



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
EMS Medical Operations Committee
Minutes – August 10, 2016

Attendance

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Member's Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
Accomack	Charles Pruitt		Woody Gaskins	
Northampton	Hollye Carpenter		MaryAnn Fitchett	
Chesapeake	Thom Schwalenberg, Chair	X	Forest Winslow	X
Franklin	Vince Holt	X	Tim Dunn	
Norfolk	Dan Norville, Vice-Chair	X	Greg DeYoung	
Portsmouth	Jeff Meyers		Amy Ward	X
Suffolk	Ray Willet	X		
Virginia Beach	Ed Brazle	X	John Bianco	X
Isle of Wight	Amanda Pulley	X	Chris Smith	X
Southampton	Brian Steelman		Danny Bolton	
ED Nurse Mangers	Chris Roberts	X		
ED Physician	Frank Dos Santos			
Pharmacist	Diane Araj-Buckley	X	Charles Rawls	X
Hosp. Administrator	Ralph Rosignolo		Travis Mitchell	X
Public Health			Larry Hill	
Commercial EMS			Anthony Wilson	
Special Operations	Dennis Keane	X		
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Kevin Janney		Anthony Sickell	X
Nightingale	Denise Baylous			
CHKD Transport Team	Jamie Carter		Cheryl Deschaine	
TEMS Staff	David Coulling	X	Jay Porter	X
TEMS Staff	Jim Chandler	X	Judy Shuck	
TEMS Staff	Dessislava "Dessi" Bradecich	X		
TEMS Board	Kent Weber			
OEMS	Wayne Berry	X		
EVHC	Glenn McBride	X		
<u>Guests</u>				
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guest's Name</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	
Mary view ED	Frankie Hoffer			
MMRS	David Long			
TCC	Jason Ambrose		Tom Calogrides	

Welcome and Introductions

- Thom Schwalenberg, Chair, called the meeting to order. Introductions were made. The committee approved the June 8, 2016 minutes as posted.

Performance Improvement:

- Jay Porter reported that the PI Committees have split the committees meeting dates, so the even months will be EMS and Trauma PI committee starting at 3:30pm. The odd months will be STEMI and Stroke PI committees starting at 1pm.

Education Workgroup:

- Jay Porter reported that Education workgroup just finished up filming the protocol rollout and is being edited for distribution to all of the agencies. Starting on the third Tuesday of every month the Education workgroup is reviewing and upgrading the Sanctioning test to match new protocols and to create additional questions for online testing to be administered at the TEMS office.

Protocol Workgroup:

- Jason Ambrose reported that the OMD committee reviewed the final revision of the protocols minus spacing and spelling corrections everything looked good. During the discussion, the OMD's mentioned the status and testing of intermediates in this region and how the EMS changes at the state and national level would affect this process.

Nurse Managers

- Chris Roberts reported that the nurse managers are still discussing ambulance diversion. Any hospital that goes on diversion for any length of time is being reported out to the nurse managers for review. The group will review the resupply list after the protocol have been rolled out to make sure we are fair and equitable in restocking EMS agencies with supplies they use. There will be Chempak training going on to educate the hospitals on its use.

OEMS

- Wayne Berry reported that the rules and regulations workgroup will meet in September and revisions are underway. The workgroup anticipates being able to present the recommended changes to the Board of Health for approval before the end of the year. Please remind all of your providers to affiliate with your agencies by going to OEMS website's agency portal and request affiliation to the agency(s) that they work or volunteer with. Jim Chandler mentioned that Mike Berg mentioned that when they go through this round of regulatory review and revisions, one of

the things that will happen is the change of the chapter number which will wipe out any previous exemptions or variances that have been granted. So if your agency is in need of an exemption then you would need to reapply.

Pharmacies

- Diane Araj – Buckley reported that although she will be part of the pharmacy workgroup she will be stepping aside and Charles Rawls, who is the ED Pharmacist at Sentara Princess Anne, will be MOC's point of contact. Currently, there are no shortages to report and the pharmacy workgroup will meet soon to try to implement the changes to the medication boxes. Among the changes we will be moving Narcan and D50 to the orange boxes. A reminder to everyone, the control substances still need a wet signature.

MCI Plan Workgroup and MCI/Disaster Training:

- David Long reported that on August 18th, the Strike team will train in Virginia Beach concentrating on resupplying all ten jurisdiction's DMSU's. The units will be cleaned inside and out, inspected, all consumable supplies resupplied and all of the electrical equipment will be tested. Long requests MOC committee ponder how to incorporate the hemostatic agent, located in the DMSU's, into protocols as there were reservations in the past. Long will be working with the Education workgroup to incorporate its usage into the protocols. In addition, David Long would like the group to consider looking at some type of deployment module for Cyanokit as we have a little over 70 doses in the PEMS/TEMS region at \$1000 per dose. After much discussion MOC directed Long to get some clinical direction from the PI groups and reaching out to the agencies.

Unfinished Business:

- **EMS Strategic Plan – MOC Dashboard**
Jim Chandler recapped that the board was recommending that each committee identify their projects and their goals and to setup a snapshot or dashboard of the projects and their status. Forrest Winslow and David Long is working on this for MOC.
- **Reporting of Med Errors**
Thom Schwalenberg stated that several members of MOC committee and the Board of Directors support this project. The EMS PI committee will look at its current state PI plan and revise its structure so that it is working for regionally.

New Business:

- **RSAF Grant Cycle is Open!**
David Coulling reported that grant submissions must be completed by September 15th. Dan Norville reported that there will be a blanket giveaway from OEMS to each council for I-SIM-U-LATE and 2 jump kits to use at the consolidated test sites. (Later clarification – this is for NRENT-P testing)
- **Educational Training Funds**
Jim reported that the State Office of EMS is taking a different direction in the distribution of EMS training funds. They are looking to assign the funds to the regional councils and have the council's handle the procurement process that will developed through an MOU. OEMS is estimating the process to begin no later than Oct. 1st.

Medical Trends/Issues:

Discussion focused on active shooter events and EMS response

- **VBEMS:** Ed Brazle commented that they have a Rescue Response Task Force to respond to an Active Shooter threat. Beach is not ready at this time to purchase body armor.
- **CFD:** Thom Schwalenberg reported that CFD is ready to purchase body armor and suggested that the region attempt to develop a regional plan
- **NFR:** Dan Norville reported that NFR has been working with Norfolk Police Dept. and have found that have matching policies to an Active Shooter threat. NFR will be purchasing 3A body armor which will include ceramic plates and helmets with adjustable rackets that will go with every riding physician; gear will not be individually issued. August 20th Fire Programs will host a "Best Practice" discussion at the Hampton Conference Center.
- **MMRS:** David Long spoke about mass shootings and wound patterns as reported in a recent article in Journal of Trauma and Acute Care Surgery.

Jurisdiction Reports:

- **CFD:** Thanks to Amy Ward, Chris Roberts and Dustin Lyle (VBEMS) for helping out this past Thursday with our Paramedic Promotion process.
- **TCC:** Jason Ambrose is now the Program Director for EMS at TCC. TCC has a transitional program for those that are currently in the pipeline of paramedic school. New state rules state that if you have not tested out paramedic by the end of the year then you will be subject to test under the new rules, nor can you test advanced students for intermediate students at paramedic test sites. There is a good chance that TCC will be offering EMT-Intermediate testing.
- **VBEMS:** Tom Green and Jason Stroud are the new Deputy Directors for VBEMS and currently looking to fill Division Chief positions. Debbie Brennaman is being transferred back at the Training Division.
- **Sentara:** The Rock and Roll Marathon and the Air Show are our next major events. We are starting to update our mass casualty cache, there are a ton on IV supplies available for pickup.

Announcements / Dates to Remember – please see www.tidewaterems.org

The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held October 12th 2016 at 12 noon at the TEMS office.