



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
Operational Medical Directors Committee
Minutes –December 10, 2015 1:00pm

Attendance

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	X
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MTI /Airport	X
Theresa Guins, MD	CHKD	X
Susan Boyle, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Brian Gruber, MD		
Bruce Lo, MD		
Carl Wentzel, MD	Mid Atlantic Ambulance	
Christopher Foley, MD	CHKD	
Cindy Dorr, MD	Pruden Center	
David Cash, MD	FBI	
Don Byars, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Donald Bowling, MD		
Julia Annette Johnson-Rayfield, MD	NASA	
Ed McLaughlin, MD	Southern Ambulance	
Paul Roszko	Navy	
Jeremy Garlick	Navy	
Humberto Henriquez, MD	Northstar First	
Jamil Kahn, MD	CHKD	
Joe Lang, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	X
Joel Michael, MD	IOW, NSVRS	X
Lewis Siegel, MD	Chesapeake Fire	X
Lori Givonetti, MD	Nightingale	X
Manuel Armada, MD	TCC	
Martin Payne, MD		
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Mike Genco, MD	Center for EMS	
Thom Schwalenberg	CFD	X
Dan Norville	NFR	X
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Phil Leavy, MD	Suffolk Fire	
Rebecca Lipscomb, MD	Ivor Rescue	X
Richard Hatch, MD	Eastern Shore	
Timothy Lee, MD	BASF	
Jay Porter	TEMS	X
James Chandler	TEMS	X
Thomas Calogrides	TCC	X
Jason Ambrose	TCC	X
Dessislava Bradecich	TEMS	X
David Coulling	TEMS	

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order and the September 2nd minutes were approved as posted.

State OMD Committee Update:

- Stewart Martin, MD addressed the group stating that the State OMD update was covered in the joint meeting and no new information was available at the present time.

Old Business:

- **Medication Data**

- Jay Porter addressed the group with medication data that was pulled from VPHIB about the number of times a medication was administered to patients in the year 2014 including the administration of Morphine and Lasix which have been being reviewed by the PI committees as well as the protocol Committee.

- **Protocol Workgroup**

- Jason Ambrose addressed the group and went over the general protocols and the recommended changes in each protocol by the protocol workgroup. Each protocol was reviewed one by one with Jason pointing out each of the changes recommended by the workgroup. Discussion surrounding some of the different protocols ensued with the final result of acceptance of the changes that were recommended by the workgroup.
- The group addressed and discussed the use of Valium and possible removal of Valium from the Drug Box. The group discussed the Valium issue and no decision was made at the present time.

New Business:

- **IM 1:1,000 Epinephrine vs EPI-PEN**
 - Barry Knapp, MD had asked for the group to consider the switching out of the Ampule of 1:1.000 Epinephrine to the preloaded Epi Pens that are available. There was some discussion about the switch out and that it would definitely decrease the medication errors surrounding the administration of Epinephrine in anaphylaxis patients; however when the pharmacy looked at the cost of the Ampule vs the Epi Pen the results were the Ampule cost is \$1.15 and the Epi-Pen cost is \$211.68 per pen. When compared the different solutions, it was such a great cost to place the pens in the boxes and the Epi-Pen expiration dates are much shorter than the ampule. It was decided not to pursue the switch out of Epinephrine at the present time due to the large increase in cost and shortened expiration dates.
- **Narcan**
 - There was discussion about the change in legislation which allows Law Enforcement, BLS providers and trained lay people to administer Narcan in the community. Virginia Beach is the first agency to support the Police Department in moving forward with the Officers administering Narcan in the field. The discussion then moved to the BLS providers within the region being allowed to administer the IN Narcan in the field. The group agreed to allow for the BLS providers to administer the IN Narcan.
- **Fentanyl**
 - When covering the changes in the general protocols, the addition of Fentanyl to the protocols was made by the protocol workgroup including the dosages for the various protocols. The motion was made, seconded and passed by all to add Fentanyl into the drug box. There were many positive comments about the administration and usage of Fentanyl. The group agreed to add and the maximum dosage is to be 150 micrograms.
- **Meeting Dates for 2016:**
 - March 2nd, June 1st (Memorial Day Weekend), September 7th (Labor Day Week), December 8th

Announcements / Dates to Remember – please visit www.tidewaterems.org. Please contact Jay Porter at porter@vaems.org with any changes to our contact information.

The next meeting of the TEMS Operational Medical Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2016 at 12 pm at the TEMS office.