



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
Operational Medical Directors Committee
Minutes –June 9th, 2020 12:00pm

Attendance

Name	Agency/Representing	Attended
Stewart Martin, MD	VBEMS/ Chairperson	x
Stephen M. Skrip, MD	MTI /Airport	x
Jim Burhop, MD	CHKD	x
April Shackleford, MD	Franklin/ Southampton	
Kenneth McManus, DO	Navy Region Mid-Atlantic	
Barry Knapp, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
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	Navy	
Zane Shuck	Franklin/Southampton County	
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	x
Mike Bono, MD	Special Events	
Paul Holata, MD	Norfolk Fire-Rescue EMT-I	
Forrest Winslow	Pulsara	
Thomas Schwalenberg	Chesapeake Fire	
Meg Eason, MD	CHKD	
Hugh Hemsley, MD	Accomack Department of Public Safety	x
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	

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order; approval of 3/2020 meeting minutes and introductions were made.

Old Business:

- Handtevy
 - OMDs, please keep pressure on your agencies to get the training done
 - Several agencies have completed training and started using system – NFR and CFD
 - VBEMS and Eastern Shore agencies hindered by pandemic; some online training has still been conducted
 - SFR has trained 2 out of 3 shifts so far
 - TEMS is working to secure funding from the state for another year of Handtevy

New Business:

- Appendixes B, F, and G require vote of approval
 - No changes since last protocol edition
 - Adopted by MOC and Nurse Managers without change
 - Motion made to approve appendixes B, F, and G without change; seconded
 - Appendixes B, F, and G approved without issue – will be brought to BOD for final approval
- Research proposal from PFRES regarding prehospital nitrous use most likely put on hold due to pandemic
- Education Workgroup Update
 - TEMS Healthcare Education Expo has been moved to next year
 - New dates: April 27th to May 2nd, 2020
 - Ray Willet has created survey to track use of Ketamine and D10 in region – Thank you, Ray
 - Concern regarding Ketamine has been brought up by providers in field
 - Ketamine comes in large vial (50 mg/mL in 10 mL = 500 mg total)
 - Providers give max dose of 25 mg which results in large volume of waste
 - Mike will bring this concern to the pharmacy group to discuss why such a large volume is given out and if there are other options for EMS

- PI Committee Update
 - Tracking use of narcotics for pain mgmt. in ACS/chest pain patients
- Tactical drug box discussion
 - Brought up by Dr. Lang
 - Would like to create a regional layout for tactical medics to be issued
 - Based on list provided by Dr. Lang Ketamine would be the only controlled substance
 - Kit would be secured until needed – not used by tactical medics during every day non-tactical situations
 - Needs vote of approval from OMD group before being brought pharmacy
 - Motion to approve was made and seconded – approved with no objection
 - Dr. Lang can move forward and bring this to pharmacy
- Discussion regarding commercial agencies within region
 - Like many agencies they have been struggling with PPE supply issues
 - Especially difficult due to number of interfacility transfers and discharges they run where PPE is needed
 - Dave has been working to keep committee engaged and working together
- Regional COVID-19 discussion
 - The Regional Medical Director (Dr. Martin) has been involved in recurring meetings with state
 - Things seem to be going well regionally but there may be an increase in cases in the near future
 - Obviously N95s continue to be used frequently – certain criteria must be met to use N95 on EMS calls though, surgical masks for other calls
 - PPE in the Commonwealth is being managed by the Department of Emergency Management – good on all facets of PPE right now with the exception of N95s
 - KN95 mask is better than surgical mask, but not as good as N95 – KN95 not acceptable for aerosolized procedures
- 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
 - Mike will reach out to Dr. McAtee and work on getting him set up – need to contact state to get process started
 - Get this started ASAP
- OMD Certifications
 - Expiration date has been extended to 12/31/2020 for all OMDs expiring this year
 - Mike will reach out to state for OMD workshop schedule as website has last workshop listed as May 2020 – does not have anything for remainder of the year

Meeting Schedule for 2020

- 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 13:00

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 September 8th, 2020.
Noon meeting time
Location: TBD**