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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
METS Training Room
625 Virginia
Joplin, MO

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February 17, 2012

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair
Susan Crum
Larry Beatty
Patty Parrish
Mark Alexander
Marc Kaufman

Appointment

11/01
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5/08

Guests

Jack Bates
Lisa Hutchison
Jeff Hawkins
Debbie West
Rusty Tinney
Randy Bryant
David Compton
Sonny Saxton
Brian Athen
Carol Beal
Rebecca Baker
Rita Stiles
Robert Minter
Russ Conroy
James Cooper
Eddie Spain
Mike Chambers
DJ Satterfield
Jason Smith

Members Absent

David Hoover
Janet Jordan
Michael Krtek
Don Looper
Jim McGee
Sean Smith

5/08
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1/06
5/10

Lunch Presentation

At 1200, a lunch presentation was provided by Jason Smith of METS, and Clarke Cayton with Responder Life, speaking on the Joplin Recovery Update. The presentation addressed the residual effects of the tornado on Joplin area EMS services, and what METS has done in conjunction with Responder Life to assist its employees.

Many thanks to METS for hosting lunch and a location for the meeting.

The TCD Subcommittee met prior to the regularly scheduled meeting.

Call to Order

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1302.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the November 2011 meeting were presented for review and were approved as written. Motion to accept by David Compton; seconded by Mark Alexander.

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Establish Quorum/ Review Agenda

Quorum established; no additions or changes to the posted agenda. Bob Patterson reported that he has had a conversation with Greg Natsch at the Bureau of EMS regarding the open positions on the committee. There are 3 names pending for appointments to the committee.

Old Business:

Triage and Tracking

Dave Compton reported that an educational PowerPoint was distributed out to the region; currently working on resolution of questions. Jeff Hawkins reported that TCAD has been testing the triage tags on scheduled dates, and by using these have gotten questions as to what they were, leading to need for further education.

Committee Reports:

TCD Task Force Subcommittee report – report by Rebecca Baker

- Reported on the run tickets initiative and hand off; report always being consistent. Next meeting – work on revision of the report form.
- TCD regulations still in process
- Regulation requiring documentation be left, electronic or otherwise, will need to be agreed upon by local EMS system and the hospital.
- Subcommittee plans to start sharing ‘Lessons Learned’ (case studies)
- Subcommittee proposes having Kristin Seymour do an Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS) presentation on April 27 and having this substitute for the regularly scheduled regional EMS meeting. Group concurs to do so.

Trauma – no report

Medical Director Comments – Dr. Jordan unable to make the meeting

Other Business:

Regional Education Offerings

- MHA Emergency Preparedness conference in Columbia, March 28-30, 2012
- Statewide Emergency Management Directors meeting – end of April, Chateau on the Lake, Branson. This event offers the opportunity to test for the CEM (Certified Emergency Management) exam.
- Cox Air Care Annual EMS Conference – April 5, 2012 at University Plaza & Convention Center, Springfield
- ICE Conference – April 16-18, 2012 at Lake of the Ozarks
- Dr. Tom Steele Conference on April 20, 2012 with a post Airway Conference on 4/21/12 – Mercy, Springfield
- Decisions in Trauma (CoxHealth) – May 18, 2012, Evangel University, Springfield

State Advisory Council (SAC) Updates

- SAC – at the last meeting, the various SAC committees met together. This format will occur a couple more times this year. The next regular SAC meeting will be 2/27/12.
- Legislative – Ambulance Association pursuing the Debt Setoff bill (currently attached to an EMS Omnibus bill). There are a couple of 911 bills – one creates a 911 oversight board with EMS, police, and fire representatives on the committee. The statute on EMS

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Regions is being revised – length of membership; some counties shifting to different regions. The Safety Zone regulation will be re-filed this year. TCD regulations are currently in legal review with potential for the process to be completed by December and designation of stroke and STEMI centers in 2013.

- EMS Day at the Capitol is March 20, 2012
- Air Ambulance – Continue to monitor the situation with MET (wind farm) towers being erected in Missouri. Have found a sponsor (Senator Kraus) to push for legislation (Senate bill 769) regulating and adequately marking the towers. This is great news considering it is our first attempt at regulation.
 - Have drafted a disaster response mutual aid policy; this came about as a result of the air medical response to the Joplin tornado.

New Business:

EMS Week – EMS Week is May 20-26, 2012. Bob asked if there were any suggestions, any ideas for a regional initiative. Do we want to sponsor a PSA?

Narrow Band conversion date – has to have occurred by January 1, 2013. MHA has set a date of March 1st. As a region, when do we want to switch? Group chose September 1st as a target date.

Fire Scene Rehab procedure – Bob was approached by Springfield Fire Department regarding building a fire rehab procedure for EMS. Dave Compton, Jeff Hawkins, and Larry Beatty tasked with looking at issue – how does EMS conduct themselves at a fire/hazmat scene? Will send out Jeff's draft of this for input.

Other – Question posed as to any other business to address – none mentioned. Question raised if need more time for subcommittee meetings before the regular meeting – answer of 'yes'.

Next Meeting Date/Location:

The next meeting will be April 27, 2012 at Hammons Heart Institute, Springfield, for the ACS presentation.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned followed by a tour of areas impacted by the Joplin tornado.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN