

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
McCauley Conference Center
Mercy Hospital Springfield
Springfield, MO
March 27, 2015

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair
Susan Crum
Mark Alexander
Jack Bates
Larry Beatty
Jeff Hawkins

Appointment

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Guests

Dr. Scott Duff
Dr. Tom Lewis
Robert Medley
Russ Conroy
Eddie Delp
Chris Hoag-Apel
Bill Bridges
Neal Taylor
Morgan Young
Jeff Ward
Rita Stiles
Grace Potter
Deb Mergen
Brian Williams
Dr. Jennifer Lynch
Shannon Hobson
Rachel Stone

Lunch Presentation

A lunch presentation entitled “Stroke Awareness and Screening: Providing Care to Our Patients” was provided by Dr. R. Scott Duff, Mercy Springfield. Thank you to Sarah Staed with Stryker Neurovascular for providing lunch today.

Call to Order

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1318. 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

Minutes from the November 21, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Larry Beatty; seconded by Deb Mergen. No noted revisions or corrections.

Old Business:

TCD Update and Report from Subcommittee

- **STEMI** (Rita Stiles) – Discussion of educational needs; public and professional/EMS. Action item – determine process for transmitting EKG’s; what is being used and what barriers exist. EMS fields have been added to STEMI registry. Thus makes obtaining run tickets more critical.

- Stroke (Deb Mergen) – Discussion regarding EMS collecting data that is needed. Reinforce collection of LKW (last known well) and family contact number. Need trip sheets in a timely manner. Action items: Option of placing printers in the ER's to get charts generated. Mercy in St. Louis has an interface to EMS' EPCR. Stroke coordinators have access to the EPCR's.
- Trauma (Jack Bates) – group is exploring best practices; use of TXA. Total usage of TXA is undetermined.

Legislative/SAC Update – Mark Alexander

- Legislative committee met Tuesday, day of SAC.
- Medicaid audit bill – support being provided. Language submitted on the floor.
- EMS Day at the Capitol is March 31 from 0830-1230.
- Bill for Missouri to participate in a statewide Compact. Allows licensure to cross state lines. Only other state that has this is Colorado.
- A number of EMS bills on the docket – LODD bill where EMS dependents receive free college tuition at state universities. 911 bill has a chance of passing this year.
- Doctor fix bill for federal Medicare – passed the House; going to the Senate. This is the MCR relief act.

SAC Air Subcommittee Update – Susan Crum

- MOAAMS (MO Association of Air Medical Services) is sponsoring a grain bin rescue class on July 28 in conjunction with the MO EMS Expo at Branson. Due to MOAAMS' sponsorship, the cost of the class will be kept to \$50 per person (limit of 50 attendees). The first portion of the day is a classroom component; the latter half of the day is outside with hands-on training.
- Mentioned that MOAAMS has a revitalized website that contains a lot of good information. The website is moaams.org.
- The state Air Ambulance Subcommittee is working on drafting a statewide post-accident plan (PAIP). Although all air medical services are required to have a PAIP, most of these do not address how to handle an event if your aircraft is out of your normal service area.
- Mentioned the recent ARCH fatal crash in St. Louis. The pilot was the only one on board and was a fatality. At the most recent Air Ambulance Subcommittee meeting, there was discussion of the issues that ensued due to the accident occurring within the city and how these issues might be addressed in the future.

EMS Mutual Aid Updates – Bob Patterson

Meeting recently held and the Mutual Aid Plan reviewed. Unfortunate that there was limited EMS participation.

Strike teams from Newton County, JEMS and Mercy, were used for the recent move to the new Mercy Joplin. Utilized lessons learned from the Joplin tornado.

Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update – Russ Conroy

Things have been active this last quarter; appreciates EMS' participation. Springfield Healthcare Coalition looking at alternative care sites. Several recent exercises with several more planned in upcoming months.

Medical Director Update – Bob Patterson

Looking for a replacement (EMS physician) for Dr. Jordan who recently retired. Recommendations can be directed to Bob.

Other Business:

Update on state EMS-C Committee – Susan Crum

The Committee has been meeting monthly and is working on several projects. Katherine Crockett is the current EMS-C grant manager. There will be another EMS-C sponsored pediatric conference, probably in January 2016. Committee looking at how they can support EMS agencies in acquisition of needed pediatric equipment. Initiative to identify special needs kids in the state and develop plans for how EMS providers can provide care and meet their special needs.

Other Announcements:

- The Central Region EMS TCD conference is scheduled for 4/17/15. Deb Mergen suggested that people should try and attend.
- Deb Mergen – discussion on taking a patient to a ‘TCD facility’. Really need a map showing the stroke facilities in Missouri; Deb and Grace will work on that.
- Dr. Duff questioned the need for a ‘regional expert group’. Worries about capacity – facilities full; no place to put patients. And do we need a regional plan in lieu of the statewide plan?
- Larry Beatty mentioned that in Barton County, there will be radio frequency changes for the sheriff’s department, but have not been announced yet.
- Russ Conroy announced that there will be an airplane crash drill at the Airport on 5/13/15.

Next Meeting Date: May 22, 2015 at Freeman in Joplin (corrected to meeting date of 5/15/15)

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1416.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN