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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
Cox Medical Center South
3801 S. National
Springfield, MO

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November 16, 2012

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair 11/01
Susan Crum 11/01
Larry Beatty 11/01
Mark Alexander 11/01
Janet Jordan 5/08
Marc Kaufman 5/08
Jack Bates (pending appointment)
Denny Baier (pending appointment)

Appointment

Guests

Mike Ross
Candy Adams
Neal Taylor
Sandra Woods
Chris Hoag-Apel
Bob Minter
Eddie Delp
David Compton
David James
Velvet Reed-Shoultz
Russ Conroy
James Cooper
Lisa Hutchison
Mary Ann Huff
Jeff Ward
Mike Ross
Carol Beal

Members Absent

Jim McGee 1/06
David Hoover 5/08
Sean Smith 5/10
Ted Shockley 5/10
Patty Parrish 11/01
Michael Krtek 11/01
Don Looper 11/01
Jeff Hawkins (pending appointment)

TCD Subcommittee – met prior to the Regular Meeting. See report below.

Lunch Presentation

A lunch presentation on “Subarachnoid Hemorrhage” was presented by Dr. Jennifer Lynch, CoxHealth neurologist. Bob thanked CoxHealth 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 September 21, 2012 meeting were reviewed and approved as written after a motion from Mark Alexander and seconded by Marc Kaufman.

LA Stroke Scale – Dr. Matt Brandt

Dr. Brandt was unable to be present. Mark Alexander reported that the LAPSS (Los Angeles Prehospital Stroke Screen) has been suggested by Dr. Jennifer Lynch as a replacement for the

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Cincinnati stroke scale. The main difference is that the LAPSS includes the onset of symptoms. A template was distributed for review; will place this discussion as a reoccurring agenda item.

Regional EMS Mutual Aid Coordinators

Plan is nearly complete and will go to the SAC later this month. We have two troop regions to appoint coordinators for – troops D and G. Nominations previously received, as well as those made from the floor, are for Shane Vaughn and Jason Smith, DJ Satterfield (air component) for region D; Jeff Ward and Jack Davis, Jack Bates (air component) for region G. Motion to accept these nominations made by Mark Alexander and seconded by Marc Kaufman; motion approved.

SAC Update/Discussion

TCD Committee – report by Lisa Hutchison

- The stroke and STEMI regs have now been filed.
- Reminder of the upcoming TCD conference in January 2013
- Distributed the “Transport Protocol for Stroke and STEMI Patients”. Plan is to begin standardization of protocols for EMS so that there are not variances from facility to facility.
- At each meeting, plan to ask each center to present a best practice/case review. A case review of a STEMI patient was presented on this date by Mary Ann Huff, Mercy STEMI Program Coordinator, and a case review of a stroke patient was presented by Carol Beal, Mercy Stroke Coordinator.
- Future goals for the TCD committee to include metrics, best practices, and even difficult cases
- Dr. Kirchura, state STEMI chair, has asked for an update from our region
- A matrix was passed around by Bob regarding the status of each facility for STEMI, stroke, and trauma.

Communications/911 – report from Mark Alexander

Jason White and Shawn Hill attended a meeting yesterday regarding a proposal for a cell phone tax/fee. This is a county by county proposal resulting in a statewide fund that could be used for things such as implementation of 911 where there isn't one. Hopeful to have draft bill out in next 2-3 weeks.

Aircraft Committee – nothing to report; meet later this month

Legislative – Mark Alexander

- Debt Set-off bill – chances are better for its passage this year. Two legislators who were against it have termed out, but a renewed effort will be needed with the new legislators.
- Blood alcohol blood draws issue – draft language needed with a clear definition of the term ‘technician’
- Investigation of personnel (DHSS process) – like to see ‘due process’ included into those terms
- Communicable disease – 3 different laws in the state of Missouri with variability amongst them. Need to be consolidated or rewritten to address the variances.
- TIF districts – can have negative impact on ambulance and fire tax districts; law needs to be tweaked.
- Ability for EMS personnel to report an individual who is unsafe to drive (i.e. a seizure patient). Currently there is nothing that grants authority to EMS to do so.

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- Safety zone crash law – was previously passed and then vetoed. Would provide the same penalties as to a MODOT worker.

Regional EMD Updates – Candy Adams (SEMA) & Russ Conroy:

- Southwest Emergency Support Organization meets 1/9/13 in Springfield
- THIRA (hazard mitigation plan) needs to be completed by 3/1/13
- ROSC meets 1/23/13. Representatives to ROSC are Dave Compton, Bob Patterson, and Dana from Taney County
- Reported on the Web EOC which is an Internet based EM system providing situational awareness and resource management in an MCI event. System posts regional updates to a central Board. Also pulls data from the EMS system. Plan to implement local boards by March 2013. Need EMS input as to how we want this to look for the state of Missouri.
- Alternate care sites for local counties – JQH Arena and the old Hammons Student Center were toured as possible sites
- The Springfield Healthcare Coalition was utilized this last week when Cox North lost power
- A mobile morgue is now available but awaiting a trailer
- Region D coalition – Regina Thomas from Freeman Hospital and Russ Conroy are co-chairs
- Evaluating some water purification systems (60 gallons an hour) and placing several of these smaller units in region D. One large unit to be located in Jeff City or Columbia.

New Business/Announcements/Regional Training:

- Mercy Burn Unit to begin teaching ABLS classes again – two in house and two on the road

Next Meeting Date:

Proposal to rotate future meetings around the region. Bob will create and post a calendar for 2013, along with host locations.

Next meeting date will be January 18, 2013.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1414.

Respectfully submitted,

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