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**Pharmacy Committee**

January 11th, 2018; 08:30am to 10:30am  
Co-Chairs: Ben Hester, VCU and Robin Sayles, JRMC  
Vice Chair: Ian Orensky, SMH

**Members and Guests Present:** Ian Orensky, Robin Sayles, Ben Hester, Wayne Harbour, Justin Yarboro, Matthew Calnan, Al Thompson, Brad Taylor

**Conference Line:** Susanna Dodd, Nadine Gilmore, Michaiiah Alford, Cheryl Nelson, Caroline Briggs

**ODEMSA Staff:** Jordan Rennie, Ryan Scarbrough

**Minutes Scribed by:** Jordan Rennie

**Materials provided:** Meeting Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, Reference Binder

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Ben Hester called the meeting to order at 08:32 am. Quorum was determined to be present and minutes/agendas for July and October were approved. Introductions were made.	<b>Motion:</b> Robin Sayles <b>Second:</b> Ian Orensky <b>Vote:</b> Approve July and October Minutes/Agendas unanimously.
<b>Reports:</b>  <u>Hospitals</u>  John Randolph Medical Center	All hospitals reported drug shortages.  Robin Sayles reported the Tri-Cities Emergency Center and JRMC are seeing an large increase in their patient loads. This has made them start looking at expanding.	



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<p>Bon Secours-St. Mary's Hospital</p> <p>VCU</p> <p><u>EMS Agencies</u></p> <p>RAA</p> <p><u>ODEMSA</u></p>	<p>Ian Orensky stated they are working on their standalone ED in Short Pump which is set to open in April.</p> <p>Ben Hester reported that VCU has been on diversion a couple times in the last few days so they are dealing with those issues.</p> <p>Wayne Harbour reported that they are dealing with the shortages as well. He stated they have changed policy for IVs, encouraging providers to start saline locks instead of using bags. He also reported that they recently underwent agency recertification and passed with flying colors.</p> <p>Jordan Rennie reported that there have been no diversions. He asked the pharmacies to please make sure that whoever is refilling the boxes double checks what they put in. It was reported that there have been some scares in which wrong concentrations or medications were placed in the box. These did not result in any harm but are something to be aware of and avoid. Jordan reported that ODEMSA added on a new staff member, Ryan Scarbrough, as the new Regional Project Coordinator. Jordan reported that box movements have improved and increased over the last couple months. A new facility, SOVAH Health-Danville, was added.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p><u>Drug Shortages</u></p>		



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<p>VCU</p> <p><u>Regional Med Admin Data</u></p>	<p>Ben Hester reported that VCU continues to have shortages of saline and dextrose. He asked how everyone was doing with shortages. All hospital representatives reported similar shortages and challenges. Ben reported that VCU has enough narcotics for the EMS box for now but there is definitely a shortage in general.</p>	
<p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>Jordan reported that medication administrations were doing good in the region. Noticeably, Toradol and Zofran ODT were not used much due to a delay in the 2018. The numbers for these should increase for next meeting. Medications on the list were separated by medications given from the ODEMSA box and medications outside the ODEMSA box. He thanked all the pharmacies for continuing to work with ODEMSA and help EMS provide the best care possible. Naloxone was noticed as being high in administrations still.</p>	



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<b>New Business:</b>	No new business was reported.	



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<b>Business from the Floor</b>  HCA-CJW	Brad Taylor stated that EMS providers have been reporting increased turnaround times with new BOP regulations regarding box exchanges. He asked the group if they had seen this and what they had done. All the pharmacy representatives reported that they use a sign in sheet outside the exchange window and exchange the boxes through an auxiliary window.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	April 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 08:30 am	
<b>Adjourn</b>	Adjourned at 09:05 am.	