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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
Parkway Board Room
Ozarks Medical Center
West Plains, MO
March 28, 2014

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair
Susan Crum
Janet Jordan
Ted Shockley
Jami Blackwell
Jack Bates

Appointment

11/01
11/01
5/08
5/10

Guests

Mary Ann Huff
Jenna Hicks
Jack Davis
Bill Bridges
Jerri Crump
David James
Eddie Delp
Jeff Ward
Kathryn Egly
Dawn Clough
Grace Potter
Richard Jung
Devon Emerson
Morgan Young
Theron Becker

Lunch Presentation

A lunch presentation entitled “EMS Stroke Care” was provided by Dr. Clara Applegate, Ozarks Medical Center, West Plains. Dr. Richard Jung, CoxHealth, was also present and spoke at Dr. Applegate’s invitation.

Thank you to Ozarks Medical Center for providing lunch today.

Call to Order

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1311. Welcome and introductions were made.

Establish Quorum/ Review Agenda

A quorum was established. Bob indicated several appointments are still in process; will contact Les Jobe to confirm.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from the January 24, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Ted Shockley; seconded by Jami Blackwell. No noted revisions or corrections.

Old Business:

TCD Update and Report from Subcommittee

- Trauma – group met today. Distributed Mercy’s document for utilization of backboards by EMS. CMH’s version provided; Cox and others have similar protocols. Plan to bring forward as a recommendation to this committee for adoption.
- STEMI (Mary Ann Huff) – Reported they have several new members. Reviewed their QI project – EMS activation/non-transfers. Will present data at the next meeting. The

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Southwest MO STEMI Alliance plans to get protocols out to smaller facilities and be a resource to them.

- Stroke – nothing to report. QI – reviewing whether emergency contact number was obtained and the time of onset obtained/documented.

Legislative/SAC Update – Bob Patterson

- Today was the last day to file new bills
- Bill regarding fingerprints and background checks for EMS
- LODD – to include state education benefits for dependents
- Bill that clarifies who can drive an ambulance
- Ambulance districts – candidates can't apply to ballot if owe back taxes
- Medicaid expansion
- 911 funding bill

SAC Air Subcommittee Update – Susan Crum

- The air ambulance group has been supportive of the LODD legislation as it has implications for flight personnel
- Air coordinators are being assigned in each region in respect to the EMS Mutual Aid Plan
- MO AAMS – new officers elected; continuing to build the organization. Continue to promote the use of the Early Activation Plan and its role in TCD.

EMS Mutual Aid Plan Update – Bob Patterson

Plan is pretty solid now; resource assets list being developed. Discussion on whether State to have a dedicated triage tag. Standardized forms for disaster situations; to be carried on ambulances. Morgan Young is a representative for the southwest region.

Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update – (reported by Bob Patterson from Russ Conroy)

- Southwest Healthcare Coalition met March 12, 2014; a lot of activity going on
- Multi-county mass casualty exercise coming up
- Noted that Springfield Airport needs to have a drill annually
- MHA software program on how to evacuate a hospital – available end of summer?

Medical Director Update – Dr. Janet Jordan

Posed the idea of a transfer agreement that encompasses all; further discussion ensued regarding this topic.

Other Business:

- Bob passed around a scannable medical history device (being sold to the public) called E.M.I.T. Alert. Morgan Young mentioned another device called Road ID.
- TCD Summit scheduled April 12, 2014 in Columbia.
- ICE Spring Break is in April
- Tom Steele conference; end of April
- Jeff Hawkins, TCAD, was recently on the news talking about slide-offs in their area resulting in multiple calls regarding the same event. Their plan is to place crime scene tape on the vehicle. Has asked Jeff to share their protocol. Southwest Region potentially adopt this process.

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Next Meeting Date: May 23, 2014 at Freeman in Joplin. STEMI presentation and possibly tour new facility in Joplin.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1340.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN