

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Regional Pharmacy Committee
July 11, 2019
2:00 p.m.
REMS Council Training Center**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joey King, Chairman
Lori Feldman – MWH Pharmacy
Christina Rauch – SH Pharmacy Alternate
Mike Neace, SRMC Pharmacy
Daniel Stewart, SRMC Alternate
Lisa _____, Culpeper
Alecia Hamm
Susan Dietrich, REMS Board
Bill Tosick, Spotsylvania Fire & Rescue
Lori Knowles, Stafford Fire & Rescue, REMS Board

REMS: Wayne Perry, Staff Support
Guest: Jennifer Lynch, Sovereign Medical

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of Minutes	Minutes were previously provided to committee members for review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Motion by Lori Knowles, seconded by Lori Feldman and carried to accept the minutes of April 4, 2019. - Motion by Christina Rauch, seconded by Lori Knowles and carried to accept the minutes of January 3, 2019. 	
Old Business	<p>Regional Medication Shortages: Committee reviewed current regional medication shortages as presented by pharmacies present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Regional Pharmacies will be phasing Diltiazem, Dopamine and Sodium Bicarb back into the med boxes and Acudose as now available. - Ketamine: Only a small quantity still available for regional pharmacies. Following lengthy discussion, motion made by Lori Knowles, seconded by Lori Feldman and carried to provide Ketamine for region's EMS Supervisor vehicles to ensure up to two available for: Caroline (1), Fredericksburg (1), King George (2), Spotsylvania (2), and Stafford (2) with a total of 8 issued. Will be placed in separate Narcotic Kit bag with identifying sticker for "EMS Supervisor Use Only" and must be exchanged directly in hospital pharmacies. EMS agencies must understand if during exchange, no Ketamine is available, the special issued kit will not be exchanged. Versed remains a secondary option for EMS units as already in Narcotic Kits. <p>Christina Rauch will prepare a list of approved EMS Supervisor names and vehicle numbers and send to participating pharmacies. Once distributed, the pharmacies will coordinate the initial distribution, with 4 kits each from MWHC and SRMC.</p> <p>EMS Agency CSRs Update: EMS Agency Controlled Substance Registrations were renewed in February 2019. REMS has been working with area Pharmacies to ensure they have copies of all CSRs on file as regulated. Still need copies from Caroline, Fauquier, King George, LOW and Westmoreland. Chairman Joey King will personally reach out</p>	<p>REMS update Regional Medication Shortage list for EMS notification.</p> <p>Christina Rauch to provide list to Pharmacies on EMS Supervisor Vehicle #s and names. Pharmacies to then coordinate distribution of 8 Ketamine Kits in field.</p> <p>Joey King to contact agencies who have not submitted CSR.</p>

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	<p>to these agencies.</p> <p>DEA and Other Legislative Changes Update: No update to provide at this time.</p>	
New Business	<p>Color Coded Syringes for EPI: Jennifer Lynch of Sovereign Medical was present to provide information and a demo on their new products available for accurate dosing with color codes and syringe sleeves that can also be used by BLS per new regulations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Epinephrine Convenience Kit for Anaphylaxis in pediatric patients age 0 – 8 years \$89 per kit; up to 2 years shelf life; contains Epinephrine 1mg/ml Vial and color-coded syringe sleeve MWHC is currently looking to add this product in the Emergency Departments and is going to P&T Review this week for approval. - PALS Syringe Holder Kit for pediatrics \$75 each and comes in a case of 4 at \$300. Includes syringe sleeves for Epi, Lidocaine and Atropine as well as retractable length-based resuscitation tape - Spotsylvania County Fire & Rescue looking at products in last EMS Workgroup meeting and recommend for REMS BLS Stat Kits - Will need to address how EMS agencies will store since product will increase size of current Regional STAT Kit <p>Pharmacy Committee recommends hospitals purchase the Epinephrine Convenience Kits and place in Regional STAT Kit. Need to do more research on vendors the hospitals can purchase from, storage, and data from past year to support need and use for pediatric anaphylaxis. Will place on next committee agenda for further discussion.</p> <p>Regional Drug Box Agency Site Visits: MWHC conducted a site visit at Fort A. P. Hill last month to review their regional medication exchange process and policies. Several recommendations were made which were shared with REMS and the Pharmacy Committee Chair. Lori Feldman would like to conduct more regular site visits of agencies who are maintaining the Pharmacy issued drug boxes. Was a great opportunity to engage EMS and continue to build a strong program.</p> <p>Regional Restocking Agreement: MWHC shared that their REMS Regional Restocking Agreement will expire in September 2019 with consecutive automatic annual renewals following. The REMS Board of Directors reviewed the Restocking Agreement at their April 2019 meeting with no changes. Upon committee review, only see updates needed to sub-exhibits of agreement (current medication list, etc.)</p>	<p>Place item on October 2019 Pharmacy Committee Agenda for further discussion and review follow ups.</p>

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	<p>Wayne Perry shared a question had been asked as to whether an agency can participate in the REMS Regional Restocking Agreement if their OMD is not from within the REMS region. The committee agreed that any agency can enter into contract with REMS for restocking as long as they had a state certified OMD.</p> <p>MWHC EMS Med Acudose: Lori Feldman shared that she is working with Regulatory and the manufacturer of our EMS Med Acudose machines to attempt to extend the password reset to six months versus 90 days.</p> <p>REMS Protocol Update Recommendations: Wayne Perry shared the Regional Protocol Committee is looking at some new protocols that would need support from the hospital pharmacies. They would like to add the following drugs to the current medication list and if available and provided by pharmacies, will develop new protocols:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PO Tylenol for pediatrics: Pharmacies present advised they could provide unit dose cups which will fit in current med boxes - Nitro Paste: Pharmacies present advised they could order and provide in packets which are less expensive than tubes. - Glucagon for EMT-Basic level also being considered as protocol update and already provided in med boxes. Would need to add/move to Regional Stat Kit if approved. Pharmacies expressed concern that this is an expensive drug (\$200 per kit) and recommended that the current drug be moved from med box to STAT kit to save on expenses. Would need to address how this would affect those agencies not currently using a Regional Stat Kit. - Wayne will share the Pharmacy Committee's input with the Protocol Committee as they further discuss. No changes to be made by Pharmacies until Regional Protocol approved and announced. 	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019, 2:00 p.m. at the REMS Council Training Center.</p> <p>Minutes submitted by Secretary, Christina Rauch 7/19/2019</p>	