



**Regional Operational Medical Direction Committee
Meeting Minutes**

*Wednesday, March 28th, 6pm
Bedford County Fire and Rescue Headquarters*

Members Present:

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| Jennifer Kersey | BREMS |
| Ben Bond | BREMS |
| Dr. Marilyn McLeod | Regional OMD; LFD, Campbell Co. Public Safety, and Amherst Co. agencies |
| Dr. Leonard Cohen | Bedford Co & Campbell Co agencies |
| Janet Blankenship | BREMS BOD Representative, Bedford Co F&R |

The OMD meeting began at 6:00 pm.

Old Business:

An update was given to the OMD Committee on where we are on drug box additions. As soon as the national shortage is cured, we will be adding ketamine and metoprolol to the box.

Regional OMD Update:

Dr. McLeod discussed that Ron Passmore from Galax EMS will be filling Mike Berg's position at the OEMS as the state Regulations and Compliance Manager. Nothing further at this time.

BREMS Update:

- Jenn reported that the iGel trial in Amherst County is going well. ACPS Deputy Director Sam Bryant attended the CQI meeting earlier in the day and advised that they have had 100% success with the airway thus far, with zero failures. Sam stated that he would like to continue the trial for a bit longer to obtain some more data.
- Jenn asked the committee if they would consider allowing a work group of seasoned EMS providers that meets with and reports to the committee. Jenn stated that she felt like it would give more sustenance to the group, as well as ability for providers to present thoughts and ideas for the future of EMS in this region. Ben

added that there would likely be an application process for this project, in order to provide fairness and uniformity. They were in unanimous agreement of this project. They did ask to be kept informed of the applicants.

Skills Drills for 2018:

- The committee was advised that the BREMS staff has decided upon the following for 2018 Skills Drills: Review of obstructive shock, distributive shock and Code Stroke training. It was discussed that included with the obstructive shock, should be the need for training on both mid-clavicular and mid-axillary sites. The OMD committee agreed and asked to enlist seasoned providers on this skill to teach this across the region with uniformity. BREMS staff will work on formulating this group and keep them updated to training events that occur across the region.

Other Business:

- Jenn asked the committee to consider a new pediatric dosing method for the region, called the Handtevy System. After explanation, the group felt that this would be a good consideration for the region and were unanimous in their approval of moving forward. Bedford County Fire & Rescue, due to the size of their footprint and pediatric transport population, has agreed to do a trial of the system on 3-4 of their busiest units. Further discussion will be had after the trial, monetary buy-in information from the vendor is obtained and discussion with educators.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Submitted by,

Jenn Kersey,
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