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**Pharmacy Committee**

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019; 08:30am to 10:30am

Chairs: Ben Hester, VCU

Vice Chair: Carrie Suders, Bon Secours

**Members and Guests Present:** Carrie Suders, Chad Vaughn, David Seay, Cheryl Nelson, Ben Hester, Wayne Harbour, Al Thompson

**Conference Line:** Margaret Cavanaugh, Susanna Dodd, Nadine Gilmore, Dejuan Branch, David Brown, Caroline Briggs, Jackie Griffith, Kerri Johnson, Mike Neace, Mark Bernas, Allen Yee, Brad Taylor

**ODEMSA Staff:** Jordan Rennie

**Minutes Scribed by:** Jordan Rennie

**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>	Introductions were made and minutes/agenda approved. There was a quorum present.	<b>Motion:</b> Carrie Suders <b>Second:</b> Dejuan Branch <b>Vote:</b> Accept previous minutes and agenda from April meeting.
<b>Reports:</b>  <u>Hospitals</u>  Bon Secours	Bon Secours reported that boxes have been a lot better with documentation and cleanliness. They are seeing shortages in Epinephrine abboject syringes.	



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Henrico Doctor's Hospital	Cheryl agreed that documentation and cleanliness has definitely improved. She stated that they are experiencing shortages as well.	
VA Medical Center	No report	
CHS	Dejuan Branch reported the same things as above.	
VCU Health	VCU health reported the same shortages. It was advised by Ben and Cheryl that a significant shortage on atropine is likely so a kit is potentially in the future.	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Richmond Ambulance Authority	No report.	
Chesterfield Fire EMS	No report.	
Hanover Fire EMS	They are working out bugs on their new CQI process. Documentation seems to be getting much better.	
<u>ODEMSA</u>	Jordan reported that the staff are still working in the old office. ODEMSA was able to get an extension of the current space until Sept. 30 <sup>th</sup> . They have entered in to an agreement with VCU to lease space in the new building acquired by VCU recently. The intention is to move in during August.	
Drug Diversions/ Discrepancies	No diversions have been reported. Jordan reported on some discrepancies for lookalike/soundalike medications like "ephedrine vs epinephrine". Additionally, there was a case of no atropine available in a box carried by Hanover. No adverse effects came about for the patient and the problem is being researched by the hospital that previously filled the box.	



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Clearly Inventory Report	Excellent compliance from all facilities!	
<b>Old Business:</b>  <u>Drug Shortages</u>  <u>Regional Medication Administration Data</u>  <u>TXA/Ketamine</u>	<p>Epinephrine, atropine, sodium bicarb and calcium chloride are currently on shortage in the prefilled syringe format. Pharmacies are currently making "Epi Kits". ODEMSA will continue to monitor shortages for the other medications.</p> <p>The group discussed the data. Nothing concerning stood out. It was requested that trendlines be drawn between different quarters so that trends can be seen better.</p> <p>TXA was discussed. It was tabled for decision until a further date. Ketamine and protocols were discussed as well. Everything was found agreeable. They committee asked for some more time to figure out logistics of three controlled substances in the box. The protocols will go before Medical Direction Committee for approval and a new acceptable date will be proposed.</p>	
<b>New Business:</b>  <u>Discrepancy/Diversion Form</u>	An electronic form was created and placed on the website for EMS providers and hospitals to report discrepancies/issues.	



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<b>Business from the Floor</b>	No business from floor.	
<b>Next Meeting</b>	October 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2019: 8:30 AM	
<b>Adjourn</b>	The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.	