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Pharmacy Committee Meeting

Meeting at ODEMSA
April 9th, 2020 08:30 a.m. to 09:45 a.m.
Chair: Ben Hester, VCU
Vice Chair: Carrie Suders, Bon Secours

Members Present: N/A

Conference Line: Al Thompson, Ben Haug, Ben Hester, DJ Johnston, Carrie Suders, Susanna Dodd, Kimberli Burgner, Monty Dixon, Mike Watkins, Michaiah Alford, Lori, Jeff McPhearson, Caroline Briggs, Allen Yee, DeJuan Branch, Ian Orensky, Chelsea Zavilla, Karin Jones, Cheryl Nelson, David Seay, Wayne Harbour, Greg Neiman

ODEMSA Staff: Tarsha Robinson, Lynette Eanes, Tiffany Aleimda, Kathy Eubank

Minutes Scribed by: Tarsha Robinson

Materials provided: Meeting Agenda, Previous Meeting Minutes, Quarterly Reports

Topic/Subject	Discussion	Recommendations, Action; Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Ben thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Introductions were made. Quorum was present.	Motion: Carrie Suders Seconded: Ben Hester Vote: Minutes from previous meeting were approved.
Reports: <u>Hospitals</u> Carrie Suders with Bon Secours-Mercy	Working through the new drug kit exchange guideline, but otherwise things are fine. It was brought up that all employees are required to wear masks inside facility, and asking EMS crews to please mask when going to the pharmacy to exchange drug kits.	

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Cheryl Nelson with Henrico Doctors' Hospital	West Creek has temporarily closed to consolidate resources as of Wed. April 8 th , but all other facilities are open.	
Lynchburg	Reported no issues.	
Veteran's Affairs MC	Reported no issues.	
Ben Hester with VCU Health	VCU New Kent FSED opening has been delayed, but still on track to open	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Henrico Fire	Decreased call volume; working with some of the nursing homes in their districts to work on some issues in regards to COVID-19, but working to mitigate those	
Chesterfield Fire/EMS	Approx 20% decrease in call volume; Dr. Yee advised that the projected COVID-19 peak for VA will be around April 20 th , and that the projected casualties has been cut in half; projections show that Virginia is in good shape, and that the hospitals are well within their capabilities for peak, however, there may be a shortage of ICU beds	
Richmond Ambulance Authority	Decreased call volume; working on PPE shortage	
Goochland Fire	Decreased call volume; there is a "hot spot" in the area, but no medication kits have been used at this time	
<u>ODEMSA</u>		
Tarsha Robinson		

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<u>Drug Diversions/Discrepancies</u>	None noted	
Old Business: <u>Regional Medication Administration Data</u>	No glaring outliers; would like a chart from the last 4 quarters showing trends of medications administered, specifically fentanyl and toradol.	

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<u>Drug Shortages</u>	Pharmacists are advising that epinephrine and sodium bicarbonate are still difficult to come by; Ian Orensky advised that there has been difficulty recently with procuring versed as well	
<u>Ketamine</u>	It was suggested that there be a delay in the rollout of Ketamine due to current COVID-19 pandemic; Bon Secours advised they won't have enough to stock boxes, especially since Ketamine is their first line induction agent for RSI; it was decided that the Ketamine rollout wait another quarter	Suggest pushing rollout to Oct 1 st ; will look at what supplies are like during the next Pharmacy meeting on July 9 th to finalize
<u>Stroke Transfer Protocol</u>	We will look at the unification of medication administration during [inter-facility] transfers at the next Pharmacy Committee meeting	
<u>New Business:</u> COVID-19	Update Interim Guidelines to have EMS providers apply black/black and white striped triage tape to drug boxes to show box has come into contact with a PUI or known COVID-19 patient	Will reach out to CVHC about triage tape and ODEMSA will create

		bulletin to advise providers to tape boxes
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Next Meeting	July 9 th 2020 at 08:30 TBD	
Motion to Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned 09:35 am	Motion: Cheryl Nelson 2 nd Carrie Suders Vote: motion passed

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