

**Rappahannock EMS Council
Regional Pharmacy Committee
October 13, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.
REMS Council GoToMeeting Conference Call**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Christina Rauch – MWHC / Committee Secretary
John Coggins – Mary Washington Hospital Pharmacy
Dennis Smith – UVA Culpeper Medical Center Pharmacy
Erik Gould – UVA Culpeper Medical Center
Matthew Heppner – King George Fire & Rescue
Bill Tosick – Spotsylvania Fire & Rescue

REMS Staff: Wayne Perry
Kelsey Rideout

AGENDA TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Welcome	Chairman Joey King was excused from the meeting. The Committee Secretary called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.	
Approval of Minutes	Minutes of July 14, 2022 were previously provided to committee members for review and approved as submitted.	
Old Business	<p>Regional Medication Shortages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UVA Culpeper Hospital Pharmacy announced their Lorazepam shortage should resolve late October, early November. Sodium Bicarb is on watch. - MWHC Pharmacies announced an ongoing Ketamine shortage with no release date. Temporary Ketamine Kits are being prepared for several localities to maintain on approved response vehicles and will be exchanged directly in the Pharmacy as the drug is available. <p>New REMS Protocols</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nitro Paste has been approved for BLS use. Motion by John Coggins, seconded by Dennis Smith and carried to begin stocking 1 gram Nitro Paste in the REMS STAT Kits effective 11/8/2022 and update in REMS Restocking Agreement Sub-Exhibit A2. Pharmacies will add to the STAT Kit content labels and begin stocking as kits are exchanged. - TXA Par Count on Med Exchange Documents: REMS identified a discrepancy in the count of TXA for med boxes as listed in the REMS Medication SOG (listed as 1 TXA) and EMS Restocking Agreement Sub-Exhibit A2 (listed as 2 TXA injectables). Verified Pharmacies should be stocking two (2) 1000mg/10ml injectables of TXA in Med Boxes. Motion by Christina Rauch, seconded by John Coggins and carried to update the TXA count reference in the REMS Medication & Accountability SOG. Kelsey Rideout will update the documents and present at November Board of Directors meeting. <p>Quarterly Inventory Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kelsey shared the data submitted for October 2022 with limited participation. Small EMS agency response with 39 entries and no hospitals submitted data during this quarter. One area identified on the inventory submission form was to make sure we are capturing the 4 digit med box number and not the seal number as some provided. Culpeper 	<p style="color: red;">Nitro Paste in REMS STAT Kits effective 11/8/2022</p> <p style="color: red;">Update to REMS Medication SOG on TXA count</p>

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	<p>indicated they are moving to EPIC hospital-wide and have had other major Pharmacy logistics they are dealing with. All indicated they would make sure next quarterly inventory was on the calendar for participation. Requested that Kelsey send the October data out to the committee members.</p> <p>DEA and Other Legislative Changes Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wayne Perry advised the legislation being proposed directs the DEA to refer to 2017 legislation and act on it, as it has been recognized that little has happened during the legislative update process. 	
New Business	<p>REMS Pharmacy Workgroup Overview</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wayne Perry spoke on the restructuring of the REMS Committees and proposed new workgroups. A recent update to the REMS Regional Strategic EMS Plan identified five main goals for focus and as such 5 council committees were identified to be maintained in support of those goals. New workgroups will be assigned to report to the main committees. The current Pharmacy Committee will become a Pharmacy Workgroup following Board approval in November, 2022 and will fall under the REMS Medical Review Control Committee. There are more details to work on and expect that all workgroups will still be able to maintain a charter and set how often they want to meet. 	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on a motion by John Coggins, seconded by Dennis Smith and carried. The next regular meeting will be held on January 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m. through the REMS Council GoToMeeting site.</p>	