

Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
EMS MEDICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
April 12, 2023 12:00 pm
TEMS Office and Virtual

MINUTES

Welcome/Introductions – James Reynolds, Chair; Keith Johnson, Vice-Chair

- Attendees were James Reynolds, Keith Johnson, Amy Ward, Brett Johnson, Chris Smith, David Long, Fred Paquet, Greg DeYoung, Michael O'Neill, David Keeler, Matt Owens, Stephanie Adams, Larry Hill, Chris Leonard, Andrew Heard. Phone participants: Chad Gregg, Jason Kinlaw.

Approval of Minutes – James Reynolds

- Motion to approve by Chris Smith and seconded by Mike O'Neill. All motions in this meeting were unanimous with no negative votes or abstentions received.

Directors Report – David Long

- MCI status update – drafts are completed and are under stakeholder review. Should simplify the role of the transportation manager to how many patients divided by number of hospitals. Pulsara will cover 26 jurisdictions in Southeastern Virginia. Hospitals can see incoming patient data. Can upload pictures of John Doe's. All this happens in real time. Going through Grant review this year. Council initiative so there should be no cost to agencies.
- Ultrasound has full support of OMD's. Committed to buy 10. Working with ultrasound and EMS fellow from EVMS as well as education and training for use parameters. Cardiac standstill, lung slide, and eFAST to start.

OMD Committee Report – Matt Owens

- IGEL – 4 agencies left that need to be trained
- BiPap – OMD's are interested in moving forward, working on hospital restock
- Cardiac Arrest Working times – still some discussion, but getting very close to a resolution
- Added Capnography waveforms to boards book for oncoming paramedics
- 8 whole blood administrations to date – the majority have been transported to VBGH. Chesapeake's main destination will be NGH. Questions asked across the nation regarding GSW to the head say yes, give the blood.

Performance Improvement / Education Coordinator – David Long

- Expo – working towards signing up for individual classes during the regular conference. You can already sign up for pre-con, awards, and the social event. If you send 5 or more – you can get a discounted rate of \$100 per attendee. Chesapeake Regional is doing a last minute add on Saturday, Suicide Awareness/Prevention.
- Working on trying to close the data piece from hospitals. Diagnosis and final disposition are the two main data points we are after.
- The 5 identified reports to build region-wide are Stroke, 12 Lead CP, STEMI, Trauma, and Supraglottic Airway Report

Education and Training Committee – Matt Owens

- Narcan: BLS providers are to give the 2ML prefilled syringe, ALS can titrate for affect – this change was approved by MOC
- SMR protocol was reworded to clean up when a cervical collar should be applied. Will vote remotely.
- Termination of Resuscitation rewrite to include longer CPR times when indicated. Will vote remotely.

Commercial EMS Agencies – David Long stated he is working on identifying 2 agencies that will agree to be highly infectious disease transport capable.

Pharmacies – David Long stated there is a strain on the hospitals while trying to outfit units with additional drug and IV boxes.

MCI/MMRS – Shelter support units to be restocked beginning next week before the June 1 hurricane season. Langley airshow is coming May 6 & 7.

OEMS – No update at this time.

Nurse Managers – David Long stated he has had an inaugural meeting and now has good contact information for each of the key players. Talk about EMS agencies and some hospital centric issues. Two items for resupply: IGEL and BiPap, received very little pushback. Working on getting costs.

OEMS – No update

Public Health – Larry Hill.

Unfinished Business – Awareness to apply for controlled substances if you are going to have backup boxes. Community drug boxes could be compromised, but more investigation is occurring. Chesapeake is looking into the Marcus alert.

New Business

- David Keeler introduced – he is the new full time Education Coordinator. We are offering his services as a point of contact for any training you are working on or need to consult with. TEMS office is working on standing up the capability to offer one off testing for incoming/ transferring providers.

Jurisdiction Reports

- Chesapeake – goes live with whole blood on 4/18/23 to be carried on EMS01. If you call for mutual aid, just request whole blood. Using MCI bus to provide support and an email will go out stating the bus will be unavailable on that day.
- IOW – RSI is going well
- Suffolk – working with Obici to restock IGELS, working on getting a bariatric unit
- Portsmouth – the new medic is experiencing problems
- Northampton – Greg is 2 weeks in to the new role so he is getting acclimated to the geographic changes. Retired from a full career in Norfolk.
- Norfolk – Staffing issues, academy finishing up, still focusing on high performance CPR leading to ROSC numbers around 50% at turnover to the hospital. Curious how agencies are capturing the opioid funds. Chesapeake is trying to set up a suboxone program. Could look to piggyback the initiative on to the MIH program. Blood drive coming up next in Norfolk
- VBEMS has a lot of special events coming up between SITW (brought 395,000 people in 3 days last year) and festivals. Anticipates whole blood cases to increase over the summer. High Performance CPR whole department training with the Fire Department has come to a completion on 4/11/23. Leveraging vector solutions

Announcements / Dates to Remember on the TEMS Web Site

- Tidewater Healthcare Expo: David shared the website and the hotel layout. May 16-21, 2023, registration is live www.temsexpo.org
- Don't forget to get your nominations in!
- Next QTEE Training: July 27th
- MOC meetings: August 9th, October 11th, and December 13th

Adjourned – 13:30

The next Medical Operations Committee Meeting will be held on June 14, 2023 at 12 noon in-person with virtual availability.