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**Pharmacy Committee Meeting**

Meeting at West Creek  
October 10th, 2019 08:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.  
Chair: Ben Hester, VCU  
Vice Chair: Carrie Suders, Bon Secours

**Members Present:** Carrie Suders, Ben Hester, David Johnston, David Seay, Al Thompson, Chelsea Dilworth, Cheryl Nelson, Allen Yee, Wayne Harbour, Chad Vaughn

**Conference Line:** Margaret Cavanaugh, Susanna Dodd, Monty Dixon, Kerrie Johnson, Michael Neace, Karin Jones, Beth Dixon, Greg Neiman

**ODEMSA Staff:** Jordan Rennie, Lynette Eanes, Kathy Eubank

**Minutes Scribed by:** Jordan Rennie, Kathy Eubank

**Materials provided:** Meeting Agenda, Sign in Sheet, 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 thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Introductions were made. Jordan was thanked for getting out the agenda and draft minutes to the committee members.  Quorum was present.	<b>Motion:</b> Cheryl Nelson <b>Seconded:</b> Carrie Suders <b>Vote:</b> Minutes from previous meeting were approved.
<b>Reports:</b> <u>Hospitals</u> Carrrie Suders with Bon Secours Hospital  Al Thompson, with Bon Secours	Reported no issues.  All is well with Richmond Community, St. Francis and John Randolph.	

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Cheryl Nelson with Henrico Doctors' Hospital	Reported all was well.	
Karen Jones with McGuires VA	Reported no issues.	
Beth Bixon with Sentara Obici	No report.	
Ben Hester with VCU Health	Biggest issue is Epi Syringes. Kits are being made for Epi, Cheryl Nelson advised the expiration date is being put on the outside of the kit. Carrie Suders reminded everyone to check expiration dates.	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
David Johnston, Hanover Fire/EMS	David advised that they are now 100% stocked units now; audited weekly/heavy rescue is fully staffed with Advanced Life Support. They are waiting drug boxes. Jordan advised those are being worked on with the ODEMSA move may take more time than normal.	
Allen Yee with Chesterfield Fire/EMS	Chesterfield has 14 new ALS providers.	
Danny Garrison with Richmond Ambulance Authority	Nothing to report at this time.	
Chelsea Dilworth with AMR	Advised that they have 2 cases with no signatures. They are re-educating the providers so there will be no further issues.	
<u>ODEMSA</u>		
Jordan Rennie	Jordan thanked everyone for attending here at West Creek, he feels this is a good central location for easy access while the ODEMSA office is still being put together. This is his last meeting as he has taken on a new job with Central Virginia Healthcare Coalition. His position will be replaced but at this time cannot advise a time line.  Ben Hester advised that Jordan will be a tough act to follow as he is always on top of meetings/minutes/agenda and all functions of his position with	

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	<p>ODEMSA. He wishes luck to person that follows him, Jordan advised that he will be assisting with the training of the new person.</p> <p>The new ODEMSA office space will have: Conference Space, Training area, Ambulance, Emergency Department bay/bed area and a house; as well as cubical offices for the team members of ODEMSA.</p>	
<u>Drug Diversions/Discrepancies</u>	<p>Jordan advised there have been no diversions.</p> <p>He stated that 2 agencies had opened a box with wrong dosages – AMR was the agency and the providers have been retrained.</p> <p>Jordan advised that there have been couple issues with needles being left in a box, he believes this situation has been corrected.</p> <p>He reminded everyone that if there is an issue to please fill out the discrepancy form which you will find on the ODEMSA website under pharmacy. This activity will help keep track of issues in the region.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b>  <u>Regional Medication Administration Data</u></p> <p><u>Fentanyl</u></p>	<p>Ben Hester lead discussion on the usage report by planning district. Ketamine increased use with Chesterfield Fire/EMS, Hanover Fire/EMS, Richmond, Henrico and Goochland currently using it. Monty Dixon was asked if Henrico was using for anything other than RSI and she said not at this time.</p> <p>Allen Yee advised decrease in the use of fentanyl, Cheryl Nelson concurred with this. Jordan Rennie advised that we were using at least 300 dosages less according to the records, providers must be using Toradol and/or Ketamine.</p>	

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<p><u>Narcan</u></p> <p><u>Drug Shortages</u></p> <p><u>Ketamine</u></p>	<p>The amount of Narcan being utilized is staggering. Richmond Times dispatch recently did an article on Narcan and the associated costs. Glucagon appears to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> most costly. Fire and EMS systems, EMS Agencies/Local Police Departments are also using a large amount we do not know how much. RAA reports that's general public are giving Narcan as well.</p> <p>At this time there are no new shortages.</p> <p>Discussion held on Ketamine. The original date was 9/1/2019. What date do we want to be utilized and published? Cheryl Nelson stated it does come 500 per ml, that is more cost effective. Protocol has been finalized. After significant discussion, it was decided that Ketamine fully replace Fentanyl. A date will be set after the meeting in the new year to begin swapping out fentanyl for ketamine.</p>	
<p><b><u>New Business:</u></b></p> <p>Ketamine information from Allen Yee</p>	<p>Allen Yee advised that two regional councils have had issues with Fentanyl – DEA is investigating. Fentanyl is a schedule 2 drug. Because of the DEA ruling and new upcoming DEA laws, Carillion will be stopping their drug box exchange period. Allen Yee advised no citations were issues, DEA that investigated this opportunity is the DEA for the State of Virginia.</p> <p>Al Thompson stated that a majority of the agencies may have a pharmacy license already and if they do not they need to work on obtaining. The larger EMS and or EMS/Fire Agencies can probably handle this without issue, the smaller agencies however will have difficulty.</p> <p>Allen Yee advised that Virginia Board of Pharmacy will be addressing EMS obstacles probably in 2020.</p>	

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Medication Wasting	Jordan advised that most have plans and or are using "Cactus" or other such disposals for the wasting of medication. It is a requirement so be sure all are utilizing appropriate disposal.	

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Ketamin Training EMS providers	Carrie Suders questioned education for EMS/Prehospital providers reference Ketamine. Education will need to be created and plenty of time given for providers to receive it.	
Next Meeting	Ben Hester advised next meeting January 2020 exact date and location to be determined.	
Motion to Adjourn	Motion to adjourn offered by Ben Hester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Allen Yee. Meeting Adjourned 10:30 a.m.	<b>Motion: Ben Hester</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Allen Yee</b> <b>Vote: motion passed</b>