



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
Operational Medical Directors Committee
Minutes – June 6th, 2023 12:00pm

Attendance

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	X
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MMT /Airport	X
Jim Burhop, MD	CHKD	
April Shackelford, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	
Allison Ashe	VB Lifesaving Service	
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	X
Rene Moncion, DO	Reliance Medical Transport	
Carl Wentzel, MD	Suffolk Fire and Rescue	
Manuel Armada, MD	TCC	
Don Byars, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Paul Roszko, MD	NMCP	X
Zane Shuck, MD	Franklin/Southampton County	X
Michael Owens, MD	HRMMST	
Lauren Kalodner, MD	NMCP	X
Joe Lang, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Joel Michael, MD	IOW, NSVRS	X
Lewis Siegel, MD	Chesapeake Fire	
Lori Givonetti, MD	Nightingale	X
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Hugh Hemsley, MD	Accomack Department of Public Safety	
Joseph Katora, MD	NMCP	
Dylan Woolum	EMS Fellow	X
James Reynolds	CFD	X
David Long	TEMS	
Valerie Vagts	TEMS	X
Matt Owens	VBEMS	X
David Keeler	TEMS	X

Welcome and Introductions:

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order at 12:02 at Saltine.
- Approval of 3/7/2023 meeting minutes – Dr. Givonetti accepted motion. None opposed. Motion Passed.
- Introduced David Keeler – TEMS new Education Coordinator who will be involved in regional/agency training initiatives and boards

Old Business:

- Whole blood administration pilot update: There have been 23 administrations, 8 blunt/15 penetrating, 13 alive/ 10 deceased, 11 discharged. The program is expanding to pediatric populations (age 5-12) in the next 90 days. Upcoming blood drives include: Suffolk 7/12/23, Chesapeake 9/13/23, and at the Symposium on 11/9/23. TEMS has had to place a STAT blood order and received the unit within 6 hours on 5 separate occasions. Dr. Givonetti stated the Pediatric doses would need to be given by syringe as awareness. Norfolk would like to be next. The sticking point with obtaining blood from the hospital is working out a program to swap/return blood. With TEMS purchasing every unit of blood, funding is limited to add additional agencies. In regards to increasing the scope of whole blood to non-trauma: there is a less clear cut way to determine which cases to attach the supervisor carrying whole blood to at dispatch. There is nothing against a supervisor administering whole blood to a hemodynamically unstable patient. Therefore, if a provider believes the patient meets transfusion criteria and the blood is readily available, then it should be given. Discussions on dispatch and criteria will be established after the pediatric population is launched.
- iGel Rollout: 8 of 10 agencies have completed training and picked up their IGELS. David Long is working with the nurse managers and ED managers for hospital restock. All Hospitals have their starter pack except VB Sentara Facilities and Leigh. Approximately 70 airways are established each month, unsure how many are intubations vs supraglottic at this time. The RSAF grant for 3 out of the 4 pediatric sizes has been submitted, the smallest size was intentionally omitted.
- Ultrasound: TEMS is still working on obtaining funding and would like it to be rolled out with the whole blood initiative.
- BiLevel CPAP: Agencies, MOC and OMD's are on board, approximately 450 every 6 months are used. The goal is to launch this by January, TEMS is looking into doing a contract modification to help with funding.
- AAJT's: Dr. Lang was unavailable, moved to next month.

New Business:

- Education and Training: Presented by Matt Owens. The July 1 Protocol Change Training Rollout is on target for final review at the next Education and Training Committee on Wednesday, June 21st.
- Transport Orders/Signatures: Discussion regarding hospital to hospital transport occurred regarding a patient's condition changing. The initial contact should be with the sending facility because they know the most about the patient. The receiving facility would be the next option,

unless the patient is unstable and then the transporting agency would take the patient to the nearest ED. Documentation is being researched regarding this process. Dr. Skrip mentioned he reached out to Ron Passmore, who stated the wet signature required on the pharmacy exchange form within 24 hours is a TEMS requirement, we are looking for documentation of how that process should be handled because there is confusion that the signature on the form is not for anything other than confirming a certain drug was administered to a certain patient. If a wet signature cannot be obtained by the receiving facility, the agencies OMD can fulfill that request for the EMS provider.

- Needle Decompression: Dr. Martin proposed a change to the Chest Decompression reference guide making the mid-axillary position preference over the mid-clavicular position. It would be ideal to use ultrasound in these cases, which is another reason ultrasound would be beneficial to have in the field. Rosko 1st, Zane 2nd the motion. None opposed. This will be included in the July 1 Training Rollout. The increased needle size was an already approved change to protocol for the July 1 Training Rollout. Real time feedback will be important in following up to this change.
- Naval Portsmouth: Dr. Rosko's last meeting is today. Dr. Laura Kalodner was introduced and is the primary contact for transport team and EMS. Both confirmed that the facility is not designated as a stroke receiving facility.
- Dr. Michael brought awareness regarding the new hospital that is approved to be established in Southampton with an opening date in 2025. The TEMS OMS's reiterated that agencies located in the TEMS territory will still need to follow TEMS protocols and procedures even if transporting to the new ED.

Meeting Schedule for 2023

- September 5th, and December 5th with the OMD Update

Meeting adjourned at 14:14

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
September 5th, 2023 at 12:00pm.
Location: TBD**