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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
Mercy Springfield
Hammons Heart Institute
Springfield, MO

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January 18, 2013

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair 11/01
Susan Crum 11/01
Mark Alexander 11/01
Janet Jordan 5/08
Jack Bates (pending appointment)
Denny Baier (pending appointment)
Jeff Hawkins (pending appointment)

Members Absent

Jim McGee 1/06
Marc Kaufman 5/08
David Hoover 5/08
Sean Smith 5/10
Ted Shockley 5/10
Patty Parrish 11/01
Michael Krtek 11/01
Don Looper 11/01
Larry Beatty 11/01

Appointment

Guests

Velvet Shoults
Jeff Ward
Candace Adams
James Cooper
Mike Ross
Rita Stiles
Jami Blackwell
Larry Faulkner
Madison Vahle
Neal Taylor
Deb Mergen
Chris Schulze
Lisa Hutchinson
Chris Mattes
DJ Satterfield
John Archer
Russ Conroy
Eddie Delp
David James
David Compton

TCD Subcommittee – did not meet prior to the Regular Meeting. Representatives present during Regular Meeting and TCD Regulations review.

Lunch Presentation

A lunch presentation on MoDRS (Missouri Disaster Response System) was presented by Kevin Tweedy, EMT-P. Thank you to Mercy Springfield for providing lunch.

Call to Order

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1300.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the November 16, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

LA Stroke Scale – Dr. Matt Brandt

Dr. Matt Brandt, CoxHealth, gave a presentation on the LAPSS (Los Angeles Prehospital Stroke Scale) including how it differs from the Cincinnati Stroke Scale and pros and cons of utilizing

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the LAPSS. Dr. Brandt stated that having an effective prehospital stroke scale helps to decrease the number of false positives.

Regional EMS Mutual Aid Coordinators Update

Bob Patterson reported that all six coordinators for our region have been chosen and have accepted. There are two regions that we cover – regions D and G.

Regional EMD Updates – Candy Adams/Russ Conroy/Jason Henry (Jason not at meeting)

This is Candy's last meeting with us as she will be retiring the first of April. Bob thanked Candy for her participation and active support in our region.

Updates from Candy:

- RHSOC meets 1/23/13 in Mt. Vernon, MO
- SMESO meets 4/10/13 in Stone County
- The SEMA Spring Conference will be held April 23-26 in St. Charles, MO
- Working on updates of everyone's emergency plans
- Thanked everyone for their work in this region

Updates from Russ Conroy:

- There are now 3 portable morgues (24 bed units) in the state; Springfield has one which is mounted on a trailer for transport
- Jason Henry at CoxHealth now has a Ventilator stash
- The Region D Coalition meets next week in Joplin. The area has 5 coalitions which come together as one voice (i.e. for grants) for the Region D region.
- The CHAOS Coalition (Monett, Cassville, Neosho) met last week. This group has received a water purification system (produces 60 gallons/hour). Springfield also has one of these.
- WebEOC was purchased last week by Intermedix (which is owned by EMResource). Hopefully interfaces can be built between the two.

Legislative Updates - Mark Alexander

Mark reported that this should be a good year for EMS legislation and gave an update on the following legislative efforts.

- Debt Set-off bill – this is the 4th year for this bill; bill places a lean against a person's lottery earnings, income tax refunds, etc. Would equate to several thousand dollars a year to EMS agencies.
- 911 bill – there is some optimism that this bill will make it thru the Legislature this year. Statewide solution to get money out of cell phone users using a county by county approach.
- Communicable disease exposure and notification of EMS providers – states a hospital has the right, and coverage by HIPAA to notify EMS providers.
- Clean up of the bill covering regional EMS committees – i.e. Medical Director becomes a member of a regional committee; limitation of terms to 4 years.
- Safety Zone bill – passed last year but was vetoed by the Governor. Plan to send thru again this year.
- New federal law – Line of duty deaths – not-for-profit EMS entities receive line of duty death benefits. Bill does not cover for-profit agencies. Coverage will be retroactive back to 2009. The bill was named for two EMS workers killed in the line of duty.
- Medicare extensions were extended for another year.

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- EMS Day at the Capitol is scheduled for March 12, 2013 from 0830-1400, 3rd floor Rotunda.

TCD Regulations – Group review of newly filed regulations and discussion about following the state plan or developing local plan – discussion led by Mark Alexander

- Lisa Hutchinson mentioned a kickoff dinner (for TCD/STEMI) on 2/21/13 at Metro Grill; representatives from Level I and II centers.
- The 1st Annual Time Critical Diagnosis System Conference will be held on January 23 in Columbia, MO.
- Status of the regs – regs filed with the Missouri Register; 30 day comment period has now passed. DHSS has 90 days to respond to comments before the regulations being published as a Final Rule.
- Documents reviewed by the committee on this date include: *Definitions and Abbreviations Relating to Stroke Centers; Standards for Stroke Center Designation; Definitions and Abbreviations Relating to ST-Segment Elevation MI (STEMI) Centers; Standards for ST-Segment Elevation MI (STEMI) Center Designation; Community-based or Regional Plan for Emergency Medical Services for Trauma, ST-Segment Elevation MI or Stroke; Definitions and Abbreviations Relating to the Transport Protocol for Stroke and the Transport Protocol for ST-Segment Elevation MI Patients; and Transport Protocol for Stroke and the Transport Protocol for ST-Segment Elevation MI Patients.*
- Plan is to take these documents and review, and decide whether to use state plan vs. developing our own community plan. Bob to send out the transport algorithms. Will keep this as a reoccurring agenda item.

New Business/Announcements/Regional Training Announcements/Next Meeting Date:

- Patty Parrish submitted her resignation earlier this week; resignation has been sent to Greg Natsch
- Bob queried Greg Natsch as to status of pending nominations – no answer yet
- **Next meeting will be held on 3/15/13 at Cox South. TCD Subcommittee will meet beforehand at 1000.**
- Introductions were made of new individuals present today
- Dave Compton reported that RHSOC meets next week; group is asking for a *hospital representative* to be added to RHSOC.
- Jack Bates reported that OMC Hospital is no longer managing ambulance services.
- Violet Shoults mentioned a fundraiser for a medic in central Missouri who has cancer (contact Violet for more info).
- John Archer requested that for STEMI's coming to Cox South, if can be determined who the patient's cardiologist is and report this to the ED, will shave off a few minutes in their care.
- Larry Faulkner requested that cardiac patients coming to CMH have their IV's placed in the left arm, if possible.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1510.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN