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PEMS Protocols, Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: 02-08-2023

Meeting Location Virtual Meeting & in Person

PEMS – MS Teams

Chaired By: Dr. Justis

Begin Time: 10:05 a.m.

End Time: 11:05 a.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Seth Craig

Draft: Approved Date: 3-08-23

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

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
1. Call to Order	The meeting was called to order at 10:05 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 January 11, 2023. as submitted. T. Balog 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 reported that there were no changes for this month. K. Brophy has reviewed the roster and there is a need for 2 HEMS Reps on the PPP Committee.	Look for new members	PPP Committee
5. Staff Report	S. Craig reported that the March 2023 Protocol documents have been completed and are available to agencies in preparation for the rollout. There are slides and a video for training. AcidRemap, the app vendor has the documents. The protocol tests are being developed and will be sent out to PEMS OMDs with Protocol Test Requests on file.		

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6. Old Business	<p>a. Protocol Review Request- Post ROSC Care, V-Fib, Pulseless V-tach and Amiodarone- A. Louka reported that current research suggests that Amiodarone may benefit patients with refractory VF after ROSC. He has revised the JCC Protocol and will share it with PPP for consideration for PEMS. In addition, in the JCC Protocol he has moved Norepinephrine above Epinephrine. He also revised the JCC Cardiac Arrest protocol by moving defibrillation by EMR and above near the top of the protocol. He is going to share the Pediatric protocol with the PEMS PCC for input.</p> <p>b. S. Craig revised the <i>Transportation & Destination Determination</i> Protocol as discussed at the January PPP meeting. In January, 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.” It was emailed to the Committee and put into MS Teams, but not many people reviewed it. Discussion tabled until next month.</p> <p>c. Whole Blood Protocols- A. Louka and C. Smith presented a “Regional Whole Blood Program Guide” for consideration by PPP/PEMS. This document will be disseminated to the Committee for review and comment. It will then be presented to the PEMS MAC for consideration as a template for agencies interested in starting a whole blood program.</p>	<p>Review Destination Determination Protocol</p> <p>Disseminate draft template to PPP</p>	<p>PPP/3-08-23</p> <p>A. Louka S. Craig/03-08-23</p>
7. New Business	<p>a. Protocol Review Request- Infant Abandonment- S. Craig advised the committee that this recently came through on the Protocol Review Request form but has already been revised and will go live with the 03-01-23 update</p> <p>b. Protocol Review Request- Transcutaneous Pacing; Adult Bradycardia. This discussion was tabled until next month</p> <p>c. Ultrasound protocols- M. Player came into the meeting and asked members to consider developing guidelines and standardizations for the region. Ultrasound is a Red Dot only Paramedic Providers.</p> <p>d. A. Louka revised the JCC Childbirth protocol by combining the current 2 PEMS stand alone birthing protocols. His goal is to focus on relevant issues and address how to manage complicated deliveries. He included updated images for better comprehension. He will share the JCC protocols with PPP></p> <p>e. ASA and Trauma Alerts- M. Doak asked the Committee to review some local hospital policies that now make patients on Aspirin with an injury “Trauma Alerts.” A. Louka shared the National Guidelines for Field Triage of Trauma Patients (www.facs.org) which lists anticoagulants as an EMS judgement, not an automatic Trauma alert. The PEMS Trauma Committee is already discussing the PEMS Trauma Triage Plan.</p>	<p>Review submission and discuss Pacing at next meeting</p> <p>Begin developing regional ultrasound guidelines Share JCC Birthing protocols</p>	<p>PPP/3-08-23</p> <p>PPP/3-08-23</p> <p>A. Louka/ 3-08-23</p>
8. Good of the Order	<p>a. Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 8th, 2023 at 10:00 am.</p>		
9. Verify Attendance	<p>Attendance was verified.</p>		
10. Adjournment	<p>Meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.</p>		