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

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

**Meeting Date: 11-16-2022**

**Meeting Location Virtual Meeting & in Person**

**PEMS – MS Teams**

**Chaired By: Dr. Justis**

**Begin Time: 10:04 a.m.**

**End Time: 10:47 a.m.**

**Minutes Submitted By: Seth Craig**

**Draft: Approved Date: 01-11-23**

| <b>Members Present:</b>  | <b>Members Absent:</b> | <b>Staff:</b>   | <b>Others:</b>   |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Balog, Tony (TC)         | Beam, Brad             | Craig, Seth     | Louka, Amir (TC) |
| Davenport, John (TC)     | Blake, Gregory         | Pincus, Stephen |                  |
| Doak, Melissa (TC)       | Carroll, Kevin         |                 |                  |
| Houde, Paul (TC)         | Crowson, Doug          |                 |                  |
| Justis M.D., David L (C) | Haigh, Mary            |                 |                  |
| Samuels, Gary (TC)       | Musey, John            |                 |                  |
|                          | Nicholson M.D., Ben    |                 |                  |
|                          | Vest, Ellen            |                 |                  |
|                          | Williams, Shannon      |                 |                  |

| <b>Item</b>            | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action Required</b>        | <b>By Whom/When</b> |
|------------------------|--|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Call to Order       | The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by D. Justis   |                               |                     |
| 2. Introductions       | Introductions were made and recorded.  |                               |                     |
| 3. Approval of Minutes | Motion was made by J. Davenport to approve the minutes from September 14, 2022 as submitted. A. Louka provided the second. There was no discussion regarding the minutes. Motion to approve carried unanimously.   | Change draft minutes to final | S. Craig            |
| 4. Membership Changes  | S. Craig indicated that B. Beam has moved out of the area, and that T. Veach with the Pharmacy Committee indicated that G. Blake should be removed and they will select a new representative. A. Louka made a motion to remove Brad Beam and Greg Blake from the committee. T. Balog seconded the motion. Motion approved. | Remove from Roster            | S. Pincus           |
| 5. Staff Report        | S. Pincus reported PEMS received 5 EMS Governor’s Awards at the 2022 EMS Symposium. Congratulations to all recipients. Thank you for all you do to improve EMS care in the PEMS Region.  |                               |                     |

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| 6. Old Business      | <p>a. Status of AEMT Scope of Practice- S. Craig reported that the MAC requested the formation of a subcommittee of OMDs in the Northern Neck. It includes opioids for pain management, Versed, and Epi in Cardiac arrest. A. Louka indicated his support of the update.</p> <p>b. Handtevy Drafts in MS Teams- S. Craig reported that it is in there for agencies to refer to and look at as a regional example. All agencies must sign an agreement with OEMS/Handtevy. All basic user fees are paid for by OEMS. D. Justis asked about statewide pediatric protocols, A. Louka indicated that there is not currently a move towards that. However, the Pediatric Care Committee is discussing making resources available to other EMS Regions.</p> <p>c. Neonatal Resus. Protocol- S. Craig was not in attendance at the October PPP meeting where this issue was introduced. He reported that the PCC has created a protocol to be approved by MAC in December.</p> <p>d. Extreme Measures Protocol- A. Louka – could a provider be advised to conduct a field amputation? According to the State MDC, that is not the intent of the State Regulations, and is way out of the scope of a medic in the field. S. Pincus asked about emergency c-section. D. Justis indicated that this is the Hammurabi’s Code. A. Louka indicated that this is high risk and would put the EMS Provider in significant legal risk, especially since they are not trained and it is not within the state scope of practice. M. Doak expressed concern about providing regional education because the current interpretation of the Extreme Measures Protocol is longstanding. S. Craig indicated if removal of the protocol is approved by MAC, it would be in the rollout. A. Louka offered to provide a regional notification/update to all agencies if the protocol is removed, stating that “the maximum things you can do in the state of Virginia is what is listed in the state scope of practice.” The state scope of practice is a maximum/ceiling. M. Doak expressed concern about those teaching EMS who may not be affiliated with an agency, so they would also need to be informed.</p> |  |                                       |
| 7. New Business      | <p>a. D. Justis wanted to make sure everyone knows that triage tags are not currently available through VA OEMS.</p> <p>b. D. Justis reported that National Registry examination (test) costs are increasing.</p> <p>c. J. Davenport asked about the PEMS perspective of using Ketamine for pain management. A. Louka reported that ODEMSA tried to use it and quickly reversed course back to opioids and NSAIDS. The used of Ketamine is becoming more moderated. T. Balog indicated that TEMS has it in the protocols and it appears to be having a negative impact on patients.</p> <p>d. J. Davenport also asked about Ketamine in the behavioral emergencies. Is it best practices to go through the benzos first or go directly to Ketamine in some situations. S. Craig indicated that it could be sent to PIC for investigation.</p>  |  |                                       |
| 8. Good of the Order | <p>a. Next Meeting is scheduled for December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. D. Justis made a motion to cancel the December meeting. J. Davenport seconded the motion. Motion was approved, next PPP meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.</p>   | Make announcement and update PEMS Calendar | S. Pincus/K. Brophy prior to 12-14-22 |
| 9. Verify Attendance | Attendance was verified.   |  |                                       |
| 10. Adjournment      | Meeting was adjourned at 10:47 am.   |  |                                       |