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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
McCauley Conference Center
Mercy Hospital Springfield
Springfield, MO
January 24, 2014

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair
Susan Crum
Larry Beatty
Mark Alexander
Jim McGee
Janet Jordan
David Hoover
Ted Shockley
Dennis Baier
Jami Blackwell
Jeff Hawkins

Appointment

11/01
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Guests

Eddie Delp
Eddie Spain
Theron Becker
John Archer
Jason Martin
Jaime Sprague
Mary Ann Huff
Sonny Saxton
Bill Bridges
Sean Gasper
Neal Taylor
Russ Conroy
Roger Olivea
Chris Hoag-Apel
Lisa Hutchison
Velvet Shoults
Jason Martin

TCD Subcommittee – the TCD Subcommittee met prior to the Regular Meeting.

Lunch Presentation

A lunch presentation entitled “EMS Burn Care” was presented by Dr. Ken Larson, MD, Mercy Burn Center, Springfield.

Thank you to Mercy Springfield for providing lunch today.

Call to Order

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1300. Welcome and introductions were made.

Establish Quorum/ Review Agenda

A quorum was established. An update on EMS-C was added to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the November 15, 2013 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jim McGee; seconded by Larry Beatty. No noted revisions or corrections.

TCD Presentation

“Non-PCI Facility Challenges: EMS Response to TCD Patients” was presented by Dr. Frank Kim, Mercy Cardiology, and Dr. James Ceaser, CoxHealth Cardiology. Goals of this regional work group include:

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- Review all cases for STEMI patients with DIDO > 30 minutes from referring hospital
- Develop a multi-system organizational process

Old Business:

TCD Update and Report from Subcommittee

- Trauma (Velvet Shoults) – group will be selecting an issue to draft a guideline on; have initially chosen spine boards. Will draft the guideline and then distribute. Future guidelines may include TXA, Ketamine, GCS scores, airways.
- STEMI (Mary Ann Huff) – STEMI quality project is Prehospital STEMI activations. Current results range from 0-89%. Also focusing on STEMI protocols in all facilities.
- Stroke (Eddie Spain) – Handout distributed with information on stroke education, Sharepoint development, and Metrics. Metrics will include: 1) Onset of S/S (when patient last known well), and 2) obtaining contact number for family/relative.

Legislative/SAC Update – Mark Alexander

- A handout on community paramedics was distributed
- 911 initiative (Sonny Saxton) – bill failed in 2013; greater grass roots effort in 2014 to get this passed. Any device needs to be a funding resource. Handout “911: Success in 2014” distributed. Bob will send out via email list, a template for contacting legislators, and supporting documentation.
- Mark indicated we are a couple of weeks into the legislative session. EMS legislative issues this year – Medicaid expansion will likely dominate the scene in Jeff City; the 911 bill has been introduced; licensure action for EMS, making sure individuals being investigated have due process rights; minor revisions to the regional EMS committees; blood alcohol drawings.
- EMS Day at the Capitol is scheduled for 3/11/14 from 0830-1200. All are encouraged to attend. Booth spaces available; if interested, contact Jason White or Mark Alexander.

EMS-C – Bob Patterson

With Jerry Kirchoff gone, there has been restructuring of EMS-C processes. Katherine Crockett is the new state director of EMS-C. Advisory group meets in Jeff City next week.

SAC Air Subcommittee Update – Susan Crum

Subcommittee last met in November; nothing significant to report. Meet again next week in Jeff City.

Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update – Russ Conroy

Russ reported on the following items:

- Springfield Healthcare Coalition to meet 1/27/14; working on interaction between hospitals for multi-casualty events
- Southwest Missouri Healthcare Coalition meeting scheduled for 2/05/14
- Monthly communication exercises and quarterly tabletop exercises
- MHA ‘Nuts & Bolts’ conference scheduled for March 26-27, 2014 in Columbia, MO
- EMPG 2013 Region D Full Scale Exercise was held 11/07/13
- MHA Medical Surge Workgroup
- Capstone exercise
- HSEEP exercise on July 20th with Greene County

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- 'Plain language' being instituted and utilized

Medical Director Update – Dr. Janet Jordan
(see below in respect to community paramedics)

Other Business:

- Community Paramedic update: A handout was distributed denoting proposed clinical experience and classroom hours. Currently there are a number of initiatives being proposed around the state.
Dr. Janet Jordan reported that recommendations were given at an initial task force meeting. Bill defining community paramedics came first, but no funding or local education programs. Dr. Jordan referenced Hennepin County (Minnesota) program as a potential model. Terminology being used is “integrated mobile healthcare provider”. The intention is to cover the patients who fall between the cracks; not the ones covered by home health.
- Regional Education Offerings/Other Announcements:
 - a. Tom Steele conference will be held in April
 - b. First Annual Pediatric Conference (Mercy) – 3/21/14
 - c. Cox Air Care Annual EMS conference – 4/09/14 at Oasis Convention Center
 - d. Bob Patterson recognized Cox Air Care for celebrating their 25th anniversary last week

2014 Meeting Dates – dates and regions were designated for 2014. Schedule will be distributed by email.

Next Meeting Date: March 28, 2014; location and sponsor TBA.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1405.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN