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**PEMS Inter-facility Cooperation Organization Meeting Minutes**

A Subcommittee of the Board of Directors

**Meeting Date:** 10-15-20

**Meeting Location:** Teleconference only

**Chaired By:** B. Cumbie

**Begin Time:** 3:12 p.m.

**End Time:** 3:42 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted By:** J. Bendit

**Draft  Approved Date:** 1/21/21

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Cumbie, Beth (C) (TC)	Baker, Tara	Bendit, Jeffrey (TC)	
Davenport, Jon (TC)(NV)	Barber, Carrie		
Haigh, Mary (TC)	Beck, Craig		
Harper, Kim (TC)	Edmonson, Kelly		
Samuels, Gary (Asst. Chair) (TC)	Keithley, Tom		
	Klink, Shanon		
	Kroon, Jean		
	Mathews, Judy		
	Parker, Sarah		
	Pierce, Brian		
	Stevens, Ashlee		
	Wilmoth, Donna		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	3:12 p.m. by B. Cumbie.		
Introductions & Membership Changes	Introductions were made. None this quarter.		
Minutes	PICO Committee Minutes – Motion by B. Cumbie to approve 07-16-20 PICO meeting minutes as presented. Second by G. Samuels. Motion approved unanimously without comment.	Post approved minutes.	S. Pincus/ 11-01-20
Hospital Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hampton VA Hospital – No report</li> <li>b. Langley AFB Hospital – No report</li> <li>c. Sentara CarePlex Hospital- J. Bendit reported that Sentara CarePlex Hospital will be having their Stroke DNV on October 27, 2020.</li> <li>d. Riverside Regional Medical Center- M. Haigh and K. Harper stated they just completed their Stroke DNV and will be having the STEMI DNV on October 29, 2020. There will be a Virtual EMS</li> </ul>		

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	<p>Symposium to provide EMS CE on November 6-7, 2020. Fliers will be sent out with invitation instructions. G. Samuels will be presenting there.</p> <p>e. Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital- G. Samuels stated that MIH is in their window for the Joint Commission.</p> <p>f. Riverside Doctors' Hospital – No report.</p> <p>g. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center – B. Cumbie stated that they will be completing their virtual DNV in the end of October as well. EMS will be participating. The ED is closing the 2<sup>nd</sup> “Hot” entrance to the ED. Closer to Pre-COVID-19 operations.</p> <p>h. Riverside Walter Reed- No Report.</p> <p>i. Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital – G. Samuels stated that the Joint Commission visited and RGH is the smallest certified stroke center for Virginia. Some re-naming of sister hospitals to streamline names removing “Regional” from some of those hospitals, such as: Bon Secours Memorial Regional Medical Center to Bon Secours Memorial Medical Center and Southside Regional Medical Center to Southside Medical Center.</p> <p>j. Riverside Tappahannock Hospital – No Report.</p>		
EMS Updates	<p>a. PEMS Council-</p> <p>i. MIR Review - None submitted for review. J. Bendit discussed MIR recently submitted involving Albuterol charting and NS Inhalation used instead. Need to ue MIR on website. Remind people to use. There is no way for a region to address any issues if there are no MIR submissions identifying them formally.</p> <p>ii. Regional EMS Awards – J. Bendit the Regional EMS Awards for the Celebrate EMS at Busch Gardens April 16, 2020 (POSTPONED to August 22, 2020—CANCELLED). Award presentations are being done individually. Look for videos on PEMS Website as they’re posted.</p> <p>iii. J. Bendit stated that RRM Neuro-interventionalist, Dr. Ramakrishnan has been approved to initiate a Telestroke trial starting June 2020. Postponed until after COVID-19 epidemic. Starting to re-engage and projected to move forward with a goal to implementation by 2021.</p>	<p>Fill out MIRS and send to PEMS</p> <p>View winners of PEMS Regional Awards winners</p>	<p>Continued by all</p> <p>PICO members/ 11/1/2020</p>
VHASS Status	<p>J. Bendit advised all present to continue the efforts to update VHASS daily and as conditions warrant with Diversion and Clinical data. B. Pierce stated that there are a few hospitals on a temporary diversion due to organization changes. No other diversions reported at this time. No COVID related diversions at this time.</p>	<p>Provide Daily Diversion and Clinical Report</p>	<p>PICO Continuous</p>
Old Business	<p>Annual Review Hospital Diversion Plan – J. Bendit stated that the VHASS is looking into having similar terminology to the PEMS Diversion Plan. (Closed) option may be added to VHASS in future. B. Cumbie motion to approve annual review of the PEMS Hospital Diversion Policy. 2<sup>nd</sup> by G. Samuels. Unanimous approval by the group.</p> <p>PEMS Emergency Department Supply Replacement Form annual review: B. Cumbie motion to approve, K. Harper 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimous approval with no changes this year.</p>	<p>Post review to PEMS 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report</p> <p>Post annual review</p>	<p>PEMS/ 12-1-20</p> <p>PEMS/12-1-20</p>
New Business	<p>Cuffed Endotracheal Tubes (ETT). PEMS PPP and EMS Operations Committee would like to see if the pediatric ETT’s have all been changed to “cuffed”. Some of the agencies have moved to cuffed ETT and would like to see the PEMS Emergency Department Supply Replacement to reflect this. J. Bendit stated that not all agencies and hospitals are carrying cuffed across the region. He asked all Hospital systems if they all have moved to cuffed. Studies out there currently do not have a preference. M. Haigh from Riverside Regional stated that they went to cuffed because the CHKD transfers from RRM to CHKD that were</p>	<p>PICO continued research cuffed vs uncuffed ETT</p>	<p>PICO/ 01-21-21</p>

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	<p>intubated previously with uncuffed peds ETT, CHKD would immediately extubate and re-intubate with cuffed ETT and Riverside felt that they should prevent complications when this potentially could cause problems in the future. Some of the Peninsula agencies have moved to cuffed ETT only. B. Cumbie stated that they did not have all of the ETT cuffed in Sentara CarePlex. G. Samuels stated that Bon Secours MIH and RGH do not all have cuffed ETT. All agreed to keep this for old business to see if the region may move to cuffed only in the future. Currently the PEMS Emergency Department Resupply list does not specify one or the other.</p> <p>I-Gel supraglottic airway discussion- J. Bendit was emailed from several people from EMS Operations, J. Davenport and others about the future addition of I-Gels. I-Gels can be found at: <a href="https://www.intersurgical.com/info/igel">https://www.intersurgical.com/info/igel</a> None of the PEMS hospitals are using I-Gels at this time. King Airways were introduced regionally in the past and potential consideration for regional addition in the future. J. Bendit stated that the PPP, MAC, and EMS Operations should look at whether they would like to do with I-Gels for the future.</p> <p>Hampton Fire Department sent J. Bendit at PEMS email requesting blood pressure cuffs to be added to the PEMS Emergency Department Resupply list. This has been brought up in the PICO over past several years. The reason we have not moved to add this item to the regional resupply list is because all 55 agencies and 10 hospitals do not use the same blood pressure cuffs. It is unrealistic to ask hospitals all to by the various different blood pressure cuffs that are not universal. Some hospitals share the same cuffs as some agencies and have been providing them without adverse issues. At this time, all in the PICO stated that this should not be added at this time.</p>	<p>PICO send I-Gel back to EMS Ops and PPP for further potential regional use.</p>	<p>J. Davenport/ S. Craig/ 2021</p>
<p>Good of the Order</p>	<p>Important Dates: Verify Attendance, check contact information.</p> <p>B. Cumbie queried term for Chair of PICO. 2 years is the term of volunteering. Please query other hospital systems to see if rotations can be done. K. Harper RRMC completed 4 years. RGH</p> <p>Important Dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. PEMS Protocol update March 1, 2021.</li> <li>b. HRTS April 16, 2021.</li> <li>c. PEMS Annual Celebrate EMS Day at Busch Gardens May, 2021.</li> <li>e. Telestroke, Middle Peninsula, Target start date January 2021.</li> </ul>		
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next meeting: Thursday, January 21, 21, 1500-1630.</p>		
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion to adjourn by G. Samuels. Second by K. Harper. Motion approved unanimously at 3:42 p.m.</p>	<p>Post minutes</p>	<p>PEMS/11-1-20</p>