

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Regional Pharmacy Committee
July 9, 2020
2:00 p.m.
REMS Council Training Center - Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joey King, Chairman
 John Coggins – Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy
 Lori Feldman – Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy
 Jerry Martin – Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center Pharmacy
 Christina Rauch – MWHC / Stafford Hospital Pharmacy
 Alecia Hamm, Reva Rescue
 Bill Tosick, Spotsylvania Fire & Rescue

REMS: Wayne Perry, REMS Staff Support

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of April 2, 2020 were previously provided to committee members for review. - Motion by John Coggins, seconded by Christina Rauch and carried to approve.	
Old Business	<p>Pharmacy Committee Charter: Current Charter with recommended changes for 2020 – 2022 was sent out to Committee for review. All comments and input should be sent to Chairman. Will seek approval at the October 2020 meeting.</p> <p>Regional Medication Shortages: Committee reviewed current regional medication shortages as presented by pharmacies present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No new medication shortages reported by hospital pharmacies. - Dopamine pre-mix 250ml bags are now available and can be removed from the shortage list. Pharmacies will immediately begin stocking in Med Boxes and Acudose. <p>REMS Medication & Accountability SOG Updates: A copy of the current document was provided to committee members for review and input at meeting. Discussed several typos to be corrected, including language and guidance on how to handle reporting drug diversions, and the inclusion of a regional inventory process and tracking for the REMS medication kits.</p> <p>Lengthy discussion ensued regarding Regional Med Box Inventory System and Tracking. Give consideration to including language in SOG and implementing with Phase 1: Online Inventory Form on REMS website for quarterly agency/hospital checks and submission (example referenced from ODEMSA) with access to completed forms by all participating hospitals and REMS; Phase 2: Look at purchasing Med Box Tracking Software. Committee agreed that a better system needs to be put in place. Our goal is better tracking and control of all regional medication kits issued. Also consider adding language in future Restocking Agreement between REMS and EMS Agencies regarding mandatory inventory reporting to ensure compliance.</p>	<p style="color: red;">Pharmacies to begin restocking Dopamine 250ml bags effective immediately.</p> <p style="color: red;">Input due to Joey King for final draft and approval of Med SOG via email prior to October 1st meeting.</p>

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	<p>Motion was made by Christina Rauch, seconded by John Coggins and carried to approve a final draft document based on committee discussions on REMS Medication SOG by October 1st meeting. Final input should be sent to Chairman as soon as possible.</p> <p>DEA and Other Legislative Changes Update: Wayne Perry reported the DEA will be announcing in July 2020 a Notice of Rule Making Change to indicate the addition of EMS Regulations for Controlled Substance Monitoring. This will be next step towards shifting medication kits from Pharmacy issued to EMS agency based. Documents and current issues discussed. Unclear still how the Virginia Board of Pharmacy will address. Wayne Perry recommended a REMS Pharmacy Workgroup be formed to start looking at how we will manage upcoming proposed changes via a regional approach. If interested in serving let Chairman Joey King know as soon as possible (John Coggins and Alecia Hamm shared their interest during the meeting).</p> <p>Updated Membership Roster and New Members: Still need to appoint two additional EMS provider representatives under OEMS contract language (total of 5) as open positions. Chair has reached out to several localities regarding interest to serve. Will follow up at next meeting.</p> <p>EpiRite Syringe Review: SRMC reported it is blocked from ordering a sample to share with committee. Wayne Perry attempted to order a sample through Amazon without success. Will continue to seek a sample to share with committee for future discussion.</p> <p>Tri-Annual Protocol Review and Pharmacy Input: Wayne Perry reported the council is working on their 3-year review protocol revisions. Lots of format changes. Not many medication changes being discussed. Requested input from Pharmacies on availability to stock Nitro Paste and all reported would be able to support. Also discussed the hospitals making 1liter bags of Lactated Ringers available. IV solutions are not handled by Pharmacy so hospitals will check with their Materials Management Departments on availability and report back.</p>	<p style="color: red;">Need 2 additional EMS providers appointed to Committee</p> <p style="color: red;">Wayne Perry to purchase sample of EpiRite for review at October 2020 meeting.</p>
New Business	<p>Glucagon in Stat Kits: Hospitals have received some feedback on the move of Glucagon to the REMS Stat Kit only. Requesting to make sure this is also available in the Acudose machines for 1:1 exchange agencies in addition to Stat Kits. Discussed better or continued communications by REMS to the EMS agencies on such medication changes.</p> <p>Jerry Martin of SRMC announced that Mike Neace has left HCA. He will be missed and was recognized for his active role on the committee throughout the years. Jerry will serve as Interim Director of Pharmacy at SRMC.</p>	

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	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2020, 2:00 p.m. at the REMS Council Training Center.</p> <p>Minutes submitted by Secretary, Christina Rauch 8/1/2020</p>	