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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE  
Conference Room 1-4  
Freeman Hospital  
Joplin, MO  
February 26, 2016

**Members Present**

Bob Patterson, Chair  
Susan Crum  
Mark Alexander  
Jack Bates  
David Hoover  
Jeff Hawkins  
Dr. Matt Brandt  
Dr. Tom Lewis  
Jami Blackwell

**Appointment**

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**Guests**

Andy McCaslin  
Chris Hoag-Apel  
Vikki Prock  
Lana Ray  
Shannon Hobson  
Jeff Prosser  
Bill Bridges  
Leah Cook  
Grace Potter  
Chris Mattes  
Kelly Weber  
Kim Stacy  
Rita Stiles  
Kirstie Kellermann  
Steven Barnett  
Rusty Tinney  
Morgan Young  
Lana Martin  
Kyla Kennedy  
James Cooper  
Jason Smith

**TCD Subcommittee:** Met at 1100, prior to the Regular Meeting.

**Lunch Presentation**

A lunch presentation entitled “Trauma Case Review” was presented by Dr. Carney from Freeman Hospital. Thank you to Freeman Hospital for providing today’s lunch.

**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. The agenda was approved with no changes.

**Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**

There were no minutes from the prior meeting due to a lack of quorum.

**Old Business:**

**TCD Update and Report from Subcommittees**

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- STEMI (Rita Stiles) – Discussion of the STEMI surveys and what’s been occurring. Spoke about the EMS Registry (NEMESIS) and it populating the stroke registry. Discussion on STEMI education and possible need for EMS core competencies. Want to do a study first and determine what is the problem (i.e. ability to read EKG’s; issues with transmitting, etc.).
- Stroke (Grace Potter) – Expressed difficulty in collecting data and accessing trip sheets (EMS also has difficulty getting data). Pilot study in St. Louis that uses HDE data collection process. Have been testing the interface with various EPCR’s for about a year. *Suggestion to have this company do a presentation for the group.*
- Trauma (Jami Blackwell) – group is working on a position statement regarding use of backboards. Need to disassociate backboards and C-collars from “immobilization”. No backboards but still need to protect the spine. Adopting the position statement from ACEP.

### Legislative/SAC Update – Mark Alexander

- Has been a ton of stuff.... Lobbyists have never seen it this busy this soon. There are 4 pages of EMS related bills.
- House bill on behalf of MHA, seeking changes to TCD legislation. Data collection piece that eliminates having to submit duplicate information.
- HB 2496 – provides additional Medicaid dollars to ground EMS
- “GEMT” – fire chiefs handling this bill
- HB 1527 – passed the House yesterday
- LODD for EMS professionals – same benefits if killed in the line of duty. There has been some opposition to this bill.
- 1534 – FRA bill – it should pass
- 1616 – Interstate Compact – questionable
- 1904 – 911 Comprehensive legislation. Has passed floor debate; the issue will be with the Senate. One component provides for consolidation of PSAP’s.
- Work by the SAC Legislative Committee – Community Paramedics made it thru the attorneys; next goes to Secretary of State. Military Bridge program – allows military to challenge state licensure exam.

### SAC Air Subcommittee Update – Susan Crum

- MOAAMS (MO Association of Air Medical Services) is sponsoring a pre-conference on July 26, 2016 at the MO EMS Expo in Branson. The presentation will be “Active Shooter Response” by Mike Clumpner, PhD.
- MOAAMS will shortly have available laminated flip charts showing emergency shutdowns for all helicopter types in the state of Missouri. These will be distributed to EMS, fire and rescue groups.
- The air ambulance programs in MO have been actively promoting and testifying for 2 bills in the MO legislature – the LODD bill (petitioning for it to be inclusive of flight personnel) and the Hospital Helipads bill which addresses the ‘cordoning off’ requirement to meet stroke and STEMI regs. Susan explained why cordoning off (such as fencing) at hospital helipads, is a dangerous practice for helicopters.

### Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update – Bob Patterson

- The coalitions are reducing from 7 to 3
- Springfield having Alternate Care Site training at MSU on 8/12/16

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- MHA holding an Emergency Preparedness class in Springfield on 4/26/16
- Chempack exercise on 3/9/16
- Ebola exercise (tabletop) for Greene County on 4/5/16

**EMS Mutual Aid Updates** – Bob Patterson

Nothing reported

**Medical Director Updates:**

Bob reported that there were 2 nominations with four votes received; two votes for each nominee. Bob suggested considering doing co-medical directors; Committee agreed. These individuals will be Dr. Matt Brandt and Dr. Tom Lewis; they will be made formal members of the Committee.

Drs. Brandt and Lewis were asked if they had any Medical Director comments; none by them at this time. Bob stated appreciation for them being here and stepping up to help.

**PSO Updates:**

PSO is hosting a hospital conference on 4/07/16 and an EMS conference later this fall.

**Other Business:**

**Regional Education Offerings/Other Announcements**

- Jack Bates reported on a TCD conference at OMC on April 1 and 2, 2016
- Decisions in Trauma (Cox Trauma Services) is May 13, 2016
- Mercy Joplin is hosting a trauma conference on 3/04/16
- The Thomas Redfearn pediatric conference will be 3/18/16
- The annual Cox Air Care conference is 3/30/16
- EMS Day at the Capitol is April 5, 2016

**Next Meeting Date:** April 29, 2016 at Air Medical Group Holdings building in West Plains, MO. A speaker on stroke will be provided.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 1345.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN