



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
Operational Medical Directors Committee
Minutes –March 10th, 2020 12:00pm

Attendance

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	x
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MTI /Airport	x
Theresa Guins, MD	CHKD	
Jim Burhop, MD	CHKD	
April Shackleford, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	x
Kenneth McManus, DO	Navy Region Mid-Atlantic	x
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Rene Morcion, DO	Reliance Medical Transport	x
Carl Wentzel, MD	Suffolk Fire and Rescue	
Manuel Armada, MD	TCC	x
Don Byars, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	x
Dave Cash, MD	FBI	
Paul Roszko	Navy	
Zane Shuck	Franklin/Southampton County	x
Jamil Kahn, MD	CHKD	
Joe Lang, MD	Portsmouth Fire and Rescue	
Joel Michael, MD	IOW, NSVRS	x
Lewis Siegel, MD	Chesapeake Fire	x
Lori Givonetti, MD	Nightingale	
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Forrest Winslow	Pulsara	
Thomas Schwalenberg	Chesapeake Fire	
Meg Eason, MD	CHKD	
Kathryn Funk	Bon Secours Neuro	
Ray Willet	Suffolk Fire	x
David Long	TEMS	x
Mike McMahan	TEMS	x
John Walker	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Jay porter	TEMS	x
Christi Budy	VBEMS	
David Coulling	TEMS	x

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order; approval of 12/2019 meeting minutes and introductions were made.

Old Business:

- Handtevy
 - OMDs, please keep pressure on your agencies to get the training done
 - Most agencies have a training plan in place
 - State is considering adopting a state-wide Handtevy account/system based off the data that has been gathered by TEMS
 - April 1st is planned implementation date

New Business:

- Research proposal from PFRES
 - Dr. Byars proposed a study on nitrous oxide to be conducted in Portsmouth
 - Used for pain management to help prevent overuse of narcotics
 - Idea is to deploy one unit on Portsmouth EMS supervisor truck to respond to applicable calls
 - Thus far there is no data from the US on the use of nitrous in the prehospital setting
 - PFRES would be the first to create data for this
 - Cost is roughly \$4,000 per unit and \$14 to refill
 - Would like to use \$5,000 TEMS grant to fund this – requires vote from OMDs to bring to board
 - Motion made to support this and bring it to TEMS board; motioned seconded and approved with no opposition
 - OMDs recommend TEMS board to approve of this study
- Education Workgroup Update
 - Eastern Shore Specific Changes:
 - Accomack County wanted to bring the following proposed changes to the committee to get feedback:
 - i. Allow AEMTs to administer morphine/fentanyl for pain management
 - ii. Allow ALS providers to use NSAIDs for pain mgmt. instead of only narcotics

- iii. Bring Succinylcholine back into RSI protocol and boxes
- iv. Allow AEMTs to give steroids in allergic reactions and anaphylaxis
- v. Allow AEMTs to administer mag sulfate to patients with severe asthma and COPD
- vi. Allow AEMTs to administer versed for seizures
- All changes are within state scope of practice
- This is proposed to help alleviate stress caused by shortage of paramedics
- Committee agreed that these could be valuable changes with the appropriate education given to providers prior to implementation
- Only issue was with Toradol – OMDs do not believe it should be used in prehospital setting, but Tylenol would be fine
- Both Northampton and Accomack would need to work together on this as it would impact their boxes (if not in agreement, Accomack would have to implement changes on their own with no support from TEMS)
- PI Committee Update
 - Tracking of Ketamine usage in new protocol changes has been sent to Patient and Provider Safety Committee
 - Will use combination of documentation software tracking (ImageTrend validation codes as an example) and paper tracking (forms provided at the ER and collected by TEMS)
 - Nurse Managers group will become a TEMS committee
 - Nurse Managers would like regional usage of EtCO2 and CPAP tracked to see if it would be reasonable for them to restock for EMS
 - VBEMS provided data for their use of EtCO2/nasal capnography and CPAP in 2019
 - Data showed that CPAP did not appear to be overused and could likely be restocked by hospital
 - EtCO2/nasal capnography was shown to have a large amount of use/overuse and would likely not be restocked by hospital at current usage rates
 - Protocols need to be adjusted to limit use of, and provide guidance on, EtCO2/nasal capnography – most likely add a reference page for EtCO2/nasal capnography
- Discussion regarding commercial agencies within region
 - Committee has been running well
 - Mid-Atlantic Regional Ambulance recently shut down
- Northampton County EMS OMD
 - Dr. Grimes will be retiring in November
 - Dr. Ryan McAtee from Riverside Shore Memorial has expressed interest in taking over for Dr. Grimes
 - ER Physician
 - Will need to bring him through the process to become an OMD and get him onboard with TEMS
- VBEMS field physician program has been very successful

Meeting Schedule for 2020

- 6/9/20, 9/8/20, 12/10/20 (joint OMD meeting held in PEMS)
- All dates are second Tuesday of the month (except joint meeting which is a Thursday)

Meeting adjourned at 13:30

Announcements / Dates to Remember – please visit www.tidewaterems.org. Please contact Mike McMahon at mcmahon@vaems.org with any changes to your contact information.

The next meeting of the TEMS Operational Medical Directors Committee meeting is scheduled for June 9th, 2020.
Noon meeting time
Location: TBD