



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Committee
Thursday, June 6, 2013@ 2:30
REMS Council – Classroom A**

Members Present

Joey King –Chair
Christina Skinner – MWH Alternate
Sara Bingel – Alternate MWH
John Marshall – Alternate SRMC
Christina Skinner – MWH Alternate
Dennis Smith – Culpeper Reg.
Carolyn Marsh – Staff Support
Kirk Frey – SRMC Pharmacy

Excused

Chris Simmons -CR
Waverly Ally –Provider Rep.
Linda Koch – MWH Pharmacy

The meeting was called to order at 2:30pm by Joey King the committee chairperson. Mr. King introduced Althea McDaniel, Operations Manager with LifeCare who was a guest at the meeting.

New Business

Committee was advised there was one drug diversion since the last meeting. The medication involved was four baby aspirin. Paperwork was submitted to Mary Washington Hospital and Mike Berg in the Officer of Medical Emergency Services.

Old Business

Christina Skinner gave the committee an update on the number of med boxes in the region and the total was 110. Most of the boxes were in good condition with a few in fair or poor condition. There was no identifier on any med boxes to identify what hospital it was issued from. As suspected we did have a number of duplications in assigned box numbers. If a decision is made to renumber the boxes we need to identify where the box originated and assign as follows:

SRMC 2000-2999
MWH 3000-3999
CRH 4000-4999

In the June 06, 2013 meeting the number system was discussed and the identifiers were:

CRH	1000-1999
SRMS	2000-2999
MWH	3000-3999

If the direction is to renumber all the boxes we would need to have a time table of completion and determine how we're going to remove the old number and place new numbers. It was agreed that we would not take any action until we had further information on the one for one exchange.

Culpeper Hospital did not do the inventory or converting to the REMS medication list last month as they had indicated they would be doing. They want to allow agencies the necessary time to obtain a CSR. They are evaluating if they will need the 747 Plano boxes any longer - updates to follow.

MWH has received back order of Atropine and 1 X 10mL Naloxone and could support adding one back into the squad boxes and wanted to check the availability of the medication with the other two hospitals. CPR and SMRC do not have the available inventory of these medications to stock any squad boxes. MWH could do some restock but does not have enough inventory to restock the entire system and hospital. They have received some inventory of Dextrose and Sodium Bicarbonate but not enough inventory to start stocking ems bags. The three pharmacy departments will get together once they determine where they are on back orders and they will provide an update at that time.

All CSR's for one for one medication exchange is a schedule 6. Christina Skinner provided a copy of CSR from four agencies, Spotsylvania County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Management, County of Orange Fire and EMS, Fredericksburg Fire Department, and Stafford County Fire & Rescue Department.

Joey King updated the committee on the clarification letter that was sent to the Board of Pharmacy on August 5th. The document outlined the current procedure used in the REMS Council Region for one for one medications exchange. A copy of the document was sent to committee members.

Next meeting is October 3, 2013 at 2:30 pm at Rappahannock EMS Council, Classroom A.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Committee- Special Meeting
Thursday, September 12, 2013
REMS Council – Classroom A**

Members Present

Joey King –Chair
Sara Bingel – Alternate MWH
Jake Marshall – Alternate SRMC
Christina Skinner – MWH Alternate
Dennis Smith – Culpeper Regional Hospital
Carolyn Marsh – Staff Support
Kirk Frey – SRMC Pharmacy
Waverly Alley – Spotsylvania Fire/Rescue
Linda Koch – MWHC Pharmacy
Wayne Perry – REMS Executive Director

Excused

Chris Simmons- Culpeper Regional Hospital

Guest

Cheri DelaRosa –MWHC
Regulatory & Risk Management

The specially-called meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Joey King, committee chairperson. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss recent information from the Board of Pharmacy as it related to one-for-one medication exchange.

New Business

No new business

Old Business

Wayne Perry and Joey King, along with several representatives from the Virginia Office of EMS attended a Virginia Board of Pharmacy committee meeting on September 9, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed changes to 18VAC110-20-500. The staff at the Board of Pharmacy had made some proposed legislative changes regarding the language in this section, which was being sent from the committee to the full pharmacy board to move forward as legislative amendments.

The REMS regional pharmacy committee has been working on obtaining information and a ruling on one-for-one medications exchange from the Board of Pharmacy for several months. There was information that this would be discussed at the meeting. Some of the language in this revised document did, in fact, address one-for-one medication exchanges. At this meeting it was also made clear that they do not support one-for-one medication exchange. They indicated that this practice was not currently

supported by the will of the committee, nor would they in the future be willing to have this occur. The board of pharmacy committee went on to say that no medications should be exchanged by EMS through the Pyxis system and that only a nurse, physician, or a pharmacist can exchange medications. This currently includes med-boxes and medication administration devices (IV fluids, IV drip sets, syringes, needles, etc). This also includes, according to the Schedule VI listing, bottles of sterile irrigation saline, sterile water, etc. Basically, anything that requires a prescription. The current regulation requires that all of these items be included in the medication "kit" which is exchanged one-for-one as an entire kit. The NEW proposed regulation is to allow for individual one-for-one exchange of these medication administration items by a nurse, pharmacist, or physician without requiring the entire kit be exchanged. The change to the regulations to allow for one-for-one dispensing of medication administration devices but the process could take up to two years. Wayne advised they were looking at "fast tracking" the legislative change to the regulation and we could possibly see results in a year; but it is unclear since it is an election year how long it may take. Again, this would only cover medication administration devices and Schedule VI medications would continue to be required to be stored and exchanged in a medication kit; EMS needs to exchange one entire used kit for one entire new kit through a nurse, a physician, or a pharmacist. Until the regulation has been changed medication devices should only be dispensed as part of the medication kit..

The following is the plan to work toward compliance of the regulations:

1. Send out initial announcement to EMS of the change in interpretation by the Board of Pharmacy (to be done by REMS by the end of this week) – Carolyn and Wayne
2. Eliminate EMS provider access for Pyxis machines: timeline of 30 days (deadline no later than October 31st). The hospitals are going to return to their agencies and discuss how this works, with an update to be provided at the October REMS Pharmacy Committee meeting.
3. Identify and create a regional drug box system (Joey, Sara, Dennis and Kirk) – (plan to be established no later the October 31st with a status report at the October Pharmacy Committee meeting). This will include
 - a) Benchmark with other programs (ODEMSA and other regional councils)
 - b) Type of box- medications and an IV box as a separate item
 - c) Identifications/tracking boxes/numbering
4. Funding source
 - a) Consider RSAF grant (next cycle March 15, 2014)
 - b) Other grant sources

The next meeting is October 3, 2013 at 2:00 pm at the REMS Council, classroom A.



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Committee
Thursday, October 3, 2013
REMS Council – Classroom A**

Members Present

Joey King –Chair
Sara Bingel – Alternate MWH
Christina Skinner – MWH Alternate
Dennis Smith – Culpeper Regional Hospital
Kirk Frey – SRMC Pharmacy
Linda Koch – MWHC Pharmacy
Carolyn Marsh – Staff Support
Wayne Perry – REMS Executive Director
Chris Simmons- Culpeper Regional Hospital

Excused

Waverly Alley – Spotsylvania F&R
Jake Marshall – Alternate SRMC

Guest

Cheri DelaRosa –MWHC
Regulatory & Risk Management
Joe Sposa- Spotsylvania F& R
Lori Knowles – Stafford County
Ray Velasquez – Caroline County

The meeting was called to order at 1430 by Joey King.

The first order of business was approval of the September 12, 2013 minutes. Motion by Chris Simmons second by Joey King, minutes approved with no corrections or additions.

New Business:

There were four drug diversions reported since the last meeting. All four diversions were from the same agency. Appropriate reports were file with Mary Washington Healthcare, Virginia Office of Emergency Services and REMS. They determined that all four boxes were from Mary Washington Healthcare. Following an investigation any necessary corrective actions will be taken and they have already reduced access to the med-box compartment. The agency is also looking into a security system and has a meeting scheduled with CyberLock. Through their investigation they have found CyberLock to be a very affordable security system.

Old Business:

Wayne Perry reported that he had been in contact with Mary Washington Healthcare after they had several meetings to see how everything was going and to determine how and when we could move the process along. There was further discussion regarding the CSR's that were issued. Contact was made with Caroline Juran, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Pharmacy regarding the CSR's. She advised that the plan is not to do inspections and revoke the CSR's as current regulations supported the CSR's when they were initially approved. Once the new regulation is approved the only items that can

be dispensed one-for-one will be medication administration devices. We have no choice but to go back to the med-boxes since the regulation is very clear that only a nurse, physician or pharmacist can dispense medications, and there is no proposal to amend this.

Mary Washington Hospital will be resetting current provider passwords but will not be issuing any new providers passwords to the automated dispensing machines. Those individuals without access will have to go to the pharmacy to restock medications. They are looking into the process they will use for the one for one medication administration device exchange. Stafford Hospital and the Lee's Hill ED could handle a nurse exchanging the med box. However, Mary Washington would have challenges with this task due to the volume of transports to that facility. Culpeper Hospital, in an effort to be compliant, will have a nurse in the ED at their facility issue the med box to the provider. This will be effective October 21, 2013. All provider access to the AccuDose system will then be de-activated.

Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center is following the same basic guideline as is being done by Mary Washington Healthcare. They will reset current passwords but will not be issuing passwords to new providers. All facilities agreed they would not be allowing access to the AccuDose systems for any new EMS providers.

The committee is looking to create a gradual transition to the new system. The first phase will be that hospitals are not issuing any new providers a password to access their automated dispensing systems. Further, the hospitals agreed they would not be able to meet the deadline of October 31, 2013 for de-activating all passwords. The committee members and hospital representatives agreed to push the timeline back. In addition when creating the new system, hospitals should not permit any agency-wide passwords to access medications administration devices. Even if the new regulation is passed it is specific to individual provider access and does not permit agency access. Agencies must also have a CSR specifically naming their agency and warehouse permit, with for each location that they plan to store any IV solutions that are not within the medication kit

The recommended medication box was reviewed. The majority of the committee felt that it would fit in the apparatus compartments for storage. There was some discussion on the quantity of boxes that would be needed for each agency. In addition, there would need to be spares that would be kept in the pharmacy for replacement. Tina Skinner will be contacting all of the EMS agencies to determine the number of apparatus they have with a medication kit and will report back to the committee at the next meeting. Once the number is determined we will work on price quotes from various vendors to get the best price. In addition, Tina will be contacting agencies to determine who has CSR's and she will report back with that information at the next meeting as well.

New Business:

Under the current guidelines if an agency requests a new med-box and narcotic pack we simply verify:

- Agency is ALS Licensed
- Agency holds a current Restocking Agreement
- Written Request
- Unit # and copy of registration
- Where unit will be housed

Once all requirements are met it goes to REMS Executive Director for approval and a memo is forwarded to Mary Washington Hospital for the med-box and narcotic pack to be issued. REMS recently received a request from Fredericksburg Fire Department for a new box to be placed on their Hazmat I vehicle. After receipt it was questioned if this piece of equipment truly needed a med box specific to this vehicle. It was brought before the regional pharmacy committee for discussion. The direction of the committee was for Wayne to make contact with the agency to investigate why these items are needed and report back to the committee at our next meeting for a final determination on the approval of this kit.

The committee felt the group needed to meet prior to the December scheduled meeting to continue to work toward resolution and compliance on the one for one exchange. The next meeting will be on November 14, 2013 at Culpeper Hospital at 2:30.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 2013 at 2:30 pm at the REMS Council Office
Location**

Members Present

Joey King -Chairperson
Waverly Ally – Provider Representative
Sara Bingel – MWHC
Dennis Smith- CRH
John Marshall – SRMC
Christina Skinner- MWHC
Margret Rowe- Fauquier Hospital
Chris Simmons - CRH

Staff Support

Carolyn Marsh - Staff Support
Wayne Perry –Executive Director

Excused

Kirk Frey – SRMC
Linda Koch – MWHC

Guest

Joe Sposa –Spotsy. FREMS

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Joey King the committee chairperson.

Approval of Minutes

November 14, 2013 minutes were approved by a majority.

New Business

No new business discussed.

Old Business

The first order of business was an update of the medication shortages to determine if there were any medications that can be removed from the Medication Shortage list. The following medications were discussed:

- Atropine Sulfate – can add at least one to med-boxes
- Dextrose 50 – can increase from one to two in med-box
- Narcan – small vials
- Fentanyl – no
- Ketamine – S. Bingel will check and report back
- Sodium Bicarbonate – add one
- Zofran – yes
- Etomidate – yes
- Valium – no (regulatory concern for additional narcotic added back in at this time by MWHC due to increased volume of diversion cases)
- Ativan – no (regulatory concern for additional narcotic added back in at this time by MWHC due to increased volume of diversion cases)
- Dopamine- bags yes
- Lidocaine – yes
- Calcium Chloride– yes 1 syringe
- Epinephrine – yes
- Furosemide – yes
- Methylprednisolone- ?

Mary Washington, Culpeper Regional and Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center were all onboard with the medications that could come off the shortage list.

Joey advised that he was working on a second quote for pricing of the medication boxes. To date he has not received the price quote. Once it is received he will pass that information on to the committee. The committee reviewed the quote that was received from Bound Tree. The medication box would cost \$32.00 per unit based on an order of 300 medication boxes.

It was determined by the hospital representatives present that we would need at least 350 medication boxes in order to place one on each ambulance in the region and have the necessary spares per hospital to restock. These totals do not include Fauquier Hospital as they are not endorsing the change back to medication boxes at this time. Ms. Rowe advised that Northern Virginia was going to fight the change with the Virginia Board of Pharmacy. It was reiterated that this was not a change. The Virginia Board of Pharmacy intention was never to allow agencies to do one for one medication exchanges. Based on the information available to Fauquier at this time will not commit to the return to medication boxes as they want to wait and see if Northern Virginia is successful with their petition to the Virginia Board of Pharmacy.

In past meetings there had been discussion on possibly pursuing a grant to cover the cost to implement return of medication boxes. The committee was advised the RSAF grant cycle would open in February, with a deadline for submission by March 15, 2014. If that was a financial avenue the group wanted to pursue for funding we need to finalize our planning. The committee, Mary Washington Healthcare, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and Culpeper Regional all agreed to keep the process moving forward. The 3 hospitals agreed to go back to their respective facilities and seek funding of \$4,000 each to cover the cost of the boxes. That information need to be brought back to the committee at the February meeting. In the event the facilities were not onboard the committee would still have time to do the RSAF grant. Another item discussed was agencies that expanded their fleet in the future would be responsible for the purchase of the medication box.

The committee strongly agreed that we needed to implement a tracking system. The direction is a numbering system as identified below:

Culpeper 1000-1999

Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center 2000-2999

Mary Washington Healthcare 3000-3999

When a group of committee members visited ODEMSA the hospitals has an actual computer system that tracked each med-box. While it was a nice program there a no funds for sustainably of that kind of program right now.

There was discussion on the narcotic packs being in the medication box or out. Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and Culpeper felt the narcotics should be placed in the med-box and support a move to this with the new regional drug boxes. However, Mary Washington advised following recent discussion with their Pharmacy leadership and Regulatory, they would not be placing them in the med-box. After lengthy discussion on this subject the committee members were advised to send their comments and justification for the narcotics to be in the med-box to Tina Skinner and Sara Bingel to take back to the appropriate group within Mary Washington Healthcare for additional consideration.

The Medication Accountability SOG was reviewed. At this time the committee is not recommending any changes to the document. It was brought forward that the document covers one for one medication exchange throughout. It was recommended the document not be revised until everything is finalized to go back to the med-box exchange. It would be confusing to the agencies to have a revised document and no implementation timeline for the change.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 2:30 pm at Culpeper Regional Hospital, meeting room to be announced.



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 2:30 pm at Culpeper Regional Hospital
Location**

Members Present

Joey King -Chairperson
Waverly Ally – Provider Representative
Sara Bingel – MWHC
John Marshall – SRMC
Margret Rowe- Fauquier Hospital
Chris Simmons – CRH

Staff Support

Carolyn Marsh- - Staff Support
Wayne Perry –Executive Director

Excused

Kirk Frey – SRMC
Dennis Smith - CRH
Christina Skinner- MWH

Guest

Joe Sposa –Spotsy. FREMS
Emmitt Price –BOD
Jenni-Meade Hartle-Stafford
Chris Corbin – F-burg Fire
Mary Hart – Fauquier Co. F&R
D. H. Dike – Rappahannock Co.

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Joey King the committee chairperson.

Approval of Minutes

December 5, 2013 minutes were approved by a majority.

New Business

The REMS Council was notified through OEMS Listserve that there are national shortages with IV saline solution. Through communications with Mary Washington Healthcare, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center, Culpeper Regional, and Fauquier hospital the only one currently experience shortages is Fauquier. We will continue to monitor the shortages.

Warren Jenkins with Culpeper County F& R had originally planned to attend the Pharmacy meeting but was unable to attend. Culpeper County Sheriff's Department is working on implementing a program where deputies can administer Narcan to drug overdoses. They are seeking Mr. Jenkins assistance in starting the program and he has some questions and is seeking input from the committee. Since he was unable to attend we will place it on the agenda for next month.

Old Business

Chris Corbin with Fredericksburg Fire Department was present to speak to the committee regarding the issuing of a med-box and narc pack for Hazmat 1. Since the initial request was not for an ambulance there was some reservation and question with issuing these items for a Hazmat vehicle. Mr. Corbin advised that this unit would respond to the incident but would not enter the scene, it would be used to outside the hazmat scene for treatment purposes. The committee original thought that an ambulance was dispatch to the incident and he advised that is not always the case.

The following medications can come off the medication shortage list. The unit concentration, packing, and number of units may be different:

Naloxone (Narcan)	Amiodarone
Ketamine	Sodium Bicarbonate
Ondansetron (Zofran)	Amindate (Etomidate)
Lidocaine Hydrochloride	Dextrose 25%
Dextrose 50%	Calcium Chloride
Atrophine Sulfate	Epinephrine (Adrenalin)
Furosemid (Lasix)	Methylprednisolone (Solu-Medrol)

Medications that are still on the shortage list or not available due to the regulatory department at MWH: Fentanyl, Diazepam (Valium), Dopamine, and Lorazepam (Ativan).

Material was sent out to the committee members on a meeting with the Board of Pharmacy that will take place in March regarding the one for one medication exchange. Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and Culpeper Regional Hospital have decided to not move forward on the medication boxes purchases until after the March meeting. It was stated that Mary Washington Healthcare had not secured funding for the boxes. Carolyn advised that Christine Skinner had been in touch with the foundation and they are willing to fund \$4,000 toward the project.

Mary Washington Healthcare regulator does not agree with the narc packs being in the med-box. Spotsylvania Regional and Culpeper Hospital have in the past stated that would place them in the med-box. As we get closer to completing the new med-box system we will need to revisit this topic. Stafford County and King George County are opposed to having the narc packs in the med-boxes. Those localities along with Spotsylvania County have security systems for the narc packs in place.

Jake Marshall requested clarification on issuing new providers access to the pyxis system. It was his understanding that Mary Washington has resumed issuing pass codes to new providers. He was advised that this was correct. Since we have a delay in the new med-box system it was felt that providers should not be penalized and started issuing pass codes last week, Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center and Culpeper will start issuing pass codes as well.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 2:30 pm at the REMS Council, Classroom A.



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Meeting
Thursday, April 3, 2014 at 2:30 pm at REMS Council Office**

Members Present

Joey King -Chairperson
Waverly Ally – Provider Representative
Sara Bingel – MWHC
John Marshall – SRMC
Chris Simmons – CRH
Dennis Smith - CRH
Linda Koch - MWH

Staff Support

Carolyn Marsh- - Staff Support
Wayne Perry –Executive Director

Excused

Kirk Frey – SRMC
Margret Rowe- Fauquier Hospital

Guest

Daivd Moody – K. G. F& R
Carlos Valadez – Stafford Hospital

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Joey King the committee chairperson.

Approval of Minutes

February 6, 2014 minutes were approved by a majority.

New Business

There was no new business discussed at the meeting.

Old Business

An update was provided on the Virginia Board of Pharmacy meeting held in Richmond, VA on March 26th, 2014. The reconsideration of Regulations 18VAC110-20-500 Licensed Emergency Medical Services Agencies Programs with currently reads:

The pharmacy may prepare a drug kit for licensed emergency medical services agency provided:

1. The PIC of the hospital pharmacy shall be responsible for all prescription drugs contained in this drug kit. A pharmacist shall check each drug kit after filling the kit, and initial the filling record certifying the accuracy and integrity of the contents of the kit.
2. The drug kit is sealed in such a manner that it will deter theft or loss of drugs and aid in detection of such.
3. Drugs may be administered by an emergency medical technician upon an oral or written order or standing protocol of an authorized medical practitioner in accordance with 54.1-3403 of the Code of Virginia. Oral orders shall be reduced to writing by the technician and shall be signed by a medical practitioner. Written standing protocols shall be signed by the operational medical director for the emergency medical services agency. The emergency medical technician shall make a record of all drugs administered to a patient.
4. When the drug kit has been opened, the kit shall be returned to the pharmacy and exchanged for an unopened kit. The record of the drugs administered shall accompany the opened kit when exchanged. An accurate record shall be maintained by the pharmacy on the exchange of the drug kit for a period of one year.

5. The record of the drugs administered shall be maintained as a part of the pharmacy records pursuant to state and federal regulations for a period of not less than two years.
6. Intravenous solutions provided by a hospital pharmacy to an emergency medical services agency may be stored separately outside the drug kit.

The BOP chairperson referred the issue to the Regulation Committee for review and recommendation. The floor was opened for public comment and Lorenz Dahl with Northern Virginia EMS Council and Joey King spoke.

After much discussion and determining that it may be some time before a decision is reached by the BOP Tina Skinner made a motion that we move forward with the med-boxes, the motion was second by Waverly Ally. Motion passes with a 100% for the motion 0 against the motion. Joey requested that the Medication Accountability Plan be forwarded to the committee members for review and modification to reflect the med-box and removing the one for one language.

The EMT-B kits were discussed and implementation of the program. It was decided that we would move forward with this project. The agencies will be responsible for the purchase of the storage bag and the hospitals will stock the bags with everything except the Epi-pen.

The medication shortage listed was reviewed for accuracy. Sara Bingel advised that Dextrose 25% and Adenosine could be removed from the list of shortages. All other medications are still not available.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at 2:30 pm at Culpeper Regional Hospital, location to be announced.



**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014 at 2:30 pm at Culpeper Regional Hospital**

Members Present

Joey King -Chairperson
Waverly Ally – Provider Representative
John Marshall – SRMC
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Margret Rowe- Fauquier Hospital
Chris Simmons – CRH
Dennis Smith – Culpeper RM

Staff Support

Carolyn Marsh- - Staff Support
Wayne Perry –Executive Director

Excused

Kirk Frey – SRMC
Christina Skinner- MWH

Guest

Joe Sposa –Spotsy. FREMS
Chris Henderson - LifeCare
Samantha Romano - LifeCare

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Joey King, the committee chairperson, at 2:30 pm.

Approval of Minutes

April 3, 2014 minutes were approved; motion by Chris Simmons to approve the minutes, second Denise Smith, motion carries.

New Business

Joey gave an update on the Board of Pharmacy meeting that was held on May 8, 2014. The BOP made a recommendation to move forward with the one for one mediation exchange. The committee wants the recommendation to have clear, precise language on the narcotic bags and containers. There could be a decision within 30 days but could take up to 180 days.

BOP and Freestanding Emergency Departments are going to need to have limited-service (limited-use site licensee) pharmacies with pharmacist on site in order to be able to exchange any medications.

Old Business

The committee has been working on a revision to the Medication Accountability Plan. Changes have been recommended to remove the one for one and add the medication boxes back in the plan. Based on the information provided from the May 8, 2014 BOP meeting, Jake Marshall made a motion to table the box system, seconded by Dennis Smith. At this time there are no changes to the policy until a ruling has been made by the BOP.

Medication shortages were discussed and the group wanted a policy in place. One course of action would be to create a Standard Operating Guideline (SOG), recommend it to the REMS Board of Directors, and provide it as a tool/guideline for all hospitals.

Comments from the meeting:

1. There is concern for EMS agencies shopping around between hospitals to replace medications used.
2. Accurate information
3. Notification to REMS as soon as you are aware of the need to notify providers of the shortage.
4. Notification to REMS as soon as the shortage is resolved.
5. REMS will complete the following:

- REMS will post information on the REMS website.
- REMS will communicate with the Medical Director to establish other medication options.

Medication Exchange Exhibit D of the restocking agreement was reviewed. The committee is recommending the following changes:

- Adensione reduce quantity from 5 3 6mg/2mL
- Amiodarone increase from 1 to 4 150mg/3mL
- Amiodarone remove 2 450 mg/9mL from the list
- Atropine Sulfate reduce quantity from 4 to 2 1 mg/10 ML

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 2:30 pm at the REMS Council, Classroom A.