

**Rappahannock Emergency Medical Services Council
Pharmacy Committee Meeting with MW Hospital
Minutes
Tuesday, February 27, 2007**

Present

Tina Skinner, REMS Director
Linda Harris, REMS Council Systems Coordinator
Marie Frederick, Regulatory Affairs, MWH
Bill Yeatman, Mary Washington Hospital EMS Coordinator
Robert Zywiak, Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy
Marianna Bedway, Vice President, Mary Washington Hospital

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m. in the conference room of Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy, Fredericksburg.

The topic of discussion was the needle safe devices that are provided to the EMS agencies by Mary Washington Hospital. The meeting stems from a complaint from an agency that the current needles do not meet the OSHA regulations for EMS Providers.

Billy Yeatman had prior to the meeting consulted with the Materials Management Department at MWH about the availability of different devices that would make the med boxes compliant with the OSHA regulations. The new needles would be the safety glide needles and are available in gauges compatible with what is currently stocked in the medication boxes. We will also be adding a filter straw to the medication box. And the 1cc syringe will be replaced with a safer variation. We did consult with a member from the Materials Management Department during the meeting to verify when they would have the quantity in stock of these devices begin the exchange with all agencies in the REMS region. It should take no more than 1 week to have everything in stock. Billy will provide sample devices to the REMS office so a training program can be created for the agencies. The REMS Office will create a schedule in conjunction with the Pharmacy for the exchange of the boxes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.