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PEMS Pharmacy Committee Meeting Minutes

A Subcommittee of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: 05-06-20

Meeting Location: PEMS/Teleconference only

Chaired By: S. Hopkins

Begin Time: 3:07 PM

End Time: 4:43 PM

Minutes Submitted By: J. Bendit

Draft Approved Date: 08-05-20

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Blake, Greg (TC)	Bridges, Wendy	Bendit, Jeffrey	Goetz, Nathaniel (TC)
Efremidis, Laurie (TC)	Beam, Bradley		MacPherson, Eric (TC)
Harris, Sandra (TC)	Berry, Wayne		
Hopkins, Suzanne (Chair)(TC)	Sledge, Tyler		
Javier, June (TC)	Elzarian, Ed		
Kaplan, Marcus (TC)	Horton, John		
Lyon, Sharon (TC)	Langley, Cindy		
Perkinson, Lindsay (TC)	Lawson, Cheryl		
Rizzo, Sarah (TC)	Eaker, Mary		
Ryman, Kristy (TC)	Olatunji, Kemi		
St. George, Linda (TC)	Rowles, Charles		
	Sim, Terri		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 3:07pm. By S. Hopkins.		
Introductions and Membership Changes	Attendance as recorded above. Changes: None Pharmacy representative: MAC: T. Sledge PPP: G. Blake		
Minutes	11-06-2019 Minutes approved as written. Motion to approve by G. Blake. 2 nd by L. Perkinson. Approved unanimously.	Post Final Minutes	J. Bendit/06-07-20
Staff Report	Contract Deliverables. 4 th Quarter Hospital Exchange Program: PEMS Medication Box Plan, PEMS Medication Box Shortage Policy. Approved 02-05-20 meeting minutes.	Approved PEMS Medication Box	PEMS /6-5-20

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	<p>PEMS Medication Box Shortage Policy 06-006.</p> <p>We are taking more steps by adding bi-monthly random inventory checks at the agencies and changing the PEMS Medication Box Plan to include this in the PEMS responsibilities, agency responsibilities, and hospital responsibilities. Random checks tracking since October 2019. (attachment 3)</p>	<p>Send to PEMS BOD.</p> <p>Send to PEMS BOD</p>	<p>J. Bendit/ 5-20-20</p> <p>PEMS /5-20-20</p>
Old Business	<p>Discussion regarding the current and growing list of drug shortages-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haldol • Calcium Chloride • Ketamine (Shortage has improved slightly) • Magnesium Sulfate • Lidocaine • Dextrose abboject • Epinephrine • Dopamine • Amioderone (increased shortage this 4th Quarter 2020). • Ativan • Atropine • Sodium Bicarb Abboject <p>All in the PEMS Pharmacy Committee liked the EPI-Rite to be placed in all PEMS Medication Boxes March 1, 2020. A few had questions whether they have within each of their pharmacies. J. Bendit stated that it takes about 6 weeks to rotate medication boxes through our pharmacies in order to stock new items. Each pharmacy system will contact each other in order to ensure EpiRite syringe is carried within their system. G. Blake confirmed EpiRite Syringes were added.</p>		
New Business	<p>COVID-19 updates. J. Bendit stated medication boxes are to be decontaminated prior to exchanges. This is in the PEMS Medication Box Plan. Ensure each exchange is enforced. There has been multiple discussions in the PEMS Peninsula COVID Group meeting that meets twice per week, Mon and Fri at 1300 and the MP/NN COVID Group meeting that meets twice per week as well on Mon and Thurs at 1300 since March.</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PEMS Celebrate EMS Day at Busch Gardens May 16, 2020. Postponed to August 22, 2020. <p>Ketamine remains a concern for the entire committee. L. Perkinson stated that we should discuss the potential for removing Ativan from the PEMS Medication Box as the expiration date is only 6 weeks stored in our boxes. There is Valium in our boxes that is in the protocols. There now is Ketamine and then TEMS already removed Ativan after including Ketamine. This is up for discussion in the next PPP meeting, G. Blake will discuss there. We will have T. Sledge bring up at the next MAC in June. The proposed removal will be discussed in Next Pharmacy Committee in August to make final proposal in order to affect 2021 protocols.</p> <p>G. Blake brought up that some providers bring expired PEMS Medication Boxes to RWRH and state that other hospitals are saying they do not exchange for expired medications. J. Bendit stated this is a good Incident report. All PEMS Regional Hospitals have signed the PEMS Ambulance Restocking Agreement and should be</p>	<p>Ativan follow up PPP/MAC then August Pharmacy meeting</p> <p>MBIR</p>	<p>PPP/G. Blake 5-20-20 MAC/ T. Sledge 06-2020 08-05-20/Pharmacy</p> <p>G. Blake/ 05-07-20</p>

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	<p>participating in these cases as well. The two cases hospitals request not to exchange for expired meds is nights when pharmacy is closed at those locations, but should exchange when pharmacy is open. The hospitals outside PEMS do not have the capability to exchange for expired meds, only patient transports.</p> <p>G. Blake stated that providers are removing controlled substances even if they do not use them and place them in their pockets. J. Bendit states that this is another good example of a PEMS Mediation Box Incident Report. I can then get with Agency Leadership 1-1. Does not appear to be a regional issue.</p>	MBIR	G. Blake/ 05-07-20
Next Meeting	<p>Attendance verified as recorded above. The next meetings scheduled for: Wednesday: Aug 5, 2020 Nov 4, 2020 Feb 3, 2021 May 5, 2021</p>		
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 3:43 p.m. Motion by L. Perkinson 2 nd by G. Blake. Unanimously approved to adjourn.		