



Tidewater EMS Council, Inc.
Operational Medical Directors Committee
Minutes –December 10th, 2020 2:00pm

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	X
Richard Slama, DO	Navy Region Mid-Atlantic	X
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	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	
Thomas Schwalenberg	Chesapeake Fire	
Meg Eason, MD	CHKD	
Hugh Hemsley, MD	Accomack Department of Public Safety	
Ray Willet	Suffolk Fire	X
David Long	TEMS	X
Valerie Vagts	TEMS	
John Walker	Norfolk Fire-Rescue	
Matt Owens	VBEMS	X
David Coulling	TEMS	X
Wayne Berry	OEMS	X

Welcome and Introductions

- Dr. Stewart Martin, called the meeting to order after the joint PEMS meeting; approval of 9/8/2020 meeting minutes and introductions were made.

Old Business:

- Update from Dr. Byers about the study for nitrous: David Long updated: Portsmouth F&R services will start at the first of the year and begin collecting data. March meeting should have updates

New Business:

- Education Workgroup – Matt Owens: David Long updated:
 - Looking at governor’s new order to impact the EXPO; relationships with healthcare systems supporting the advanced offerings
 - Ketamine use – most appropriate vial and what concentration to carry, expand it to any other protocols like psych patients? And confirm concentrations: plan on keeping just one concentration
 - There were some side effects with not positive patient outcomes. What is the current use for versed, Haldol and Ativan; is there a need to expand the use of ketamine – PPS PI Committee to look into (don’t add to other protocols if not needed)
 - Terbutaline for COVID patients in place of doing a nebulizer. Would require education to all providers, may not be worth adding with current levels of PPE being sufficient to protect the providers. ODEMSA is using terbutaline currently. Hold off
- PI Committee Updates – David Long updates: March 9th will have all PI Plans for MOC review and approval, then to OMD, then to BOD. Doing significant rewrite.
- Tourniquet – Joe Lang isn’t available to discuss, so postpone the discussion. Review of location application and review of brand suggested use.
- Next meeting virtual
- Dr. Martin signed a letter requesting the state to elevate all EMS providers to the highest level for vaccine
- Vaccinations or Whole blood
 - VB training EMS to assist with vaccine distribution
 - Dr. Kotora set up a program like this, can tap his expertise
 - Dr SLama to introduce himself as OMD for Navy FED. His experience for whole blood has had impressive results

- Louis says whole blood has potential and is supportive of going down that path – data is compelling and benefit seems real
- Discussion of using providers for the vaccine – are there needs? Training, equipment or supplies needed?
- For whole blood: can reach out to Craig Evans (counterpart in NOVA) who already implemented, can use materials and possibly he and his OMD could give a quick presentation at the next OMD meeting
- OMD Update training December 11, 2020 9am-noon
- Can use existing clear-waver for antigen testing, email was sent out today
- If you had covid but didn't get tested, could the vaccine make you sicker? They said no, your response to the vaccine should be better
 - Haven't talked about testing everyone for antibodies prior to getting the vaccine
- Wayne Berry update: updated info on vaccinations in the Medical Directors section of the OEMS website under regulation and compliance – keep an eye out for more information that should come out in the next couple of days; you got the information from presentation of regional drug boxes

Meeting Schedule for 2021

- March 9, June 8, September 7 and December 7 (joint OMD meeting held in TEMS)
- All dates are second Tuesday of the month

Meeting adjourned at 14:30

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
March 9th, 2021 at 12:00pm.
Location: TBD**