

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Committee Meeting
Thursday October 25, 2007**

Minutes

Members Present:

Tim Kimble, Chairperson REMS Pharmacy Committee
Linda Harris, REMS Council Systems Coordinator
Bill Yeatman, Mary Washington Hospital EMS Coordinator

Others Present:

Heather Calhoun, REMS Regional Education Coordinator
Tina Skinner, REMS Council Director
Shelby Ervin, MWH Hospital Pharmacy Operation Supervisor

Excused

Dr. Edgar Gonzales, Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy Director
Ray Tricarico, Deputy Chief, Operations, Fauquier Cty. Dept. of Fire & EMS
Margaret Rowe, Fauquier Hospital Pharmacy Director

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Tim Kimble at 2:00 p.m. at the REMS Council Training Room in Fredericksburg, Va.

Introductions were made of those attending this meeting. Heather Calhoun gave an overview of the new protocols and provided a list of the medications that would be required per the new protocols. These are the medications that the hospital pharmacies provide in the medication boxes that our EMS agencies carry on their vehicles. The go live date for the new protocols will be Saturday December 15, 2007. Shelby Ervin will be checking with staffing for MWH Pharmacy for the drug box exchange that will be conducted the following week. It will be conducted as previous drug box changes have preceded with counties assigned certain days to exchange their medication boxes. The larger counties will have a day to themselves where as smaller counties will be grouped with other smaller counties. The county is to bring only 10 boxes at a time for the exchange. The counties can only exchange boxes if they have provided documentation to the REMS Office that their members have completed the Protocol Roll-out training. This information will then be sent to Shelby.

Heather and Greg Leitz are working with Dr Gonzales to produce a video on the mixing and administration of the new medications.

It was also mentioned that the Acudose machine needs to be updated. This is the medication pyxis machine located in the EMS room in MWH ED that the agencies who participate in the one for one medication exchange use to replace meds that were used on calls.

Also discussed was the use of the new narcotic seal bags to be implemented with the new drug box roll out. The bags were purchased through a RSAF Grant and given to the hospital in preparation of the upcoming change over. The goal is to place the new narcotics bags in the sealed med boxes.

Linda Harris will get a memo out to agencies this week informing them of the roll out and tentative medication exchange procedure.

After hearing from Shelby the schedule for the exchange will be set by the REMS Office.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.