. The region is also conducting research to improve cerebral perfusion including impedance threshold device and heads up CPR device.</p> <p>Dr. Louka with PEMS reported that the annual protocol update is going well, biggest changes have been the removal of Ativan and the replacement of D50 with D10. The Rural OMD Workgroup has proposed to bring the AEMT PEMS Scope of Practice to the State Scope of practice. The PEMS Pediatric Care Committee has made a very significant improvement in the guidance of pediatric care, to include updating current protocols and adding Pediatric protocols such as Behavioral Emergencies, Sepsis, Hypotension, and Crush Injuries.</p>		
New Business	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Dr. Limbeck discussed the Regulatory Extraordinary Measures Protocol and its relationship to the State scope of practice. The State scope of practice and formulary are the ceiling, and extraordinary measures may not exceed them. b. Dr. Martin explained how in the past there was an effort to standardize the TEMS and PEMS Medication Boxes. Over the years they have developed variations due to changes in protocols and needs of the regions. c. TEMS has initiated a prehospital whole blood program. Dr. Louka mentioned that James City County is the first agency in PEMS to also initiate the program and it is going well. Dr. Martin reported that agencies are keeping temperature control data in hopes to return unused blood to the hospitals before expiration if not used. d. “Red Dot” protocols were developed to aid agencies in billing. Documentation of Red Dot training must be kept showing training above what is currently considered “entry level.” e. Dr. Martin reported that the NAEMSP meeting is in January in Tampa, FL. There is group that attends from Virginia and they get together during the conference. Contact him for more information. f. A retrograde study of needle decompression suggests that there are many done unnecessarily and/or incorrectly. If in protocols, need to emphasize done only on an unstable patient. g. Dr. Louka invited participants to attend the next EMS Fellow Grand Rounds presentation Wednesday at 10:00 am at EVMS regarding whole blood in the field. Contact him for more information. 		
For the Good of the Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important Dates <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Next TEMS/PEMS Joint Meeting will be hosted by TEMS on Tuesday December 5th, 2023 • Attendance verified. 		
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:18 pm.		