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**PEMS Protocols, Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes**

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

**Meeting Date: 05-12-21**

**Meeting Location**

Virtual

**Chaired By: D. Justis**

**Begin Time: 10:02 am**

**End Time: 12:15 pm**

**Minutes Submitted By: S. Craig**

**Draft: Approved Date: 6-09-21**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Blake, Gregory (TC)	Balog, Tony	Craig, Seth (TC)	Louka, Amir (TC)
Caroll, Kevin (TC)	Beam, Brad		Smith, Matt (TC)
Davenport, John (TC)	Crittenden, Eileen		
Haigh, Mary (TC)	Doak, Melissa		
Justis, David (C) (TC)	Hall, Kevin		
Masten, Jim (TC)	Houde, Paul		
Samuels, Gary (TC)	Judkins, Chris		
	Klink, Shannon		
	Manning, Amy		
	McCoig, Janet		
	Musey, John		
	Nicholson, Ben		
	Sausy, Juliette		
	Smith, Caroline		
	Tate, Michael		
	Vernovai, Chris OEMS		
	Vest, Ellen		
	Wright, Mark		

<b>Item</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>By Whom/When</b>
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 10:02 a.m. by D. Justis.		
Introductions	Attendance as recorded above. Introductions made online, due to COVID-19 meeting was only offered via teleconference.		
Approval of Minutes	D. Justis made a motion to approve the minutes from 4-14-2021. A. Louka seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.		

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Membership Changes	Eileen Crittenden requested removal due to other commitments. A. Louka made a motion seconded by D. Justis. Motion approved unanimously.	Remove E. Crittenden	S. Pincus/6-21
Staff Report	PPP is on track to meet Contract Deliverables regarding Policies, Protocols, and Procedures. PEMS has hired T. Veach as Field Coordinator- Hospital Programs and G. Bever as IT Specialist.		
Old Business	<p>The Protocol Subcommittee did not meet since last PPP meeting to work on organization of the protocols.</p> <p>EMT, AEMT, I/P Protocol tests were released to PEMS OMDs with Protocol Test Agreements on file as of 4-30-21.</p> <p>S. Pincus and S. Craig are working on Sharepoint for PPP Committee Members. When it is finalized, S. Craig will notify active members.</p> <p><b>Current Protocols Discussed:</b>  12 Lead- is a 15 lead necessary, and if so, when should one be acquired? A. Louka will talk with Dr. Kantos, cardiologist, about whether or not 15 lead in prehospital setting is beneficial and/or necessary, and if so, under which circumstance(s). PPP members will also look at current ACLS guidelines regarding 15 lead ECG before next meeting.  Capnography- indications are conflicting and need to be clarified. It was also recommended to remove indications and contraindications. The current “waveform patterns” should be kept. K. Caroll offered to revise the procedure. When it was first written, capnography was new.  Central Venous Catheter Access: This procedure is not really necessary due to IO capabilities now. A. Louka made a motion to remove the procedure. J. Masten seconded it. Motion to make recommendation to MAC to remove procedure was approved unanimously.  Chest Decompression- A. Louka recommended clarifying the procedure, particularly around the indications.  ET Intubation- PEDs intubation has shown universally worse outcomes compared to BLS skills. The PPP Committee will continue to discuss whether to remove PEDs intubation or consider limits, as well as emphasizing only when less invasive means were unsuccessful.  VAD- check with AHA regarding “Do not perform CPR without direction of Medical Control or VAD Coordinator.” Issue is that a VAD Coordinator is not Medical Control. No known reports of a VAD becoming dislodged during CPR. Consider adding EtCO2 in guidance on when to do CPR.  Needle Cric- age &gt; 12 years. A. Louka offered to look into what should be done for infants/children and report back to Committee.  Surgical Cric- review PEARLS, suggest adding ages.  External Cardiac Pacing- review placement of pads (A/P) and current recommended settings when initiating pacing.  OB- things not included- appendage presentation, breach, post-partum bleeding</p>	Sharepoint for PPP	S. Craig/S. Pincus
New Business	No new business. Committee will continue reviewing procedures not reviewed this month.		
Good of the Order	Next Meeting: <b>Wednesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10:00 am</b> PEMS Regional Nominations are due <b>May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021</b> . Deadline was extended		
Adjournment	Attendance verified. Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm		