



EMS MEDICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 11, 2023

Chaired By: James Reynolds

Location: TEMS Office and Virtual

Begin Time: 12:03 pm End Time: 2:21 pm

Welcome/Introductions – James Reynolds

Attendees were James Reynolds, Alan Perry, Chris Leonard, David Long, Chris Smith, David Keeler, Fred Paquet, Greg DeYoung, Jason Kinlaw, Michael O'Neill, John Cooke, Keith Johnson, Matt Owens, Steve Henson, Rusty Bradfield, Stephanie Adams, Riana Castillovetia, Valerie Vagts

Approval of Minutes – James Reynolds

- o Motion to approve by Greg DeYoung and seconded by Jason Kinlaw. All motions in this meeting were unanimous with no negative votes or abstentions received.

Nurse Managers – Rusty Bradfield

- o There have been 4 ambulances stolen from the bay of Sentara Norfolk General Hospital by non-EMS providers in the past 24 months. There are security cameras and security staff monitoring the bays/monitors, but have been most effective confirming the guilty after the fact. Agencies will put communication to safeguard the ambulances. Ideas are welcomed!
- o Sentara approved use of igels and will be stocked in all Sentara facilities for ambulance restock

OMD Committee Report – Valerie Vagts

- o Whole Blood was increased to medical etiology and added ages 5+ as of October 1st
- o TXA and Calcium Gluconate conversation will happen at the next OMD meeting with the Trauma Surgeons present.
- o TEMS is working on putting together a training for the ultrasound machines to push along the regional rollout.
- o BiLevel CPAP has training ready to go, we are working on getting funding and trying to get hospitals to agree to restock them.
- o AAJT's are probably best to be vetted by the tactical teams in each jurisdiction.

Performance Improvement – Valerie Vagts

- o Stephanie Adams (PI Committee) stated reports have been created for STEMI, Stroke, Trauma, Chest Pain, and Advanced Airway. We are now working on SEPSIS. Ensure computers are brought to the next meeting because we are going to run a report together. NEMSIS 3.5 migration occurring by January 2024
- o Alan Perry (STEMI Committee) stated they review STEMI and Cardiac Arrest. Has been a 40% increase in cardiac issues ages 25-44
- o Dr. Michael (Stroke Committee), Valerie stated patients that receive blood work door to intervention is 26.24 minutes and without blood draw is 58.96 minutes. Adding stroke severity scale (RACE) to protocols. Southampton is working towards becoming stroke receiving.
- o Mike O'Neill (Trauma Committee) Kids coming in with helmet removed but pads still on, either remove both or keep both on. The age for patient care matches Handtevy at 13 and younger. For transport, CHKD wants kids 14 and younger. Abdominal wound packing was discussed and the doctors need to know how many pieces are packed into the wound so they can be sure to remove all of them. SNGH is looking to bring back trauma rounds.

Education and Training – David Keeler

- o QTEE October 26th: Tim Phalen (12 leads), Mindy Seigh (LAVAD), Dr. Hendley (Respiration), and Deborah Jones (Psychosis)
- o Dementia Capable class is OEMS sponsored: Nov 3rd and 4th.
- o Need MCI instructors: need help at end of October in Accomack
- o Virtual regional burn training class: Thursday, November 9th at 16:00



- Regional Moulage Team is in the works. Would like 2 people from each jurisdiction trained in moulage.

Education and Training Committee – Matt Owens

Voted to approve 3 proposals: 1. Ketamine expanded for all injuries and not just isolated extremities – all other parameters stay as is. 2. Solumedrol expanded for IM use as an alternative 3. AEMTs to use/administer the Cyano Kits.

Commercial EMS Agencies – David Long

HID training is being completed for the 2 designated transport agencies that are identified to help when needed.

Pharmacies and OEMS have nothing to report

Public Health- John Cooke

COVID is in a plateau/decline. Planning an exercise for a cruise ship that will come with many sick people- stay tuned for more information. Will work with TEMS staff to get CDC Quarantine Station Dulles information out. Materials from CDC Quarantine Station Dulles arrived and will be distributed.

MMRS

All DMSU trailers have been resupplied. Newport News and Norfolk received their MRAT's. IOW and Suffolk will be delivered in December. The strike team is providing medical support to the vb structural collapse school next week.

TCC – David Long

There are VCU, Peninsula, ECPI, TCC, and AEC to get providers certified at the Paramedic level. Norfolk is at step 1 of gathering the information to get started to get accredited to offer a Paramedic academy. VB has interest too. TEMS looking into sponsoring 10 people a year to get their Paramedic certification.

EVHC – Chris Leonard

Major focus is disaster preparedness, but there are opportunities for funding assistance for some of the programs the jurisdictions are doing, that could be a benefit to the region. Let TEMS know what you are working on to see if there is availability of help. You are welcome to attend the Coalition meetings. Currently working on a Chempack exercise on how to assist hospitals with chemical exposures.

Directors Report – David Long

- Portsmouth will go live with blood on November 14th. Many of these transports will go to NMCP. Portsmouth to trial the bundle of 1unit whole blood, 2 grams TXA and 1gram Calcium Gluconate for research.
- Applied for Grants: OEMS (2 RSAF) and 1 Sentara – more to come.
- OEMS financials continue to be audited and now the police and AG are involved. Return to Localities and Regional Councils haven't seen payment in 3 quarters. OEMS staff are no longer allowed to comment.

Unfinished Business

Regional Committee will stand up in January for MIH. 5 agencies have given contact names.

New Business

Need a MOC rep for EVHC Advisory Committee, please email David Long if you are interested. You will have an EMS voice to aid in the decisions across hospital systems when planning for disaster preparedness.

Jurisdiction Reports

- Chesapeake: Blood Drive on November 2nd at firehouse station 5; deputy fire chief moving to fire chief position on January 1 and will be hiring for deputy chief.
- IOW: Oct 2 new fire chief started – hired from Norfolk, James River Bridge will be closed for 4 days sometime in November – March (Friday – Monday) increase going to Maryview and Norfolk.



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- Suffolk: got a bariatric unit, they have a 1,000 pound frequent flyer. Will be happy to lend it out if any other jurisdiction needs to use it. MIH is full steam ahead – led by Ray Willett. Wrapping up CMS reporting
 - Northampton: Terri running the high school program with 11 students. Just had visit from OEMS that was planned for the past couple years. They learned a lot about the challenges for Accomack, Chincoteague and NCEMS.
 - Norfolk: 43 in academy. Got grant money for standing up an Opioid Response Team. Have pilot program with Sentara to have paid staff at nursing facility to lessen 911 responses to the facility.
 - NMCP: Ready to receive whole blood patients, 6 Paramedics ready to graduate in December, job announcements posted. This is Jason's last meeting Riana is his replacement, who worked similarly with EMS in CA, gave TXA there.
 - Portsmouth: whole blood initiative coming, are busy training and getting ready for deployment, anticipated 1 unit of blood per week.
 - Franklin: 6 Paramedics in academy, working on a strategic plan to recruit and retain Paramedics
 - Virginia Beach: the chief and 2 deputies have all been selected and are ready to work together. Looking at making MIH a full time position. Whole blood got a second unit (one on the West side and one on the East side of the city)

Dates to Remember

- QTEE October 26th 8:00 – 17:00 at Delta Hotels, 725 Woodlake Dr, Chesapeake VA 23320. [Click here for more info.](#)
- Expo Registration and Call for Presentations is open! Click here to register: <https://tidewaterhealthcareexpo.org/>
- MOC meetings 2024: February 14, April 10, June 12, August 14, October 9, December 11.
- The next MOC meeting will be held in-person and hybrid on **December 13, 2023 at 12:00pm.**