

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Pharmacy Committee Meeting
September 27, 2011**

Members Present:

Larry Alston, Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy Department
Joey King, LifeCare Medical Transports
Wayne Perry, REMS Council Executive Director
Carlos Tam, Mary Washington Hospital

Excused

Andy Daniel, OEMS Program Representative
Tim Kimble, Chairperson, Fauquier County Fire & Rescue
Chris Simmons, Culpeper Hospital

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Perry, REMS Executive Director at 3:10p.m. at the REMS Council Training Center, Classroom B.

Introductions were made of those attending the meeting. No old minutes to approve as the last meeting was held in October 2007.

Wayne stated he is working on revising the Regional Protocols to present at the next Board of Directors meeting in October for approval. Some of the changes are the format and will list just the medications without the adult and pediatric sections. He is requesting the Medical Direction Committee to add some medications to the list in the protocols. Discussed the different medications and dosages to be added and how they are distributed to the EMS squads. Once the new protocols are approved by the Board there will be a month or two of implementation, roll-outs and education, so they will probably be in effect starting January 1, 2012.

Joey asked how the one-for-one exchange was going and Wayne stated he has not heard of any major issues with the program.

Wayne brought up wanting to implement a "BLS Kit" for EMT's to give medications such as aspirin, albuterol neb, epi pen, and nitro, without having access to the entire contents of medications. This would be a locked container or compartment in the ambulance per pharmacy regulations. Would leave up to each agency as to how to set it up. Joey stated LifeCare is looking to change all the locks on their narcotic bags and reissue keys to the ALS providers. They have revised the check procedure to make it a little more detailed.

Larry Alston stated he will initiate an audit for signatures on waste as they were having a problem with that in the past. Wayne mentioned that another Council region had an issue with tampering that was forwarded to Shelby. The Pharmacy will develop a

process on how to add Fentanyl and Ketamine to the narcotic bag. They will need a month to be ready for the roll-out of the new medications as listed in the protocols.

Wayne stated there will be quarterly meetings set in the afternoon in the future and they will be notified accordingly.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:35pm.