

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Committee Meeting
Tuesday October 23, 2006**

Minutes

Members Present:

Linda Harris, REMS Council Systems Coordinator
Tim Kimble, Committee Chairperson
Joey King, LifeCare Medical Transports
Billy Yeatman, Mary Washington Hospital EMS Coordinator
Robert Zywiak, Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy

Excused:

Chris Simmons, Culpeper Hospital

Others present:

Tina Skinner, REMS Council Director

The meeting was called to order by Tim Kimble, Committee Chairperson, at 10:00 a.m. at the REMS Council Training Room in Fredericksburg, Va.

The main topic for this meeting is the RSAF Grant that the REMS Council was awarded in March 2006 and how it will be spent within the next 2 months. The original items on the grant now need to be altered for adjusted. The conversation among the committee members was how to adapt it and does it in fact need to stand as it was originally written. The committee needed some answers and to how the Grant could be adjusted or extended. Tina Skinner was asked for her input on this process. The changes in question were whether we could eliminate the narcotic safes and plastic boxes. The medications would be place in a nylon bag and the narcotics in a safety pouch. The safety pouch would be secured to the nylon medication bag with a numbered seal. This is similar to what Culpeper Hospital Pharmacy is currently using. Tina stated that the REMS Medication/ Narcotic Accountability SOG would not cover such changes in the storage of medications and narcotics on EMS units unless the document is amended and approved by the Medical Direction Committee and the REMS Board. This has been tabled until further research can be accomplished by the committee. Tina will request a 6-month extension on the RSAF Grant Funds. The next Pharmacy Committee will be in Culpeper so we can see how their medication/narcotic exchange process works.

After that time if it is felt we would like to pursue this option the Pharmacy Committee will contact Linda Dempsey, the secretary for the FEMA Group, to make arrangement to be added to the monthly FEMA Meeting Agenda for a presentation. In the meantime, we will create an online survey for ALS & BLS providers. In this survey we seek information on what might and might not work if they chose to implement a one for one medication exchange program and the new storage system for narcotics. We will also be contacting the PEMS Council for information on their quarterly med box number checklist. We will also be contacting WVEMS Council for the supplier they used for their new plastic narcotic containers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m. Next meeting will be Friday November 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Culpeper OEMS office located at 15166 Richmond Road, Culpeper, Va 22701.