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**Pharmacy Committee Meeting**

Meeting at ODEMSA  
July 7th, 2022 08:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
Chair: Ben Hester, VCU  
Vice Chair: Carrie Suders, Bon Secours

**Members Present:** Tu Le, Craig Bride

**Conference Line:** Ben Hester, Haley Ransom, Brian Lanham, DeJuan Branch, Brian Britton, Greg Neiman, Michael Gay, Mike Watkins, Jackie Griffith, Mike Harmon, Al Thompson, Rick Clary, Julie Flint, Allen Yee, Tammy Trimble, Jerry Martin, Susanna Dodd

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

**Minutes Scribed by:** Tarsha Robinson

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

<b>Topic/Subject</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Recommendations, Action; Follow-up; Responsible Person</b>
<b>Meeting Called to Order</b>	Ben thanked everyone for attending today's meeting. Introductions were made.  Quorum was present.	<b>Motion:</b> Jerry Martin <b>Seconded:</b> Tammy Trimble <b>Vote:</b> Agenda and previous meeting minutes approved
<b>Reports:</b> <u>Hospitals</u> Bon Secours-Mercy	Colonial Heights EC will be expanding their drug box inventory from 4 to 6 to help with demand	

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HCA	Spotsylvania RMC has begun construction on new FSED in Chancellor; is aware that ODEMSA crews might not come that far north, but wanted the committee to be aware	
VCU	No report	
VAMC	No report	
<u>EMS Agencies</u>		
Goochland Fire	No report	
Henrico Fire	No report	
Hanover Fire	No report	
<u>ODEMSA</u>	The regional award winners will be announced in the next couple of weeks	

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<u>Drug Shortages</u>	There continues to be significant shortages; Spotsylvania advised that they are on emergency distribution of albuterol nebs but this is currently not affecting the boxes	<b>Motion:</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Vote:</b>
<u>Drug Diversions/Discrepancies</u>	None to report	
<b>Old Business:</b> <u>Regional Medication Administration Data</u>	Thank you to those who continue to utilize Clearly Inventory; most facilities are above 95%; there were 2 outliers; Chester EC opening and SOVA Danville requested that ODEMSA boxes be removed from their inventory; advised that the records they could see went back to 2019 and an ODEMSA box had not been exchanged since that time	

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<p><u>DEA Regulations/Ketamine</u></p> <p><u>COVID-19</u></p>	<p>n/a</p> <p>n/a</p>	
<p><b><u>New Business:</u></b></p> <p>Business from the Floor</p>	<p><b>Drug box seals</b>-Tarsha advised committee that after talking with a sister council, there was a way to repair the drug boxes; with that repair (a grommet to the eyelet of the box), it caused the diameter to become too small to use the current yellow seal; Tarsha showed committee members samples of possible replacements and advised that though the seal is not as wide as the current seal, it is as thick or somewhat thicker and will still require the provider, both EMS and hospital, to cut the seal in order to access kit; the seal is also available in yellow</p> <p><b>Racemic Epinephrine</b>-Medical Direction requested racemic epinephrine to be placed in the drug box to help with the treatment of croup/epiglottitis; Tarsha sent out a proposed protocol prior to the meeting; no comment in regards to dosage however it was requested that the implementation of racemic epinephrine be delayed until September to give the hospitals time to get the medication in stock; advised that there probably wouldn't be a second tier and if a box did not have the med, to place a notice on the box to alert the provider;</p>	<p><b>Motion:</b> <b>Seconded:</b> <b>Vote:</b> unanimous vote to change drug box seals</p> <p><b>Motion:</b> Susanna Dodd <b>Seconded:</b> Jerry Martin <b>Vote:</b> Racemic epinephrine will be added to the box, effective September 6<sup>th</sup></p>

	<p>Medical Direction advised that with the use of dexamethasone, one tube should be enough</p> <p><b>Drug diversion</b>-there was an issue with a box turned in with a controlled substance used; the facility advised that a certain amount of liquid left in the vial that did not appear to match up with what was documented by the provider and wanted the fluid sent off to be tested; it was asked if there was a policy in place to determine when the meds would be tested and who would cover the cost; Ben advised that though there were no hard and fast rules as to when it should be done, it would be a good idea to have a guideline in place at each facility, and to utilize ODEMSA forms to advise of a possible diversion so that trends can be tracked</p>	
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Next Meeting	October 7th, 2022	
Motion to Adjourn	Meeting Adjourned 09:42 am	