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**PEMS Pharmacy Committee Meeting Minutes**

A Subcommittee of the Board of Directors

**Meeting Date: 08-05-20**

**Meeting Location: PEMS/Teleconference only**

**Chaired By: S. Hopkins**

**Begin Time: 3:07 PM**

**End Time: 3:37 PM**

**Minutes Submitted By: J. Bendit**

**Draft Approved Date: 11-04-20**

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

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>By Whom/When</b>
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 3:07pm. By S. Hopkins.		
Introductions and Membership Changes	Attendance as recorded above. Changes: Dr. Amir Louka is the PEMS Regional Medical Director. He replaced Dr. Cheryl Lawson who served around 20 years as our Regional OMD. Amel Abdulaziz addition as a Riverside Regional Pharmacy Rep. Pharmacy representative: MAC: T. Sledge PPP: G. Blake		

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Minutes	05-06-2020 Minutes approved as written. Motion to approve by T. Sledge. 2 <sup>nd</sup> by G. Blake. Approved unanimously.	Post Final Minutes	J. Bendit/09-07-20
Staff Report	<p>Contract Deliverables. 1st Quarter has no deliverables for the Pharmacy Committee.</p> <p>MAC CMTE- T. Sledge stated that the last meeting had some administrative changes to the Albuterol volume in the PEMS Protocols and the changes from 1/10,000, 1/1000 and mg/mL. He stated that Ativan discussions in the MAC, but nothing official. He said that he believes this discussion was done in the PPP meeting.</p> <p>G. Blake stated that the PPP Committee had some discussion to change/remove Ativan in the PEMS Protocols. He sent the TEMS protocol link for their use of Versed. This shows how they are using Versed in the replacement of Ativan due to the storage outside a refrigerator, cost to replace on a regular basis. Versed has a longer stability outside the refrigerator. They are also changing D50 to D10. Versed 5mg, IN used. G. Blake asked Dr. Louka if ODEMSA is using Versed there as a VCU Physician? Dr. Louka stated that there are multiple factors in the decision. He personally would like to ensure a Benzo is available to give for seizures. He wants to streamline, simplify protocols and thinks that Versed would be a better choice. Questions from S. Hopkins include what the max dosage should be recommended? Should Versed be increased to 5mg doses? TEMS and other regions use 1<sup>st</sup> Tier, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tier, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tier drugs for shortages.</p>	<p>Bring Ativan discussion November meeting</p> <p>Attend MAC/PPP Committee Meetings</p>	<p>Pharmacy Committee/11-4-20</p> <p>PPP/G. Blake 8-13-20 MAC/ T. Sledge 9-10-20</p>
Old Business	<p>Discussion regarding the current and growing list of drug shortages-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Haldol</li> <li>• Calcium Chloride</li> <li>• Ketamine (Shortage has improved slightly)</li> <li>• Magnesium Sulfate</li> <li>• Lidocaine</li> <li>• Dextrose abboject</li> <li>• Epinephrine</li> <li>• Dopamine</li> <li>• Amioderone (increased shortage this 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2020).</li> <li>• Ativan</li> <li>• Atropine</li> <li>• Sodium Bicarb Abboject</li> </ul>		
New Business	Medication Box Incident Review (Bi-annual): Approximately 10 Incidents submitted to PEMS. All Incidents taken to agencies and hospitals affected to correct and mitigate the issues. None of the committee members have questions. No known suspected diversion during this quarter.		
Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEMS Celebrate EMS Day at Busch Gardens May 16, 2020. Postponed to August 22, 2020. This has been cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Louka brought up the fact that as the Regional OMD, he has been going through the Protocols so that he can better understand what is going on. He has found dosing differences in protocols versus the dosages in the pharmacology pages for the individual medications used. He would like to see potential removal of mag</p>	Bring medication inconsistencies to Pharmacy	J. Bendit/Send to group 8-6-20

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	<p>dosing and replace with mag boluses.</p> <p>Dr. Louka would like to look at these inconsistencies and bring to the next meeting. He would like to look at Handtevy pediatric dosing. Magnesium, for example, 4 different dosing which concentration/routes and would like to see standardization to make it easier.</p>	<p>Pharmacy Committee Meeting 11-4-20</p>	
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Attendance verified as recorded above.</p> <p>The next meetings scheduled for:</p> <p><b>Wednesday:</b>  <b>Nov 4, 2020</b>  <b>Feb 3, 2021</b>  <b>May 5, 2021</b>  <b>Aug 4, 2021</b></p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 3:37 p.m. Motion by. S. Hopkins 2<sup>nd</sup> by L. Perkinson. Unanimously approved to adjourn.</p>		