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Pharmacy Committee

April 13, 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, Allen Yee, Wayne Harbour, Al Thompson, Brad Taylor, Justin Yarboro, Billy Tucker

Conference Line: Susanna Dodd, Sarah Gaffney, Christine, Suzie Hopkins, Amy Ashe, Gary Samuels, Dan Dillon

ODEMSA Staff: Megan Young, Adam Alford

Minutes Scribed by: Megan Young

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

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Ben Hester called the meeting to order at 8:41am. Introductions were made, and it was determined we had a quorum. The January meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.	Motion by: Allen Yee Seconded by: Robin Sayles Vote: January Minutes and April Agenda approved
Reports: HCA – John Randolph HCA	Robin Sayles – Norepinephrine is on backorder for allotment. She also stated there is significant concern on stabilizing their supply of naloxone, making sure there is no diversions associated with it. Gary Samuels – No report.	



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<p>Bon Secours – SFMC/Watkins</p> <p>VCU</p> <p>RAA</p> <p>New Kent Fire & EMS</p> <p>ODEMSA</p>	<p>Susanna Dodd – No report.</p> <p>Ben Hester – No report.</p> <p>Wayne Harbour – No report.</p> <p>Amy Ashe – No report.</p> <p>Megan Young – ODEMSA is in the process of the Spring 2017 RSAF Grants.</p> <p>Manual Transaction Button PP – Megan gave a presentation on the new Manual Transaction Button. This is a fillable form that can be selected if a box is not in the system. Once the form is filled out and acknowledged it will be sent to Megan’s email. The presentation will be sent out and the expected start date of the button is May 2, 2017. This will be just for general moves, for any diversions or outstanding issues of a drug box please call Megan. For any questions or concerns about this process please contact Megan.</p> <p>Drug Diversions – Robin Sayles stated that the likelihood of a narcan diversion is very high now. The price of the auto injectors is in the hundreds and they are being sold in the streets now with the narcotic.</p> <p>Wasting Narcotics – This was discussed and it was decided that EMS does pull up full narcotics and wastes them often but this happens just as much in the hospital, it is not an unusual process. The pharmacies should practice due diligence like always and report something if it seems off to Megan Young and fill out a diversion report.</p> <p>Clearly Inventory Report – The report showed most of the hospitals improving and a reduction in number of ODEMSA moves.</p>	<p>The PowerPoint presentation will be emailed out with the minutes.</p>
<p>Old Business:</p> <p>Drug Shortages</p>	<p>Ben Hester stated that the norepinephrine shortage is resolving itself but there are a couple more. The calcium chloride 10ml vial has not been available for about 18</p>	



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Regional Med Admin Data	months and so the hospitals have been using the abject syringe which is now getting difficult to find. The nitroglycerin 1gm packs are on a shortage which does happen periodically.	
Narcan Report	This data was unable to be pulled due to the reporting system. ODEMSA is hoping to have two quarters of it for the next meeting. Adam presented the narcan report which shows the usage of narcan in ODEMSA from 2014-2016 broken down by region and showed a trend upwards. Allen Yee asked if ODEMSA should consider adding two more milligrams of narcan to the drug box. Some patients in our region are needing an upward of 2mg of narcan. Wayne Harbour stated RAA carries two boxes and sometimes has to open both for one patient. Heroin is being cut with other opiates now such as carfentanil. Adam will pull the narcan report again for the next meeting broken down by patient presentation and how many dosages each patient received. It was decided that the price of adding more narcan to the drug box will be looked at and this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting to be voted on.	
Levophed Drip Chart	Ben Hester passed out a levophed drip chart to be used for the 4mg in the 100 bag of D5W in the ODEMSA box. This is a reference for EMS that will be placed in the protocols. Allen Yee brought up the concern that the chance for a drug error is very high with this medication. After some discussion, it was decided to consider putting a 250ml bag of normal saline to be used for the levophed in the drug box. Possibly as a "kit", putting the saline in a bag with the drug and a chart. Allen Yee asked if we could make dopamine a third-tier choice for levophed and use epinephrine as the second tier. Adding the bag of saline will be added to the agenda for next meeting.	
Reconfiguring BLS Medications	Allen Yee stated that some EMS agencies were hesitant about BLS opening the drug box. He requested if the BLS medications could be moved to the top compartment of the drug box so that BLS wouldn't have to dig for them and it would be easily accessible. Ben Hester requested a list of medications that BLS can give and then the committee could look at moving them around during the next meeting and seeing if it is possible.	

