

**Protocol Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2015**

Call to Order: Tricia Derr called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Present:

Excused:

Guest's Present:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented, with changes as recommended by the staff.

Ventricular Assist Devices: The group discussed the devices that were being used in the region and the information that needs to be added to the protocols. Chris Payne is going to develop some draft language for a future meeting to address this need. There was also a discussion about the LifeVest and video training that was available online.

Naloxone (Narcan) Use by Public: There was some discussion about the upcoming legislative changes that permit the use of this medication by lay persons. There was discussion about the role of this change as it pertains to EMS.

STAT Kit (aka BLS Box): There was discussion about the use, contents, and role of this in the patient care setting. This is an ongoing project with the pharmacy committee and depending on the final outcome there may need to be some revisions to the protocols to cover the personnel and medications that are ultimately included. At this point, the medications that are being discussed for inclusion are Albuterol, Atrovent, Aspirin, Narcan, Nitroglycerin, and Zofran ODT. Waiting to see what the final form will look like from the other committees. There is also training that will be necessary for providers – especially BLS providers – that are going to be using the BLS medications.

Altered States of Comfort protocol: There was some discussion about the use of ODT Zofran and whether or not to add it back as an option, depending on the formulary and potentially having both as an option.

Altered Mental Status protocol: There was a recommendation to delete Thiamine from the protocol as it has been removed from the state EMS formulary.

Chest Pain protocol: There was some discussion about #5 and #7.

Respiratory Distress protocol: There was discussion about removing Furosemide (Lasix) from the protocol as it has fallen out of favor for many physician's preference. Recommend that this be put forward as a question to the medical direction committee for guidance.

Reference Section: There was some discussion about updating the facilities and services that are available in the region. Potomac Sentara Hospital is now a stroke center, and possibly a STEMI center as well. This needs to be updated in the documentation.

Rapid Sequence Induction / Airway Management: There was some discussion about creating a regional RSI protocol. There are currently several agencies that have a protocol for this procedure. The group would like to see the protocols from Orange and Spotsylvania to build a regional protocol.

Next meeting – Monday June 8 at 10:00 am at the REMS Council.

Current Proposed Action Items: None

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.

**Protocol Sub Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 08, 2015**

Call to Order: Tricia Derr called the meeting to order at 1000 hours.

Present: Chair, Tricia Derr, Jake Marshall, Maurice Moody, Brian Weston, Linda Harris, REMS Staff & Wayne Perry, REMS staff

Excused: Leron Lewis & Chris Payne

Guest's Present:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 27, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

ADMIN section SRMC now has SANE trained personnel so they need to be added to section 3:18

Clinical Procedures – IV access There was some discussion on whether E/AEMT can administer EJ peripheral IV access. This info will be presented to Medical Direction

Backboarding Protocol – Currently under Trauma – Spinal Immobilization/Clearance Protocol. From the guidance of Medical Direction Committee this protocol will be revised with criteria for not immobilizing a patient on a long backboard. Wayne Perry will create the new protocol, then it will be emailed to Guidelines & Training Committee and the Medical Direction Committee prior to being presented to the REMS BOD for approval. Once approved it will be sent to all agencies with a memo stating the reasoning behind the change.

Chemical Restraint Protocol- the draft that Jake Marshall created was presented. He has already received some feed back from Medical Direction and the main medication in the protocol, Haldol ,will not be supported by that committee. The medication they prefer is Ketamine. Jake will rewrite the protocol and present it at the next meeting.

The committee also discussed the physical restraint protocol that Jake created. It also will be revised and presented later.

TXA Protocol- Maurice Moody sent the Orange county protocol for TXA – Tricia will review and create a new protocol.

RSI – Maurice Moody also presented the Orange County Protocol. Linda will contact Greg Leitz to get the SpotsyFREM RSI Protocol. Both Tricia & Brian will work on a new protocol

Next meeting – Monday June 22 at 10:00 am at the REMS Council.

Current Proposed Action Items: As soon as the new Backboarding Protocol is written and approved by G & T and Medical Direction it will go to the REMS BOD for approval.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.