



Peninsulas Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.
Medical Advisors Committee
Regular Session

AGENDA

Thursday March 10, 2016 at 6:00 pm
Peninsulas EMS Council Office, 6876 Main Street, Gloucester, VA 23061
Teleconference at <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/140209165>
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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2015
3. Regional OMD Report – Cheryl Lawson
 - a. State Medical Direction Committee/State EMS Advisory Board
 - i. New Triage System
 - ii. Lomotil OD
 - iii. Image Trends – ROSC
 - iv. Narcan Administration
4. OMD Membership – Michael Player
 - a. OEMS OMD Re-certification Report
 - b. OMD Training Report
5. ALS Coordinators – Michael Player
 - a. R. Paul Long – Thomas Nelson Community College
6. Committee Reports
 - a. Pharmacy Committee – Lindsay Enzor
 - i. Next Meeting – May 4, 2016 at 3 pm
 - b. Performance Improvement Committee – Paul Hoyle
 - i. Next Meeting- April 11, 2016 at 10 am
 - c. PPP Committee – David Justis
 - i. Next Meeting – April 10, 2016 at 10 am
 - d. Clinical Program Task Forces (Stroke, STEMI, Trauma) – Debbie Thomas
 - i. Trauma Task Force
 1. Next Meeting – June 9, 2016 at 1 pm
 - ii. Stroke Task Force
 1. Next Meeting – April 10, 2016 at 1 pm
 - iii. STEMI Task Force
 1. Next Meeting – May 12, 2016 at 1 pm
 - e. EMS Operations – Michael Player
 - i. Next Meeting – April 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm
7. PEMS Updates – Michael Player
 - a. Staff Changes – New EMS Field Coordinator – Clinical Care
 - b. Spring 2016 RSAF Grant Cycle
 - c. PEMS 2016 EMS Awards
 - d. EMS Operations Committee
 - e. Interfacility and Critical Care Transport Committee
 - f. Behavioral Emergency/Mental Health Taskforce

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8. Old Business
 - a. Hospital Diversion - Strategic Planning Meeting with Hospitals and PEMS Stakeholders Representation – Michael Player
9. New Business
 - a. Tour of PEMS Offices
10. For the Good of the Order
 - a. Important Dates
 - i. CHKD Pediatric Trauma Conference – March 11-12, 2016
 - ii. Deadline for Spring 2016 RSAF Grant – March 15, 2016
 - iii. TEMS EMS and Nursing Education Expo – March 17-20, 2016
 - iv. PEMS RSAF Rodeo – April 6 or April 9, 2016
 - v. Deadline for 2016 PEMS EMS Award Nominations – April 15, 2016
 - vi. Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium – April 15, 2016
 - vii. Dinner with a Doc – April 28, 2016
 - viii. PEMS Rural EMS Education Expo – May 20-22, 2016
 - ix. EMS Day at Busch Gardens/2016 PEMS EMS Awards Luncheon – May 28, 2016
 - b. Next Meeting – June 9, 2016 at 6:30 pm
 - c. Verify Attendance
11. Adjournment

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PEMS Medical Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A Subcommittee of the Board of Directors

Meeting Date: March 10, 2016

Meeting Location: Peninsulas EMS Council, 6876 Main Street,
Gloucester, Virginia 23061

Chaired By: Cheryl Lawson, MD

Begin Time: 6:30 pm

End Time: 8:00 pm

Minutes Submitted By: Michael Player

Draft X Approved Date:

Members Present:	Members Absent:	Staff:	Others:
Jennings, MD, Torino	Apostoles MD, Steve	Blymyer, Randi	Barrick, J. David
Justis, MD, David	Ashai MD, Hamza	Player, Michael	
Lawson, MD, Cheryl (Chair)	Baker MD, Chris	Thomas, Debbie	
Enzor, Lindsay (TC)	Buetow MD, Elizabeth		
	Burford, MD, Amy (Excused)		
	Clark, DO, Clarence		
	Clifford MD, Christianne		
	Dudley MD, James		
	Dunn MD, Chad		
	Erwin, MD, Eleanor		
	Fish, Jr. MD, James (Excused)		
	Garrison MD, Jason		
	Gupta MD, Sudershan		
	Hass MD, Chris (Excused)		
	Harper, Kimberly		
	Hogge, Lauren		
	James MD, Christopher		
	Jones MD, Harold		
	Kramer, Karen		
	McCorry DO, James		
	Ray MD, Gaylord		
	Robertson MD, Ralph		
	Skrip MD, Steven		
	Weber MD, Brent		

Item	Discussion	Action Required	By Whom/When
Call to Order	Dr. Lawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm		
Approval of Minutes	Corrections were made to the December 10, 2015 PEMS Medical Advisory Committee meeting minutes provided. Doctors Skrip and Weber were listed on Members Absent twice, Meeting started at 1pm. Minutes were approved as corrected.		
Regional OMD Report	<p>Dr. Lawson reported that the Commonwealth of Virginia is looking at a new Triage System call SALT (Sort, Assess, Lifesaving Interventions, Treatment/Transport) that will include a fifth triage category – Grey (for Expectant Patients). She said the state reported the new system could be implemented by the end of 2016.</p> <p>She reported that the Medical Direction Committee noted an increase in Lomotil overdoses accompanied by prolonged QT and Torsade’s. Lindsay Enzor stated she was surprised by the report.</p> <p>Medical Direction Committee also requested that a section be added to Image Trends to address ROSC.</p> <p>She also discussed the potential conflict being created by the fact that laypersons can administer Narcan when certified basic life support EMS providers cannot because of the scope of practice.</p>		
OMD Membership	<p>M. Player noted there is only one individual who will be expiring this year, Christopher James who expires March 31, 2016.</p> <p>Mr. Player also provided the dates for EMS Medical Director CE Workshops through June 2016.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 16, 2016 – Half-day workshop CSEMS/TJEMS at the Central Shenandoah EMS Council Office in Staunton, VA from 1 pm to 5 pm. • April 20, 2016 – Half-day workshop WVEMS/SWVEMS at the Greenfield Center, 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA from 12 noon to 5 pm • May 12, 2016 – Half-day workshop ODEMSA at the ODEMSA Office, Richmond, VA 10:00 am to 3 pm • June 10, 2016 – Half-day workshop, VAVRS Rescue College, The Inn at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA from 8 am to 12 noon. 	Email Dr. James and make him aware of his OMD expiration date as well as available resources	R. Blymyer – as soon as possible

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ALS Coordinators	Mr. Player reported that there was only one ALS Coordinator Recertification Application received during the quarter – Mr. R. Paul Long who wished to extend his certification to the Thomas Nelson Community College EMS program.		
Committee Reports	<p>Pharmacy Committee – L. Enzor reported she had no report other than the usual drug shortages. Right now it is Epinephrine. Some hospitals were being forced to reduce the number of pre-loaded Epinephrine to four when stocking their medication kits.</p> <p>L Enzor then requested that the RSI box contents be standardized across the region. M. Player stated that he understood that the boxes were standardized using the Riverside in-house RSI box. He stated that the RSI pilot project initially involved Newport News, but was extended to include York County, Hampton, James City and Williamsburg as long as they all did the same thing. Lindsay stated that was true initially. She said Propofol was quickly removed from the RSI boxes going to EMS because they were not using it for RSI and it was too expensive to include if there was not needed. In addition, Etomidate shortages have also caused some of the boxes to be stocked differently from others. M. Player stated that he would call as special meeting of the agencies and OMDs involved in RSI to standardize the RSI box and create a regional policy. L. Enzor stated that she would be willing to get the involved pharmacists to the meeting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Next Meeting – May 4, 2016, 3:00 pm at PEMS</p> <p>Performance Improvement Committee – No report No Action Items Next Meeting – April 11, 2016, 10:00 am at PEMS</p> <p>PPP Committee - Dr. David Justis reported that the Committee would be looking at Ketamine during the next year. The committee discussed the uses for Ketamine and encouraged the PPP to pursue inclusion of the medication for prehospital EMS.</p> <p>Dr. Justis reported that the PPP would be working to incorporate the new 2015 AHA Guidelines into the treatment protocols and provide the Medical Advisory Committee with a draft by the June 2016 meeting.</p> <p>Dr Justis reported that the state is requiring the protocols to be retitled according to the VPHIB Version 3 Titling Criteria. M. Player stated that all protocols in Virginia are required to meet this standard. The operational impact of this change is that all of the PEMS protocols have been re-titled and rearranged in the table of contents. M. Player stated that</p>		

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	<p>agencies and individuals who have protocols would be able to purchase just an update formatted to fit in their current version of the protocols. Only those that need a complete set of protocols will need to purchase the newly titled protocols. OMDs need to know that although they may not be titled the same, the content remains the same.</p> <p>Lastly, Dr. Justis reported that with the loss of obstetrical services on the Northern Neck, the PPP felt it important to expand the prehospital protocols to provide more direction to EMS providers in complicated deliveries. The committee reviewed the 2015 expanded OB protocols from ODEMSA created for similar reasons and decided to use them as a starting point for their review. It was hoped that drafts of the expanded OB protocols would be available for the June 2016 Medical Advisory Committee Meeting as well.</p> <p>Dr. Lawson requested that PPP review all sections where Adenosine is referenced to ensure that the wording is standardized.</p> <p>Dr. Lawson reminded everyone that the new Spinal Clearance Protocol went into effect March 1, 2016.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">No Action Items Next Meeting – April 10, 2016, 10:00 am at PEMS</p> <p>Clinical Program Task Forces (Stroke, STEMI, Trauma) D. Thomas reported that Image Trend was creating difficulties for all of the task forces because we are unable to get data. The hospitals have decided that they will try to mine the EMS data because we cannot obtain it any other way.</p> <p>D. Thomas also reported that the three task forces are going to the rural agencies to provide CE.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Trauma Task Force – No report No Action Items Next Meeting – June 9, 2016, 1:00 pm at PEMS</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Stroke Task Force – No report No Action Items Next Meeting – April 10, 2016, 1:00 pm at PEMS</p>		

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	<p>STEMI Task Force – No report No Action Items Next Meeting – May 12, 2016, 1:00 pm at PEMS</p> <p>PEMS Interfacility Cooperation Organization – No Report No Action Items Next Meeting of the PICO – January 28, 2016, 3:00 pm at PEMS</p> <p>EMS Operations Committee – Approved by the Board of Directors at its December 2016 meeting, the EMS Operations Committee has replaced the three prehospital committees. shall include one representative from each jurisdiction (16), one from each hospital system (4), one representative from the Emergency Nurses Association (1), and one from each of the helicopter services serving the region (2). First Meeting – April 5, 2016 at 6:30 pm at PEMS</p>		
PEMS Updates	<p>Mr. Player reported that the Council has added Randi Blymyer, RN, CEN to its staff. He explained that R. Blymyer was hired as the new EMS Field Coordinator – Clinical Care. She replaced recently promoted Captain Bradley Beam, of the Williamsburg Fire Department. M. Player stated that R. Blymyer was a Gloucester County native, that both of her were involved in EMS and that Randi grew up surrounded by it. He said R. Blymyer was a Virginia-licensed Registered Nurse, a Certified Emergency Nurse, an Acting Charge Nurse and the EMS Liaison for the Riverside Walter Reed Hospital Emergency Department where she has worked for four years. He said that she also has over ten years of EMS experience, working with the Gloucester Volunteer Fire and Rescue, where she still runs rescue and also oversees the Junior program.</p> <p>Mr. Player reported that the 2016 protocol rollout consists of two versions of the protocols. One version of the protocols updates those printed protocols currently existing and exists of a single change – specifically the spinal immobilization protocol. The other version of the protocol is a complete copy of the protocols in the new format with protocols renamed based on the VPHIB version 3 protocol-naming standards. He reported that both versions went into effect March 1, 2016.</p> <p>M. Player reminded everyone to recognize excellence by nominating the best performers in their systems for a 2016 PEMS EMS Award. He stated that the deadline for applications is close of business on April 15, 2016. He also reminded everyone that this was the first year</p>		

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	<p>for a new category of award “Outstanding Contribution to EMS Emergency Management”. Dr. Lawson reminded everyone of the importance of this recognition program. M. Player stated that the winners of the regional award would be nominated for the Governor’s Awards. He said that the 2016 PEMS Regional EMS Awards would be presented at EMS Day at Busch Gardens, May 28, 2016, at 2 pm in the Black Forest Picnic Area.</p> <p>M. Player reported that the Board of Directors gave permission to explore the idea of a PEMS Interfacility and Critical Care Transport Committee. M. Player pointed out that over a third of the Council’s EMS agencies provided services as Interfacility and critical care transport agencies and not Designated Emergency Response Agencies (DERA). He noted that they were not represented on committees and their issues were not represented in regional EMS delivery and patient care discussions. Further, M. Player pointed out that these agencies used PEMS services but with notable exceptions did not fund the council in any way. M. Player stated that the Board of Directors believed the time had come to enfranchise these agencies and to include their important voice in the work of the Council, especially noting that Interfacility and critical care transports are becoming more frequent as the specialization of health care delivery continues to change. M. Player will identify agency contacts and set up an initial exploratory meeting in April.</p> <p>M. Player reported that the Council was exploring the concept of creating a Behavioral Emergency/Mental Health Taskforce to define, identify quality standards and best practices, determine available resources, gaps in services and resources, training curriculum, protocols, and performance measures for the regional care of behavior emergencies. He lay out some of the problems encountered by EMS in the field and said that he wanted to employ the same method to addressing a standard of care for behavioral emergencies that had been employed with such success in trauma triage, stroke, and ST-elevated myocardial infarctions.</p>		
Old Business	M. Player reported that the council was still trying to schedule a Hospital Diversion – Strategic Planning Meeting with the hospitals and PEMS stakeholders.		
New Business	M. Player stated that he would provide a tour of the PEMS facility after the meeting for anyone who is interested.		
For the Good of the Order	<p>Important Dates”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHKD Pediatric Trauma Conference – March 11-12, 2016 • Deadline for Spring 2016 Rescue Squad Assistance Fund Grant – March 15, 2016 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TEMS EMS and Nursing Education Expo – March 17-20, 2016 • PEMS RSAF Rodeo – April 6 or April 9, 2016 • Eighth Annual Healthcare Organizations Emergency Preparedness Seminar – April 12-14, 2016 • Deadline for 2016 PEMS Regional EMS Award Nominations – April 15, 2016 • Hampton Roads Trauma Symposium – April 15, 2016 • EMS Functions in the Incident Command System Course – April 20-21, 2016 • Dinner with a Doc – April 28, 2016 • EVHC Mass Casualty and Patient Surge Seminar – May 6, 2016 • 2016 Public Health Preparedness Academy – May 17-18, 2016 • PEMS Rural EMS Education Expo – May 20-22, 2016 • EMS Day at Busch Gardens/2016 PEMS EMS Awards Luncheon – May 28, 2016. <p>Remaining 2016 MAC Meetings (All Meetings shall be held at PEMS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 9, 2016, 6:30 pm (Dinner at 6:00 pm) • September 8, 2016, 6:30 pm (Dinner at 6:00 pm) • December 8, 2016, Following the OMD Workshop from 8:00 am to 12:00 noon and the Combined PEMS/TEMS Medical Direction Meeting at 1:00 pm (Lunch at 12:00 noon) <p>Dr. Lawson asked the Council to develop instructions for the use of OB identification bracelets that hospitals are providing to EMS agencies for use when deliveries occur in the field.</p> <p>Attendance was verified.</p>	<p>Develop Instructions for the regional use of OB identification bracelets being provided by the hospitals.</p>	<p>J. Bendit by April 30, 2016</p>
Adjournment	The Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.		