



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
Operational Medical Directors Committee
Minutes – December 7th, 2021 1:30pm

Attendance

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	x
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MTI /Airport	
Jim Burhop, MD	CHKD	x
April Shackelford, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	x
Richard Slama, DO	Navy Region Mid-Atlantic	
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	x
Rene Morcion, DO	Reliance Medical Transport	
Carl Wentzel, MD	Suffolk Fire and Rescue	
Manuel Armada, MD	TCC	
Don Byars, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Dave Cash, MD	FBI	
Paul Roszko, MD	Navy	x
Zane Shuck, MD	Franklin/Southampton County	
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
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Meg Eason, MD	CHKD	
Hugh Hemsley, MD	Accomack Department of Public Safety	
Joseph Katora, MD	NMCP	x
David Long	TEMS	x
Valerie Vagts	TEMS	x
David Coulling	TEMS	x
Mike McMahon	TEMS	x
Terri Christman	NCEMS	x

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order. Attendees introduced themselves.
- Approval of 9/9/2021 meeting minutes – 1st Dr. Siegel, 2nd Dr. Lang. Motion Passed.

Old Business:

- Handtevy implications: the state has contracted to provide across the state beginning Q1.
- Whole blood administration by EMS: currently done within some regions in the state
 - Need to work with hospitals to get all parties in agreement.
 - Need to confirm supply of blood.
 - Potential hang-up for project: What do agencies do with blood that is about to expire?
 - Initial plan is to roll this out in VBEMS on EMS supervisor/MD cars then expand from there
- Portsmouth Nitrous Oxide study is in progress in Portsmouth.
- iGels: Would like to recommend iGels as the secondary airway region wide. Motion to proceed with grant process to get iGels; none opposed. Motion Passed.
- Ultrasound: made recommendation to endorse and promote a TEMS regional pilot. Motion Passed.
 - Nightingale was using Sonosite and now uses Butterfly, Chesapeake is testing out the Butterfly too. Recommendation passed unanimously; David Long will take the recommendation to the BOD.
 - Dr. Lang would like to get a group together for a demo from Clarius
- Limitation of needle cric and chest decompression: 14-gauge needle no longer available. recommendation to replace the 14-gauge needle with a 10-gauge. Motion Passed.

New Business:

- Education and Training Committee would like to expand AEMT's scope by allowing them to give Versed for seizures, Zofran for nausea, and fentanyl/morphine for non-cardiac pain management. The motion was made by Dr. Shackelford and seconded by Dr. Roszko, with none opposed
 - Zofran is approved by OMD's as a standing order
 - Versed, fentanyl and morphine are approved as a 1st dose as standing order; any additional doses require Physicians Order
- David Long suggested making the TEMS protocols the max the region will allow and then each OMD can restrict use if they deem warranted for their jurisdiction

- Scope of practice was discussed and determined that doctors' orders are only valid up to the state sanctioned scope of practice for the clinicians' certification level. Providers are not allowed to exceed the states' scope of practice, regardless of receiving an online physician order.
- CPAP and Capno are currently under review to be added to the ED's restock list.
- OMD's approved to remove the 10cc multi-dose vial of sterile water.
- NMPC update from Dr. Kotora: Got endorsement from OMD's that it's a good idea for them to become a trauma center resource.
 - Ambulances are staffed 24/7 for inter-facility transfers to retrieve service men/women from surrounding hospitals
 - They are an acute stroke and STEMI/chest pain receiving center, open to civilians
 - They can also be a stop off for critical civilian patients needing resuscitation
 - A new regulation to forgive civilian billing was passed for low-income/not insured patients
 - Looking into becoming a trauma center (this is in its infancy and they will talk to SNGH first)
- **Meeting Schedule for 2022**
 - March 8th, June 7th, September 6th and December 6th/8th TBD at PEMS

Meeting adjourned at 16:10

Announcements / Dates to Remember – please visit www.tidewaterems.org. Please contact Valerie Vagts at vagts@vaems.org with any changes to your contact information.

**The next meeting of the TEMS Operational Medical Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for
March 8th, 2022 at 12:00pm.
Location: TBD, will try to incorporate a virtual option**