

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Regional Pharmacy Committee
October 1, 2020
2:00 p.m.
REMS Council Training Center - Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joey King, Chairman
Lori Feldman – Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy
Dennis Smith – Culpeper Hospital Pharmacy
Christina Rauch – MWHC / Stafford Hospital Pharmacy
Alecia Hamm, Reva Rescue
Lori Knowles, Stafford Fire & Rescue
Paige Moore, Fredericksburg Fire Department

REMS: Wayne Perry
Linda Harris

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of July 9, 2020 were previously provided to committee members for review. - Motion by Alecia Hamm, seconded by Christina Rauch and carried to approve.	
Old Business	<p>Updates to Committee Membership: Joey King announced two new members have been appointed to the committee as EMS provider representatives per the OEMS contract. Paige Moore from Fredericksburg Fire Department and Shawn Simmons of King George Fire & Rescue were welcomed.</p> <p>Pharmacy Committee Charter: Charter with recommended changes for 2021 – 2023 was presented to committee. Motion by Lori Knowles, seconded by Paige Moore, and carried to approve as presented.</p> <p>Regional Medication Shortages: No new medication shortages reported by hospital pharmacies. Only medication still on regional shortage list is Diltiazem with alternate drug of Metoprolol still in use.</p> <p>REMS Medication & Accountability SOG Updates: Recommended changes were presented to committee as discussed at last meeting. New sections were added to include Regional Drug Kit Acquisition and Inventory. Attachment B was amended to include updated drug list for regional med box. Motion was made by Paige Moore, seconded by Alecia Hamm and carried to approve the recommended changes and present to the REMS Board of Directors.</p> <p>DEA and Other Legislative Changes Update: Wayne Perry reported the DEA is still in the writing phase and nothing has been released yet for public review and comment. Joey King appointed a DEA Legislation Workgroup: John Coggins, Alecia Hamm, and Paige Moore. Others will be contacted and added. The group will review the proposed changes and make recommendations to the Pharmacy Committee and Council. Lori shared that the Northern Virginia EMS Council has already started a similar project and recommended that we contact them.</p>	Send final approved Regional Medication & Accountability SOG to REMS for Board approval and posting.

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	<p>EpiRite Syringe Review: Wayne shared the REMS Protocol Committee and Regional Medical Direction Committee have approved the use of the Epi-rite marked syringes. The Council will purchase through Amazon as pharmacies could not do so under their contracts. Cost is \$7.00 per box with 100 syringes. Hospitals will follow up with their Materials Management Departments to determine how best to make available for restock by EMS.</p>	<p>Hospitals confirm how they can stock REMS provided EpiRite syringes for EMS exchange.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	<p>2020 Regional Protocol Rollout: The tri-annual protocol review and update has been completed with new protocols approved for release and full implementation by January 1, 2021. Train the Trainer sessions are being conducted and provider sessions should begin soon. The Council is also announcing the availability of a new protocol app for provider use. The new protocols include the use of Nitro Paste which will need to be added to the Regional Drug Box system. Sublingual nitro will remain as well. The hospital pharmacies agreed to begin stocking one, 1gram packet of nitro paste in the med boxes and Acudose effective November 1, 2020.</p> <p>Joey asked if Tina and the Pharmacies could work on updating the current med list and share with committee and REMS for posting.</p>	<p>Pharmacies to begin stocking one, 1gram packet of Nitro Paste in Regional Med Boxes and Acudose effective 11/1/2020.</p>
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m. The next regular meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2:00 p.m. through the REMS Council GoToMeeting online application.</p> <p>Minutes submitted by Secretary, Christina Rauch 11/15/2020</p>	