

**Western Virginia EMS Council**  
**Allied Resources & Pharmacy Work Groups Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 2, 2014 – 10:30 am**  
**Minutes**

- Call to Order
- Review status of restocking
- Review recently added restocking items
  - EZ-IO needles
  - CPAP
  - End Tidal Co<sup>2</sup> Detector
- Review status of recent Board of Pharmacy and OEMS Regulations changes
  - Documentation to exchange boxes
- Discuss recent Drug Box theft
- Review medication shortages
- Review any changes in medication stocking
  - 10 Epinephrine 1:10,000 pre-filled syringes
  - Additional 150 mg amiodarone to administer if convert
  - Add D5w
- Review possible BLS/Enhanced Yellow Box.
- Discuss effect of agencies carrying own simple meds outside of Drug Box and boxing expiring rather than being used
- Other Business

**Attendance:** Please see attached spread sheet

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order at 10:31 by Rob Logan who explained the combined meeting and then turned over to Allied Resources Workgroup Chairman Steve Simon, who asked all present and on conference call to identify themselves

**Review status of restocking:**

There were no concerns over the restocking program.

**Review recently added restocking items:**

EZ-IO, CPAP and End Tidal CO<sup>2</sup> detectors were added for restock when the 2013 Protocols were rolled out. We were to review these items after 6 months, we have exceeded the time frame, but at this time wanted to make sure that all were willing to continue as the way Supply Exchange works, it is an all or none. No roll call was made, but no one voiced objection to continuing with these items on exchange list.

**Review status of recent Board of Pharmacy and OEMS Regulations changes:**

Discussion was held regarding the elimination of signatures, particularly for narcotics. ODEMSA had already decided they were going to continue with it for narcotics. The 2 thought processes

were requiring a signature would reduce the potential for diversion. It was pointed out to the workgroup that a series of diversions that resulted in 14 felony convictions all had physician signatures so weren't too sure it was a deterrent. The other question was the DEA had been consulted. The 2 workgroup chairpersons were going to contact the BoP head and the DEA for some clarification. In the meantime the Council will continue to collect OMD signatures, adding DEA numbers to the forms. We will advise the region to continue obtaining signatures for ALL medication administrations until we receive clarification and can implement policy 1 time instead of piecemeal.

#### **Discuss recent Drug Box theft:**

For those who hadn't seen notification, 2 Drug Boxes (1050 & 1334) were taken from ambulances that were in Axton Life Saving's station in Henry County sometime between November 23 & 26. No boxes have been reissued at this time due to lax check-off procedures. There were no signs of forced entry into the facility or cabinets. At the time of the discovery all Henry County agency Drug boxes were accounted for, also southern Franklin County and western Pittsylvania County agencies were checked. Boxes were taken and secured from a Henry County agency that housed a 3<sup>rd</sup> Axton truck. Those are currently secured with Henry County Dept. of Public Safety.

#### **Review Medication Shortages**

Current Medication shortages are 30 ml vials of 1mg/1ml 1:1,000 epinephrine, which will be replaced with 10 – 1ml vials of same concentration. 1 gm/2ml vials of magnesium sulfate, which is being replaced with 2 gm/50 ml premixed bag. 800mg/500 ml bags of dopamine, which is being replaced with a 400 mg/250 ml bag, which can become a permanent replacement because even for a 300 pound patient at maximum dosage, transporting 60 minutes we'd only use about 130 ml. Normal Saline continues to be in short supply, lactated ringers will be the alternative.

#### **Review any changes in medication stocking**

There was a request to go to 10 – 10 ml 1:10,000 prefilled syringes of epinephrine, and add an additional 150 mg of amiodarone and a 50 ml bag of D5w. This would have to be a recommendation from the Medical Direction Committee. Dr Lane will discuss this with them, though the pharmacy voiced objection to the high number of pre-filled syringes due to the cost.

#### **Review possible BLS/Enhanced Yellow Box**

A proposal was made to add glucagon, naloxone and D50 to the current Yellow BLS box as both a stop gap for Axton to ease their ability to get trucks back running, also to take narcotics off of non-transport vehicles currently carrying full drug boxes, and to get all medications that EMTs can administer now into the yellow box for those agencies that are carrying them currently. This also will need to be a recommendation from the Medical Direction Committee, which Dr Lane will handle.

#### **Discuss effect of agencies carrying own simple meds outside of Drug Box and boxing expiring rather than being used:**

Pioneer hospital has voiced concern over the fact that the Patrick County agencies are carrying Aspirin, NTG & albuterol separately from their drug boxes. This coupled with the fact of a high number of ambulances along with calls not being answered is resulting in the pharmacy seeing

a high percentage of the boxes they rework with expired medications rather than being able to get near expiring medications out of the boxes when they are reworked for medications being used from the boxes. This concern will be expressed to the agencies and OMD.

**Other Business:**

The Pharmacy Workgroup will reconvene to establish when additional information is obtained, regarding what signature policy needs to be put in place.

No other business

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:57

# Allied Resources/Pharmacy Workgroups Roll Call

<b>Allied Resources</b>	
LewisGale Alleghany	
LewisGale Medical Center	Jean Moreland
LewisGale Montgomery	
LewisGale Pulaski	
Carilion Roanoke Memorial	Darrell VanNess
Carilion Franklin Memorial	Lisa Dillon (p)
Carilion Giles	
Carilion New River Valley Medical Center	
Veterans Administration	
Centra Lynchburg General	
Pioneer Community Hospital	John Frisco
Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County	Marcus Stone (p)
Danville Regional Medical Center	Anne Mills (p)
<b>Pharmacy</b>	
LewisGale Alleghany	Rita Lewis (p)
LewisGale Medical Center	Mike Jones
LewisGale Montgomery	Tammy Lard (p)
LewisGale Pulaski	Carlin Barbatti (p)
Carilion Roanoke Memorial	Larry Mullins
Carilion Franklin Memorial	Lori McClure (p)
Carilion Giles	
Carilion New River Valley Medical Center	
Veterans Administration	
Centra Lynchburg General	Nadine Gilmore (p)
Pioneer Community Hospital	
Memorial Hospital of Martinsville & Henry County	Terri Foley (p)
Danville Regional Medical Center	Sherri Francisco (p)
<b>Providers</b>	
BREMS - Sean Regan	absent
WVEMS - Steve Simon	Present
WVEMS - Shawn Hite	absent
WVEMS - Matt Tatum	present (p)
<b>Staff</b>	
NSPA - John T Clark	Present
BREMS - Connie Purvis	Present (p)
WVEMS - Rob Logan	Present
WVEMS - Charles Lane MD	Present
WVEMS - Cathy Cockrell	Present
WVEMS - Charles Berger	Present
WVEMS - Mike Garnett	Present
WVEMS - Gene Dalton	Present