



**Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
EMS Medical Operations Committee Meeting
Minutes – June 14, 2017**

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	X	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 Willett	X		
Virginia Beach	Ed Brazle		John Bianco	
Isle of Wight	Amanda Pulley		Chris Smith	X
Southampton	Brian Steelman		Danny Bolton	
ED Nurse Mangers	Chris Roberts	X	Frankie Hoffler	
ED Physician	Frank Dos Santos			
Pharmacist	Diane Buckley		Charles Rawls	X
Hosp. Administrator	Ralph Rosignolo			
Public Health			Larry Hill	
Commercial EMS			Anthony Wilson	X
Special Operations	Dennis Keane	X		
Fed Fire/Navy EMS	Jason Kinlaw		Paul Roszko	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	X
TEMS Staff	Dessislava "Dessi" Bradecich	X		
TEMS Board	Wayne Shank			
OEMS	Wayne Berry			
HRMMRS	David Long	X		
EVHC	Glenn McBride		Shawn Metzner	
TCC	Jason Ambrose		Tom Calogrides	
<u>Jurisdiction / Agency</u>	<u>Guests</u>		<u>Guest's Name</u>	

Welcome, Introductions, and Minute Approval:

- Thom Schwalenberg, Chair, called the meeting to order and introductions were made. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the April 12, 2017 minutes as distributed.

CHKD Trauma Services Update:

- Dr. Ann Kuhn, CHKD Medical Director gave a presentation and advised the MOC committee that CHKD is still seeking status as a pediatric trauma center. July 25th is when the state is scheduled to come in and do a site survey to determine a provisional status. The OMD committee will work with the protocol workgroup and trauma PI committee to have needed triage changes in place and ready for implementation once the CHKD trauma center is approved.

CISM Outreach Presentation:

- Daryl Clements gave a presentation of the current day CISM team and services that are being offered.

Performance Improvement:

- Forest Winslow and Christi Budy gave a presentation focusing on local and regional data collection and analysis is improving and regional benchmarking can begin, but data entry improvements are still needed. STEMI data is very good at this point, regional benchmarking has been ongoing for nearly two years and a combination of outcome data and partner cooperation have led to system, and patient care, improvements throughout the region. Both requested more agency participation.

OMD Committee:

- Jay Porter reported that Medical Directors have agreed to permanently remove Dopamine from the red drug box. There were protocol conflicts in the chest pain protocol. The OMD's agreed to approve EMTs and AEMTs to administer ASA on standing orders. The committee has approved the changes to the Difficult Airway Course to reflect the changes to the RSI protocol update. The OMD committee approved, with no changes the following Appendixes B, F, and G. The EMS PI plan has been rewritten to allow for the EMS PI Committee to become the oversight committee for 4 other subcommittees (Patient/Provider Safety, Trauma, STEMI and Stroke); all of the plans have been updated to reflect a standardized format. Trauma PI plan was changed to reflect the 2011 National Trauma Triage Decision Scheme update; STEMI plan is in the process of being rewritten and will be presented to the OMDs at the June meeting for final approval; The Stoke plan had a minor change in wording from Stroke patients will be transported to a Primary Stroke Center to Stroke patients will preferentially be transported to a Primary Stroke Center which reflects what is actually being done in the region currently.

Education Workgroup:

- Ray Willett reported that the Educational Workgroup has put together a test consisting of 350 questions. The next few meetings will comprise the group categorizing and vetting the question bank. Ultimately, the Education Workgroup will turn the questions over to TEMS to convert to an electronic form.

Pharmacies

- Charles Rawls had the committee review a draft of the standardize pharmacy exchange short form. A motion was made, seconded and the form was passed with formatting edits to come. The Nurse Manager are requesting that a copy be made of the patient medication list and leave the original with the patient chart. Sentara agreed to order and keep two Cyanokits on hand and will exchange used boxes from the field (not expired boxes) with TEMS. TEMS is responsible for supplying their initial inventory and reordering if boxes expire before use. Rawls will forward an email to PEMS pharmacies to what their policy is regarding Cyanokits. Pharmacies will still use the sticker technique to notify medics of Drug box shortages. You can find the current list of shortages posted at <http://www.tidewaterems.org/tems-drug-iv-box-info/medication-shortages>
- David Long mentioned that methylene blue is no longer being manufactured for the Hazmat boxes but HRMMRS is looking to substitute with probate blue. Moving forward the substitution could potentially alter the Hazmat protocol.

Awards

- Dessislava Bradecich reported the Annual EMS Awards Presentation and Family Day at the Park on June 4th was a success with 8 regional award recipients and Bruce W. Edwards as this regions Special Lifetime Achievement Recipient. Currently, submissions to the state Governors Award committee are being considered.

Grant Review

- David Coulling reported that the grant review was held on May 31st through June 2nd. 148 agencies applied with \$10.8 million in grant request and 3.95 million being allotted. The TEMS region on the Southside eight grant requests were funded. The Eastern Shore were funded for four grant requests. The next grant cycle open August 1st and closes September 15th.

MCI Work Group

- No PEMS-TEMS MCI Work Group meetings were conducted this reporting period.

Mass Casualty Incident Response Preparedness

- 12 April 2017: Attended the Medical Operations Committee meeting.
- 13 April 2017: Participated in the Peninsulas EMS Council's Tappahannock Tornado After Action Conference at the New Kent County Forestry Center.
- 14 April 2017: Created the first draft of the Eastern Virginia Medical Center Full Scale Exercise, Exercise Plan.
- 18 April 2017: Attended the Eastern Shore EMS Council Meeting & RSAF Grant Review.
- 20 April 2017: Attended the Portsmouth LEPC Strategic Planning Meeting.
- 26-27 April 2017: The ICS-400 course was conducted. 24 students completed the course.
- 27 April 2017: Attended the VHHA Education and Training Work Group Meeting.
- 28 April 2017: Attended the Airport Committee for Emergency Preparedness Meeting.
- 28 April 2017: Attended the Role of Transfer Center in an MCI Meeting at Sentara Norfolk General Hospital.
- 03 May 2017: Reviewed Virginia Beach Mt. Trashmore Severe Weather tabletop exercise Situation Manual and Exercise Evaluation Guides.
- 05 May 2017: Served as an evaluator for the Virginia Beach Mt. Trashmore Severe Weather tabletop exercise.
- 11 May 2017: Provided moulage for Every 15 Minutes presentation at Great Bridge High School, Chesapeake.
- 13 May 2017: Instructed Enhanced Moulage Artist Course for Hospitals. 5 students completed the course.
- 16 May 2017: Attended second Portsmouth LEPC Strategic Planning meeting.
- 18 May 2017: Marked and added full body manikins to TEMS exercise equipment inventory.
- 23 May 2017: Attended the Understanding the Emergency Preparedness Final Rule, & Training & Testing Requirements webinar.
- 25 May 2017: Submitted the evaluation of the Virginia Beach Mt Trashmore tabletop exercise.
- 31 May 2017: Submitted Eastern Virginia Medical Center's MCI Full Scale Exercise (FSE) Exercise Plan (EXPLAN) v3 & Controllers/Evaluator's (C/E) Handbook V1 to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital for final edits.
- 01-06 June 2017: Created 13 on-line Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEGs) for the Submitted Eastern Virginia Medical Center's MCI FSE.
- 07 June 2017: Provided training materials to the City of Hampton for their upcoming Sheltering Exercise.
- 09 June 2017: Provided patient simulation cards to Riverside Health Systems to support their upcoming Tornado FSE.

HRMMST (Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Strike Team)

- There were no regional responses during this reporting period.
- 192 of 213 (90%) of HRMMST positions are currently filled as of June 13, 2017.

Mass Casualty Incident & Disaster Response Equipment & Supplies

The region's Shelter Support Units were inventoried and expiring consumable medical supplies on replaced in May 2017.

The region's Disaster Medical Support Units will be inventoried and have the consumable medical supplies replaced in August. Looks for communications from Stephanie to schedule the date from the respective jurisdictions.

Pharmaceutical Caches

- DuoDote Auto injectors: Meridian Pharmaceuticals informed HRMMRS that due to the FDA Action regarding DuoDote, that they will be replacing our original allotment of 1500 DuoDote auto injectors FREE of charge. The incoming DuoDote is expected to be received before December 2017. They are expected to have a 3-4 year shelf life. Agencies will be contacted by HRMMRS as to when and where the DuoDote exchange will occur.

- HRMMRS has submitted the budget to replace the ciprofloxacin, doxycycline and Cyanokits to the state for approval. The State Homeland Security Grants funds (\$80,565) will be used to replace the expiring pharmaceuticals. Purchasing will begin once the budget has received state approval.

Planning & Program Management

- Continued TEMS consultant contract for Program Manager, Regional Healthcare Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (50%), Program Support Specialist and part-time Program Specialist.
- Supported Hampton Roads Planning District Commission administrative/financial services & regional coordination. Support of HRPDC HRMMRS Regional Coordinator & HRPDC representative participation on HRMMRS committees.

HRMMRS has applied for FY17 State homeland Security Grants and will submit for USAI Grant Funding later this week.

New Business:

- **TCC:**

Jay Porter gave a brief update about the impact the reduction in training funds from OEMS is having on the college as well as other entities. Much of the training funds granted help to replace student's resources during the semester.

- **2017 Award Winners**

Jim Chandler wanted to recognize all of this year's award winners especially CFD who large number of winners this year

- Outstanding Public Safety Telecommunications Dispatcher Award - Lisa M. Duval, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, Emergency Management
- James M. Wagenbach Outstanding Pre-Hospital Educator Award - Amber Leigh Jensen, Tidewater Community College
- Outstanding Contribution to EMS Health and Safety Award - J. Scott Clifford, Chesapeake Fire Department
- Nurse with Outstanding Contribution to EMS Award - Christopher W. Roberts, Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital
- Bruce W. Edwards Outstanding EMS Administrator Award - Forrest G. Winslow, Chesapeake Fire Department
- Outstanding Pre-Hospital EMS Provider Award - Jason E. Lombard, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic Fire and Emergency Services
- Outstanding EMS Agency Award - Chesapeake Fire Department
- Excellence in EMS (R.C. Daily Award) – Bruce W. Edwards, Virginia Beach EMS
- Lifetime Achievement Award - Willie "Melvin" Smith, Nansemond-Suffolk Volunteer Rescue Squad

- **Category 1 EMS Continuing Education/Auxiliary Course**

Jim Chandler gave a brief update about the plan to conduct a 33 hour Cat 1 EMS Continuing Education course based upon the National Registry and VA EMS Educational Standards Program. A maximum of two 33-hour CE courses will be funded in each of the ten localities served by the Tidewater EMS Council. The vendor can propose to teach one 33-hour CE course in one locality, twenty 33-hour CE courses in all ten localities, or any combination in between. The vendor can propose to conduct more than two 33-hour CE courses in a particularly locality, however, funding is limited to two 33-hour CE courses per locality. An RFP will go out in the next two weeks to each agency.

A new funding contract which is for the regional EMS council to assist the Virginia Office of EMS to distribute continuing education (CD) course and auxiliary course funding in the region. The council would be paid an administrative fee of \$29,990 and then would be reimbursed up to \$249,940 for qualified auxiliary courses conducted (\$60/student) and up to \$23,100 for CE courses conducted (\$35/hour for up to two 33-hour category 1 courses per locality). The council would contract with agencies or instructors, or would employ individuals, to teach these courses. An open RFP process would satisfy purchasing requirements and identify those interested in teaching these programs. He indicated staff is continuing to work through the purchasing and course contracting process, and while the administrative fee is plugged into the proposed TEMS operating budget as income, no specific expenses associated with administering this program have been firmed up.

The Kent J. Weber Education and Research Fund has generated \$61,500 through memorial donations and annual contributions from Sentara Health Systems and Bon Secours. Mr. Chandler opened up the floor for general discussion and input so that guidance could be developed on the funds setup and use.

• **Medical Trends/Issues/ Jurisdiction Reports:**

- HRMMRS: David Long reported that the Virginia Beach Department of Health has approached the group about the Strike Team assisting with flu vaccinations this fall.
- CFD: Thom Schwalenberg reminded the group that there is a 2-day Federal Joint Counter Terrorism Exercise scheduled for June 20-21 being held at the Chesapeake Conference Center. Secondly, Hampton Roads was placed back on the UASI list and have received a million dollars in funding for the region. Most of the funding will go toward sustaining existing programs.

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

The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held August 9th, 2017 at 12 noon at the TEMS office.