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**EMS MEDICAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Date: June 12, 2024

Chaired By: Keith Johnson

Location: TEMS Office and Virtual

Begin Time: 12:01 pm End Time: 12:52 pm

**Welcome/Introductions** – Keith Johnson, Vice Chair

Attendees were Amy Ward, Chris Smith, David Keeler, Greg DeYoung, Keith Johnson, Kris Long, Matt Owens, Mike O'Neill, Brian McIntosh, Jerry Griffith, Stephanie Hackett, David Coulling, Valerie Vagts, Tyler Martinson

**Approval of Minutes** – Keith Johnson

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

**Directors Report** – David Long

- o Please complete the survey sent out so TEMS can determine how we can best help the change in Drug/IV boxes. The role of TEMS is changing when it comes to pharmaceuticals. TEMS has the ability to leverage GPO's and receive money to help offset agency cost.

**Nurse Managers** – David Coulling

- o Talked about schedule 6 devices. No promises or guarantees but are open to adding all the IV items to the exchange form with exception of any medication. Looking for a solution for the schedule 6 drugs using a vending machine system. Some agencies are talking about dropping back from ALS to BLS due to medication costs. Please have your leadership fill out the survey of what your agency needs are.

**OMD Committee Report** – Valerie Vagts

- o Last meeting was June 11, 2024. As of today 125 units have been transfused. NMCP is taking our short-dated blood which is great from a waste perspective, but we are still working on getting credited for units that are administered through the hospital. 2 supervisors started carrying the ARC bundle (TXA and Calcium Gluconate) with 4 administrations to date. Currently seeing calcium levels from .87-1.0 and .9 is considered severely hypocalcemic. Looking at whole blood protocol to remove head trauma as a contraindication. OMD's approved to move the ultrasound program forward.
- o Drug/IV boxes: OMD's are discussing having a minimum drug requirement across TEMS. TEMS as a non-profit entity may take donations from the surrounding hospitals to help offset the cost of standing up the agencies medication program.

**Performance Improvement** – Valerie Vagts

- o PI Committee built a 12-lead chest pain report. Participants will bring their numbers to the July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting so we can compare and contrast numbers. Agencies are working on the 3.4 to 3.5 transition and are on track to go live June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- o STEMI Committee found a 1% increase in out of hospital ROSC rates. Chesapeake is testing Zoll and LifePak 35 to see which is best for their needs and will report back to us. Bon Secours is bolstering feedback frequency and format to give back to the agencies.
- o Stroke Committee will introduce the RACE score to all agencies in the 7/1 training update. Guidance to try and get a 20-gauge needle in the right AC is recommended from the hospital. We are investigating adding additional agencies to the list of ones that do lab draws.
- o Trauma Committee: CHKD had their Pediatric Trauma Symposium that was very well attended. DMIST was introduced and started on 5/13 for turnover in the SNGH Trauma bay to go more smoothly. Tourniquet use has gone down in the past year and a half.



**Education and Training – David Keeler**

- Expo May 14-19, 2024 was well attended. Great feedback about the networking ability. 82 classes offered, 148 attendees, 49 conference presenters. Total CEU's given 3,014. Participants came from Alabama, Pennsylvania and this is the largest program available for several surrounding states.
- The MIH team is expanding to support the requirement of Dementia training. Julata is under investigation as a regional solution, dependent on pricing.
- Regional Moulage Team met during expo. We are looking for participants to be part of the moulage team and also for a list of victims. Then anyone in the region can ask for a drill and we would be able to help facilitate that. Advanced class may be in Hollywood, CA with cut suits in 2025.

**Education and Training Committee – Matt Owens**

- Protocol Changes for the July Rollout will be sent out to the training departments.
- New Blood Draw Reference protocol has been developed but will not be integrated until the July 1 rollout next year. Amy Ward motioned, Greg DeYoung 2<sup>nd</sup>, none opposed.

**Commercial EMS Agencies, Pharmacies, and OEMS - Not available**

**Public Health**

- HPAI AH5N1 raising concern with mice and dairy cattle, money to develop a vaccine has been approved by the USDA
- Covid is on the rise, but flat in Virginia
- MonkeyPox has been identified in 528 cases in April, 4 being in Virginia. 2 so far in May.

**MMRS**

- Stephanie said trailers are complete. Now they are retrofitting the buses to hold the new stretchers. EVHC purchased bariatric and regular wheelchairs to add to the buses. Finished MCI tabletop workshops for the new MCI brainwork. That exercise will be July 18<sup>th</sup> to test it.

**TCC – Kris Long has nothing to report**

**EVHC – Not Present, but will have new rep at next meeting**

**Jurisdiction Reports**

- Norfolk: Has 3 new Lt's and working out each of their roles. Replaced scoop stretchers. Got new Fire and Deputy chiefs.
- Franklin: 11 recruits going through academy right now. Graduation last week of November.
- Northampton: making offers to applicants this upcoming week. Got a new ambulance and budget was approved.
- Virginia Beach: 11 new providers started and September will be their next academy to fill remaining vacancies.
- Portsmouth: About ready for boards. Hopefully next week.
- Suffolk: Academy has over 50 starting in July. Working hard on the drug box program.
- IOW: Drug/IV box, working on initial stages of community outreach and community medicine.

**Dates to Remember**

- MOC meetings 2024: October 9, December 11.

**Next Meeting**

The next MOC meeting will be held in-person and hybrid on **August 14, 2024 at 12:00pm** at TEMS.