



**Tidewater EMS Council, Inc. – Courtyard Marriott/Greenbrier  
Operational Medical Directors Committee  
Minutes –March 02, 2016 12:00pm**

**Attendance**

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	X
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MTI /Airport	X
Darren Clark	MTI	X
Theresa Guins, MD	CHKD	X
Jim Burhop, MD	CHKD	X
Susan Boyle, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Brian Gruber, MD		
Rene Morcion	Reliance Medical Transport	X
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	X
Humberto Henriquez, MD	Northstar First	
Jamil Kahn, MD	CHKD	
Joe Lang, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Joel Michael, MD	IOW, NSVRS	X
Lewis Siegel, MD	Chesapeake Fire	X
Lori Givonetti, MD	Nightingale	
Manuel Armada, MD	TCC	X
Martin Payne, MD		
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Mike Genco, MD	Center for EMS	
Thom Schwalenberg	CFD	
Dan Norville	NFR	X
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Phil Leavy, MD	Suffolk Fire	
Rebecca Lipscomb, MD	Ivor Rescue	
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	
David Coulling	TEMS	

**Welcome and Introductions**

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order, introduction were made. The December 10<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved with one correction made to:

“The group addressed and discussed the use of Valium and has decide to remove Valium from the Drug Box.”

**State OMD Committee Update:**

- Stewart Martin, MD reported that the State OMD meeting discussed DEA issues regarding the legality to allow EMS agencies to carry narcotics, a national petition has been established to make changes. The state level committee is continuing to work on the requirements for the aortic balloon pump being carried on the ambulances. The next State OMD meeting will be in Richmond VDH EMS Office on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

**Old Business:**

- **Protocol Workgroup:**  
Jason Ambrose addressed the group as the protocol workgroup come close to finalizing the protocols. Recommended and approved changes are.
  - ✓ Increase Epinephrine drip solution from 3mg to 4mg. to make it identical to Levofed and combine both charts.
  - ✓ Cyanokit will be added to the Reference Protocols
  - ✓ Rehabilitation will remain a protocol, after much discussion from the group.
  - ✓ Criteria for Death/Withholding Resuscitation protocol exception to extend asystole on the ECG with children.
  - ✓ All skill protocol will be located in one spot.
  - ✓ Adult Cardiac Arrest have been condensed to one document.
  - ✓ Adult Bradycardia with hypertension has adjusted the Epi-Drip standing order for Paramedics only and call to order for Intermediates.

- ✓ The group was questioned about the Combative Patient Protocol and how to educate the medic on how to physically and safely restrain a patient verses chemical restraint. Joel Michael, MD suggested seeing if OEMS have an EMSTAT video covering this subject. Jay Porter will contact OEMS and follow-up with the group at the next meeting.
- ✓ Zophrane safe to administer to OBGYN
- ✓ The Vascular Access protocol currently states to attempt three IV applications before doing an IO. In the instance of a patient being in distress and there is an immediate need to administer medication then go to the IO.
- ✓ Pediatric Protocol drug change albuterol from 5mg to 2.5mg in a respiratory distress patient.
- ✓ The current Immobilization Protocol is more restrictive than the national standards. The protocol workgroup is working on verbiage to help with that.
- ✓ Stewart Martin, MD wants a draft sent to all OMD's, EMS training instructors to review prior to the next OMD meeting.

**New Business:**

- **MTI Protocol Presentation:**
  - Stephen Skrip, MD has compiled 120 page critical care outline based off the state scope of practice. This document is an internal protocol for MTI and will not need to be voted on by this group. More discussion at the June meeting.
- **Calling Codes During EMS Transport**
  - Deceased patients are being turned away from the ER, the group clarified that AHA guidelines say that if an ambulance is within a certain distance from the hospital then the hospital must accept them.
- **Pre-activation of STEMI's from the Field**
  - Lewis Siegel, MD reported that the STEMI Accelerator project is looking to improve activation in the field by developing better communication from Cardiologists, ER Physicians and medics while in the field.
- **Post Arrest Cooling**
  - Stewart Martin MD polled the group and post arrest cooling is no longer being utilized in the region.
- **CHKD:**
  - Welcome, Dr, Jim Burhop new ER physician. Congratulations, Jon Mason, MD, 2014 State Award recipient. CHKD still is not taking patients with trauma burns involving airway complications. CHKD is a Level 1 trauma center awaiting its state designation.

**Announcements / Dates to Remember** – please visit [www.tidewaterems.org](http://www.tidewaterems.org). Please contact Jay Porter at [porter@vaems.org](mailto:porter@vaems.org) with any changes to our contact information.

<p><b>The next meeting of the TEMS Operational Medical Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for June 1, 2016 at 12 pm at the TEMS office.</b></p>
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