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## PEMS Protocols, Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes

A PEMS Council Standing Committee

Meeting Date: 01-11-2023

Meeting Location Virtual Meeting & in Person

PEMS – MS Teams

Chaired By: Dr. Justis

Begin Time: 10:00 a.m.

End Time: 11:05 a.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Seth Craig

Draft: Approved Date: 02-08-23

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

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by D. Justis		
2. Introductions	Introductions were made and recorded.		
3. Approval of Minutes	Motion was made by G. Samuels to approve the minutes from November 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 as submitted. P. Houde 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	A. Louka made a motion to replace G. Blake (removed at 11-16-22 meeting) and add Tanya Claiborne as the Pharmacy Committee Representative. E. Vest seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.	Add to Roster	S. Pincus/K. Brophy
5. Staff Report	S. Craig reported that this Committee has met current deliverables and is making a significant positive impact on patient care in the prehospital setting.		
6. Old Business	a. A. Louka reported that at the December 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 Joint TEMS/PEMS Meeting that Dr. Limbeck discussed the “Exception Protocol” and that it was never intended to allow an EMS Provider to exceed the State		

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	<p>Scope of Practice or Formulary. During the MAC meeting, the Exception Protocol was voted to be removed. In addition, the MAC voted to expand the AEMT Scope of Practice in PEMS to meet the State Scope of Practice. The requirement for a CSR for Schedule VI was also discussed at that time.</p> <p>b. S. Craig reported that the 2023 Protocol “Complete” Packet and “Update” Packet have both been completed and available to agency representatives to obtain quotes for printing, etc. The Protocol App and PEMS website will go live on March 1, 2023. J. King is working on the Training Video and the Protocol Tests. Please send and test question recommendations to her.</p>	Submit EMT, AEMT, I/P protocol questions to J. King	PPP Members/ 01-18-23
7. New Business	<p>a. S. Craig reported that a Protocol Review Request was submitted regarding an apparent discrepancy between the Amiodarone Pharmacology page and the Post ROSC Care regarding an Amiodarone drip/infusion. The Committee will review the administration of an Amiodarone drip to determine if it should be removed from the Pharmacology Page or added to the appropriate protocols.</p> <p>b. S. Craig requested that the Committee revisit a previous discussion regarding “alternate destinations” and the <i>Transportation &amp; Destination Determination</i> protocol. The Committee agreed that a free-standing ED can be an appropriate destination in PEMS and that destinations should not only be a “hospital.” In addition, the Committee agreed to revise the protocol to remove the word “hospital” and add an additional line 5 to state “if locally approved alternate destinations may be established such as urgent cares or physician offices.” This is an appropriate time to consider alternate destinations due to ET3, MIH/CP, and overcrowded emergency rooms, the new Behavioral Health Hospital, etc.</p> <p>c. A. Louka asked the Committee to consider standardizing whole blood guidelines. If agencies in the region had similar standards it would facilitate interoperability in an MCI. A regional whole blood program or standardization would facilitate interagency requests. If agencies do not have a whole blood program, they would at least be made aware of the availability in mutual aid situations, etc.</p>	<p>Review current evidence and guidelines regarding Amiodarone infusion.</p> <p>Develop draft of Protocol</p> <p>Create Regional/standardized whole blood guidelines</p>	<p>A. Louka, D. Justis 02/08/23</p> <p>S. Craig 02/08/23</p> <p>A. Louka</p>
8. Good of the Order	a. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2023 at 10:00 am.		
9. Verify Attendance	Attendance was verified.		
10. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.		