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**Pharmacy Committee**

April 12th, 2017; 08:30am to 10:30am  
Co-Chairs: Ben Hester, VCU and Robin Sayles, JRMC  
Vice Chair: Ian Orensky, SMH

**Members and Guests Present:** Ben Hester, Wayne Harbour, Al Thompson  
**Conference Line:** Susanna Dodd, David Fitts, Beth Dixon, Suzanne Hopkins, Allen Yee, Gary Samuels, Travis Jenkins  
**ODEMSA Staff:** Jordan Rennie  
**Minutes Scribed by:**  
**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>	Meeting was called to order by Ben Hester. Introductions were made and it was determined that there was not a quorum. Minutes were delayed for approval until next meeting.	
<b>Reports:</b>  <u>Hospitals</u> Bon Secours St. Francis          VCU Health	Susanna Dodd reported that they had had a box discrepancy where an unused vial of midazolam was found in the top shelf of the box. The committee discussed that this has happened before where EMS providers will use the narcotics box, place a medication in the top shelf to use, and then either not use it or leave it there when exchanging the box. ODEMSA will provide education to providers to keep narcotics in the narcotics box.  Ben Hester reported that they have had occurrences where an EMS provider might put a partially used vial back into the narcotics box and when a pharmacist is refilling quickly they might miss that the vial is not full. These are things that the facilities and	



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<p>Bon Secours</p> <p><u>EMS Agencies</u></p> <p>RAA</p> <p><u>ODEMSA</u></p>	<p>EMS providers need to work on and be aware of. In addition, Ben asked for EMS to be cognizant of the fact that pharmacies need a completed PCR or MIVT to reconcile the medications in the drug box.</p> <p>Al Thompson reported that the Short Pump Freestanding has had its opening date pushed back into May.</p> <p>Wayne Harbour reported that they are undergoing some change. Rob Lawrence has taken a new job in California. As such, RAA is looking for a new COO. Wayne reported that they are seeing the same amount of opiate overdoses as last year.</p> <p>Jordan Rennie reported that ODEMSA has received the majority of protocol books ordered. Those who ordered them were emailed last week. If agencies would like to place any orders or see the books before placing orders, let Jordan know. In addition, Jordan offered for facilities that have free standings to have the ability to move boxes between the parent facility and the satellite. This was done recently for HDH to allow Forest and Parham to facilitate box moves with their free standings. This was done due to a large influx of patients via EMS that depleted the limited supply of stocked boxes at Hanover and West Creek. In working with those facilities, it made sense to allow box transfers for the parental hospitals on a continuous basis. If other hospital would like to have this with their free standings, please let Jordan know.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business:</b></p> <p>Drug Shortages</p>	<p>Ben Hester reported that shortages are continuing to evolve. Dextrose solutions are still in short supply as well as saline. Narcotics are on shortage as well but currently shouldn't affect the drug boxes. Jordan reported that multiple facilities have been having issues with those solutions still. One facility reported a shortage on magnesium sulfate. In lieu of the vials they will be putting 1 gm prefilled bags with a medication alert card on the top.</p>	



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<p>Regional Medication Administration Data</p>	<p>The committee looked at data which was consistent with data from last quarter. The group asked whether a chart could be included that highlights top ten medications given with trend lines. Jordan agreed to do this for next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>New Business:</b></p> <p>Business From The Floor</p> <p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>Jordan reported that he had made a new form for the quarterly drug kit inventory. This is a form similar to things like "survey monkey" that asks a couple questions with drop down choices. This should be a much quicker and efficient way of doing the inventories. With the committee's permission, he'll send it to just the pharmacies this next quarter and see how it goes. The committee agreed to try it out. Additionally, Jordan and Dr. Yee reported that this committee should be thinking a potential ways to cope with the recent adoption of the Patient Access Act of 2017. This act disallows agencies from carrying or administering controlled substances without a DEA license. The group agreed to do some research and discuss further later on.</p>	



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ODEMSA Medical Direction	Allen Yee asked for the pharmacy committee to be thinking about TXA as a potential medication to put into the ODEMSA drug kits. MDC will be having a discussion this coming meeting about the medication. Ben agreed to get some information on the pharmacy side to be presented to MDC.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	July 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2018 8:30 AM	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 09:57 AM.	