

**Rappahannock EMS Council  
Pharmacy Committee Meeting  
March 22, 2012**

**Members Present:** Joey King, Chairman, LifeCare Medical Transports; Carlos Valadez, MWH Pharmacy Department; Carolyn Marsh, REMS Regional Systems Coordinator

**Members Excused:** Andy Daniel, OEMS Program Representative; Kenneth Erickson, MWH Pharmacy Director; Linda Koch, MWH Pharmacy; Gary Garrett, Spotsylvania County F&R; Chris Simmons, Culpeper Hospital

Meeting was called to order by Joey King, Chairman, at 2:30pm at the REMS Council Training Center.

Introductions were made of those who attended the meeting. Joey welcomed Carlos Valadez from Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy Department.

The minutes from the previous meeting on September 27, 2011 were reviewed and there were no corrections and/or additions.

Joey King began the meeting by discussing the importance of the committee and ways to improve participation. The committee charter that includes the mission and purpose was circulated. The committee members list was also circulated. The floor was opened for discussion: Carolyn Marsh recommended quarterly meetings and Carlos Valadez agreed and recommended rotating the meetings to between facilities would be helpful. It was agreed to have the next meeting in Culpeper. Carlos suggested that 2:30pm to 4:00pm and Thursdays are a convenient time to meet. Therefore, meetings will be held on the third Thursday, quarterly, 2:30pm to 4:00pm and the next meeting is Thursday, June 21, 2012.

Carlos Valadez made the following report on behalf of Mary Washington Hospital:

- Expiring medications and/or narcotics packs are to be turned in for replacement 14 days (2 weeks) prior to the expiration date.
- Sodium Bicarbonate has been reduced in medication boxes.
- The valium shortage remains a concern.

Carolyn Marsh made the following report on behalf of REMS:

- Wayne Perry, REMS Executive Director, who was not present at this meeting, would like to discuss the new protocols and medications at the next meeting. Wayne did not arrive at the meeting and his report will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Joey King, Chairman, made the following report on behalf of REMS:

- He reiterated the importance of the committee and the purpose for meeting.
- Joey stated that he would be contacting each committee member personally to express their future involvement. He plans to provide the Committee Charter defining the mission and purpose. Additionally, he will relay the committee's ideas to keep the meetings late in the afternoon, rotate the meeting locations, and streamline the processes.

**Adjournment:** With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:55pm. Joey thanked both Carolyn and Carlos for attending and sharing their ideas.

Respectfully submitted:  
Joey King, Chairman  
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