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PEMS Inter-facility Cooperative Organization Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 4-15-21

Meeting Location: Teleconference

Chaired By: B. Cumbie

Begin Time: 3:08 p.m.

End Time: 3:44p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: J. Bendit

Draft: Approved Date 10-14-2021

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

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	3:08 p.m. by B. Cumbie.		
Introductions	Introductions were made. T. Veach has been hired as the PEMS EMS Field Coordinator- Operations and the PICO Committee Facilitator and the PEMS Pharmacy Committee Facilitator after 4-20-21.	Update roster	S. Pincus/ 05-1-21
Minutes	PICO Committee Minutes – Motion by B. Pierce to approve 01-16-21 PICO meeting minutes as presented. Second by M. Haigh. Motion approved unanimously without comment.	Post approved minutes.	S. Pincus/ 05-1-21
Hospital Updates	a. Hampton VA Hospital – No report b. Langley AFB Hospital – No report		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Sentara CarePlex Hospital- No report d. Riverside Regional Medical Center- K. Harper stated Volumes return to pre-COVID numbers. Increasing EMS Volume and Increase in admissions. e. Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital- G. Samuels has had intermittent difficulties in attending the BBB platform. He thinks it has to do with Bon Secours MIH and RGH security features. Similar increases in EMS and admissions with pre-COVID numbers. Ramping up preparations for EMS Week celebrations. f. Riverside Doctors' Hospital – K. Reimers said she had No report. g. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center – B. Cumbie stated that COVID numbers seem to be decreasing with EMS increased transports to there. She said potentially 10% increase in numbers and about pre-COVID. Length of stay seems to be increasing and decreased COVID patients. Yesterday they had 1 R/O COVID and 0 under investigation. h. Riverside Walter Reed- No Report. i. Bon Secours Rappahannock General Hospital – G. Samuels stated that construction starting groundbreaking for the front entrance that gives a new Emergency Room, Cafeteria, and also new pharmacy in the rear of the facility. He states that there is no impact to EMS transports to the ED at this time. More information will be sent to PEMS and EMS prior to any changes. j. Riverside Tappahannock Hospital – None. 		
PEMS Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. PEMS Council- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. MIR Review – J. Bendit stated that we still have not received any MIRs for this group to review. He stated that Dr. Louka has asked PEMS to look into things such as Q-Codes to be placed in EMS, Emergency Rooms, Lounges, Nursing Stations in order to link quickly to things such as MIR and MBIRs. ii. Regional EMS Awards – J. Bendit the Regional EMS Awards for the Celebrate EMS at Busch Gardens is cancelled for 2021. Please send in award nominations to PEMS online on our website. The original deadline for submission to PEMS was 4-16-21. No extension from VAOEMS on award submissions yet. <p>J. Bendit stated that RPMC Dr. Ramakrishnan and S. Watkins lead this moving forward. This has been approved by Riverside Regional leadership and the contracted Neurologists for on-call to initiate a Telestroke trial where four agencies, Mathews, Gloucester, Abingdon, and West Point based on their transport history. Destination determination when using this tele-stroke determined by the algorithm and Neurologist on the line. 8 total tablets will be given to these agencies. The hours this will take place will be from 7pm-7am after training and start date has been determined. S. Watkins is currently on maternity leave and will work to set up a meeting as soon as she gets back to work.</p>	<p>Fill out MIRS and send to PEMS</p> <p>Submit award nominations to PEMS</p>	<p>Continued by all</p> <p>PICO members/ 4-16-21</p>
VHASS Status	B. Pierce had nothing to add this meeting other than he would look at our Diversion Policy and compare to the EVHC Diversion and definitions.		
Old Business	Cuffed vs Uncuffed ETT discussed again. K. Harper stated that she would like to see if we could move forward with the recommendations of the 2020 AHA supporting cuffed ETT. AHA-Professional Heart Daily-Top Things to Know: 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and ECC, Part 5: Neonatal Resuscitation. The AHA 2020 Interim Training Materials: PALS Provider Manual Changes. The American College of Emergency Physicians. B. Cumbie stated she would look into the Sentara Healthcare system to see what they can do to change to the Cuffed ETT. K. Harper stated she is going to get RDH, RTH, and RWRH to use the Cuffed ETT	Research hospital system Peds ETT supplies to potentially move to Cuffed ETT	PICO/MAC/Peds CMTE/ 7-15-21

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	she has for RRMC in order to update our ED Ambulance Resupply 1-1. G. Samuels stated he would talk with both RGH and MIH to see where they can go with this as well. J. Bendit will forward to the PEMS Pediatric Committee and MAC.		
New Business	<p>Annual Review Hospital Diversion Plan – J. Bendit stated that the VHASS is looking into having similar terminology to the PEMS Diversion Plan. The committee reviewed the PEMS Hospital Diversion Policy and unanimously agreed that they had no comments or recommendations at this time.</p> <p>Annual Hospital Restocking Agreement review. J. Bendit stated that this is signed for a period of 5 years. Last signed 2020. It is a year process to go to the hospitals first in order for them to send the agreement through their legal review before signatures. Once all of the hospitals sign, the document similarly goes to all PEMS Agencies to sign. No changes or questions brought up. Unanimous review without discrepancy.</p>		
Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates: Verify Attendance, check contact information.</p> <p>Important Dates: a. PEMS Protocol update April 1, 2021. b. HRTS April 16, 2021. c. PEMS Annual Celebrate EMS Day at Busch Gardens May 16, 2021 cancelled. d. Telestroke, Middle Peninsula to move forward. Start date to be determined.</p>		
Next Meeting	Next meeting: Thursday, July 15, 21, 1500-1630.		
Adjournment	Motion to adjourn by B. Pierce. Second by K. Harper. Motion approved unanimously at 3:44p.m.	Post minutes	PEMS/ 5-1-21