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## PEMS Pediatric Care Committee Meeting Minutes

A Subcommittee of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: 07-19-23

Meeting Location: PEMS Office and  
Via MS Teams

Chaired By: A. Louka

Begin Time: 11:05AM

End Time: 11:28 AM

Minutes Submitted By: S. Craig

Draft  Approved Date:

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Burhop, James (VC) (TC)	Bartle, Samuel (C)	Ashe, Amy (TC)	
Ewers, Britney (TC)	Dalkin, William	Craig, Seth	
Louka, Amir (TC)	Haggerty, Ashley	King, Joann	
Marquardt, Elizabeth (TC)	MacLasco, Adam	Pincus, Steve	
Samuels, Gary (TC)			
St. George, Dustin (TC)			

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 11:05 am by A. Louka in the absence of S. Bartle and J. Burhop		
Introductions	Introductions were made around the room.		
Approval of Minutes	A motion to approve the draft Minutes from April 19, 2023 as written was made by A. Louka. Motion seconded by B. Ewers. Minutes approved unanimously.	Change draft to Final	S. Craig
Membership Changes	There were no membership changes this meeting.		
Staff Reports	S. Craig reported that the committee was on target to meet deliverables.		
Old Business	a. The Committee would like to discuss developing a Needs Assessment at the EMS Agency and EMS Provider levels. This would help provide some direction for the Committee. S. Craig reported that PEMS recently assisted VA OEMS to obtain survey information in the PEMS Region regarding training. S. Craig was unable obtain results prior to this meeting.	Obtain results from EMS for Children survey.	S. Craig/10-18-23

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	<p>b. S. Craig shared regional EMS data that was posted in the MS Teams folder regarding pediatric airway management obtained by D. Thomas through ESO. From the data obtained, one agency had a 0% success rate with five patients. The other 3 agencies with data were all successful. There was no data from any agencies in the Middle Peninsula or Northern Neck, either indicated since it is a Paramedic skill that is was not attempted, or there was an issue with data. D. Thomas is going to continue working on obtaining data as this is a new process for the Commonwealth. The Committee concurred that education is essential to improve pediatric airway management. S. Craig and D. Thomas are still working on obtaining accurate data. S. Craig will reach out to OEMS Statisticians for help. The 2 data points to begin with are all medication administration to pediatrics and pediatric airway management (intubation &amp; supraglottic).</p> <p>c. A. Ashe indicated that the PEMS Behavioral Health Committee is still working on Adult protocol/guidelines, and then will reach out to the Pediatric Care Committee.</p> <p>d. Prehospital Provider Education/"Handle with Care." No discussion on this topic.</p> <p>e. Pediatric Seizure care- No discussion on this topic.</p> <p>f. Pediatric Antidotes for accidental overdose. No discussion on this topic.</p> <p>g. Pediatric Fever/Sepsis. No discussion on this topic.</p> <p>h. A. Louka reported that in discussions regarding Pediatric Strokes, the prehospital care is not different for adults. However, it would be beneficial to gather data to determine if pediatric strokes are more common in specific age groups, locations, populations, co-morbidities such as sickle cell anemia, etc. He did not suggest any protocol changes. S. Craig shared the current Adult Stroke protocol with the Committee. E. Marquardt supported the documentation for acquiring BGL and did not suggest any changes.</p>	<p>Continue gathering data Connect with OEMS data specialists</p> <p>Connect BHC and PCC</p>	<p>D. Thomas/10-18-23 S. Craig/10-18-23</p> <p>A. Ashe/10-18-23</p>
New Business	<p>a. A. Louka indicated that there have been some updates to the National Neonatal Resuscitation guidelines, including dextrose at a 2-3 mL/kg bolus then a drip of 0.02 mg/kg, and adding an Endotracheal Tube dosage of 0.2 mg/kg. A. Louka made a motion to update the NRP. Motion was seconded by E. Marquardt. The motion was approved unanimously.</p> <p>b. A. Louka reported that the PEMS MAC approved combining Adult &amp; Pediatric Protocols instead of having an adult and then pediatric sections of the protocols. This will help reduce potential medication errors, and also provide a mechanism to ensure there are pediatric protocols to match adult protocols.</p> <p>c. J. King presented information on VILT Training. It was proposed that the PEMS PCC consider offering a monthly VILT course. PEMS would handle the behind the scenes support, and CHKD/VCU/RRMC would provide the speakers. The recommendation was well received and J. King will begin working on the process.</p>	<p>Update NRP protocol</p> <p>Combine Protocols</p> <p>Develop VILT program</p>	<p>A. Louka 10-18-23</p> <p>PPP Committee</p> <p>J. King &amp; PCC Committee</p>
Good of the Order	Next Meeting is scheduled for <b>Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 11:00 am.</b>		
Adjourn	Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 am		