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Pharmacy Committee

October 11th, 2018; 08:30am to 10:30am

Chairs: Ben Hester, VCU

Vice Chair: Vacant

Members and Guests Present: Ian Orensky, Cheryl Nelson, Ben Hester, Allen Yee, Wayne Harbour, Al Thompson, Nick Watkins, Kelly Sweet,

Conference Line: Susanna Dodd, Carrie Suders, Bob Koneru, Caroline Briggs, Brad Taylor, Greg Neiman

ODEMSA Staff: Jordan Rennie

Minutes Scribed by:

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

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	The meeting was called to order by Ben Hester. Introductions were made and minutes/agenda were approved.	Motion: Ben Hester Second: Cheryl Nelson Vote: Approve minutes from July.
Reports: <u>Hospitals</u> Bon Secours	Kelly Sweet reported that they are seeing an increase in the number of box exchanges where extra documentation is required but not given. This is mostly with wasting medications where EMS might document in the narrative or on an exchange form but not in the ePCR. Jordan asked if other facilities were having this increase and the answer was affirmative. He stated he would seek ways to improve this. Short Pump ED was opened in September.	



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<p>HCA</p> <p><u>EMS Agencies</u></p> <p>Richmond Ambulance Authority</p> <p>Chesterfield Fire EMS</p> <p><u>ODEMSA</u></p>	<p>Bob Koneru reported similar concerns.</p> <p>Wayne reported that he's had some providers that believed they could reuse boxes on multiple patients. He says he provided education to his providers but that reinforcement from ODEMSA would help solidify the message. Jordan stated he would send something out.</p> <p>Allen Yee reported that Tim McKay has returned to the field and he may be attending some of these meetings.</p> <p>Jordan reported no diversions from the last quarter. He reported that he would be transferring most of the paper forms used by pharmacy to electronic forms soon. Hopefully this will decrease turn-around times on requests and also create feedback mechanisms that are better than sending faxes. Jordan also stated that if the pharmacies have a box that needs repair to let him know. Jordan also asked that facilities watch out for sending boxes out that are used. Some facilities use white tags as an internal mechanism to mark used or "dirty" boxes but the region has had a couple of boxes that have been given to providers with these tags. The inventory report had good percentages across the board. There was a considerable increase in Narcan and narcotic usage in the region.</p>	
<p>Old Business:</p> <p><u>Drug Shortages</u></p>	<p>Magnesium Sulfate is coming off of shortage. There were no other major shortages.</p>	



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<p>New Business:</p> <p>TXA, Haldol, Ketamine</p>	<p>The Committee agreed that Haldol, TXA, and Ketamine were all possible to put in the box. They agreed to fulfill those changes pending Medical Direction's approval and the development of medication references/ protocols.</p>	



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Business from the Floor	The Committee discussed discontinuing requiring physician signatures for narcotic administration. The committee agreed that it had been a long time that this mechanism had been in place while the rest of the state had gotten rid of it. The committee asked to see what other councils had seen with regards to this. The committee decided to vote next meeting in January.	
Next Meeting	January 10th, 2019: 8:30 AM	
Adjourn	The meeting adjourned at 09:40 AM.	