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Medical Direction Committee

February 4th, 2021, 08:00 am to 10:00am
Chair: Dr. Allen Yee, Regional OMD
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Members and guests present: N/A

Conference Line: Allen Yee, Eric Bachrach, Joanne Lapetina, Joseph Ornato, Randy Geldrich, Will Mills, Al Thompson, Amy Howard, Chris Bales, Dan Hamilton, Eileen Brown, Greg Neiman, Jason Johnson, John Hilliard, Kathe Ware, Lisa Baber, Mike Harmon, Mike Watkins, Ron Catron, Travis Jenkins, Wayne Harbour,

ODEMSA Staff: Tarsha Robinson, Ryan Scarbrough, Kathy Eubank, Tiffany Almeida

Minutes scribed by: Tarsha Robinson

Materials provided: Agenda, previous meeting minutes

Topic/Subject	Discussion **Modified Meeting due to COVID-19 Pandemic**	Recommendations, Action/Follow-up; Responsible Person
Meeting Called to Order	Dr. Allen Yee called the meeting to order at 08:00 am. Introductions were made, and it was determined that we had a quorum. The minutes from the November meeting were reviewed, agenda was reviewed, and unanimously approved.	**minutes do not reflect ongoing meetings due to COVID** Motion: Randy Geldrich Seconded by: Joanne Lapetina Vote: previous meeting minutes, agenda approved
Reports:		



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State Medical Control	Has not met due to state requirements to meet in person; trying to work on an electronic means to meet; Medical Direction committee meets online every other week with OEMS; last meeting discussed wanting to approve all levels of EMS providers to vaccinate; AEMT or higher can provide vaccinations; there is a senate bill that will allow medically trained providers to provide vaccinations; there will be a conflict in the code, but will be worked out; a vote was approved from Medical Direction to approve EMT's and higher to do antigen testing (nasal swabs)	
<u>HOSPITALS</u>		
HCA	Seeing higher acuity patients in ED; have approx. 65 COVID positive patients in their facilities	
Bon Secours	Acuity is higher and ED's are still very busy	
VCU	Continued construction; ambulance traffic diverted for the night of February 4 th ; continuing to deal with their volume of patients	
ODEMSA	Two field coordinator positions are open, and information on those positions are available on the website	
<u>AGENCIES</u>		
Henrico	Nothing to report	
Southside Rescue Squad	Nothing to report	
SVEC	Nothing to report	
Petersburg Fire	Nothing to report	
New Kent	Nothing to report	
RAA	Nothing to report	



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Forest View	Nothing to report	
DLA	Nothing to report	
Dupont	Nothing to report	
Old Business:		
Drug Box Update/Pre-hospital Analgesia	No known issues with ketamine being in the environment, or the transition from ketamine back to fentanyl; FDA held hearings with the National Association of EMS Officials, and the American College of Emergency Physicians on use of ketamine and talked about the off-label use of medication by both ER's and EMS; no written comments have been submitted by these organizations but there is a lot of "cross-breeding"; waiting to hear from the FDA about future plans for ketamine; DEA updates on patient access to medications, there has been no movement on that, and the DEA has closed public comments, and have revised their regulations; waiting to see the released regulations; when they are released, OEMS will work with the Board of Pharmacy to craft VA's rules and regulations; a survey was sent out from OEMS to agencies on how drug boxes are used across the system	Motion: Jeff Ferguson Seconded by: Joanne Lapetina Vote: Traumatic arrest protocol approved with changes
Traumatic Cardiac Arrest	Protocol has been updated to show requested changes from prior meeting (including pediatric concerns); update PEARLS to include focus on scene safety; update "red box" to state "address treatment priorities as above"; update language to state "begin transport immediately to closest appropriate facility/Level 1 trauma center"; make sure to put the updated protocol in the pediatric section; follow ATLS guidelines for single dose of epinephrine after addressing ABC's; if medical cause for arrest exists, revert to appropriate protocol	
New Business:		
Protocols	Bring forward [adult] cardiac protocols to show updated AHA guidelines; for section 7, proposed change would be for the protocol to be 2mg or 4mg IN for BLS providers due to what was provided by the OEMS grant for Narcan; the current protocol would not support the doses provided	Motion: Joanne Lapetina Seconded by: Eric Bachrach Vote: Updated Narcan protocol approved



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Business from the Floor	Pediatric stroke-rare but devastating; Bon Secours facilities are not peds stroke ready but does have a great collaboration to transport these patients to VCU; had to divert 2 peds patients with a strong suspicion of stroke; what facilities are capable of giving peds TPA, and what regional resources are available to provide education; amend the stroke protocol to include peds and bariatric considerations	
Next Meeting	May 6th, 2021	
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 08:51 am	