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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE  
McCauley Conference Center  
Mercy Hospital Springfield  
Springfield, MO  
September 19, 2014

**Members Present**

Bob Patterson, Chair  
Susan Crum  
Janet Jordan  
Mark Alexander  
Jami Blackwell  
Jack Bates  
Larry Beatty  
David Hoover

**Appointment**

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

**Guests**

Randi Newson  
Grace Potter  
Valerie Bennett  
Keith Schaefer  
Kirstie Kellermann  
James Cooper  
Jason Martin  
Bill Bridges  
Lisa Hutchison  
Chris Mattes  
Rita Stiles  
Devon Emerson  
Leigh Williams  
Mary Ann Huff  
Jerri Crump  
Shelia Russell  
Velvet Shoults

**Lunch Presentation**

A lunch presentation entitled “EMS Stroke Care” was provided by Dr. Scott Duff, Mercy Hospital Springfield. Dr. Duff stressed the need to obtain Time LKN (last known normal), a contact person/phone number, and a blood glucose level.  
Thank you to Mercy for providing lunch today.

**Call to Order**

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1305. Welcome and introductions were made.

**Establish Quorum/ Review Agenda**

A quorum was established. Bob checked with the Bureau of EMS regarding the openings (3) that we have. Bob read the potential categories that could be used to fill these vacancies. Application packets can be sent to Les Jobe, Bureau of EMS.

**Review and Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the March 28, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Janet Jordan; seconded by David Hoover. No noted revisions or corrections.

**Old Business:**

**TCD Update and Report from Subcommittee**

- STEMI (Mary Ann Huff) – STEMI project has been EMS activation for non-transfers. Tracking this data for over a year (plan to finish out the year). Each facility has gradually

made progress. Have found instances of Cath Labs not activating prior to EMS arrival. Freeman, Joplin noted as a Champion – 60% bypassing ER and going to Cath Lab. Roadblocks include – not sure that it was a STEMI; hospital requires an EKG; EMS runs that were very short (i.e. 5 minutes) and should these be excluded from the study? Question if EMS providers have received appropriate education? Develop competencies to verify? Once STEMI level designations occur, can QI if EMS goes to a non-PCI facility. Notes that *false* activation rates are low.

- Stroke – the Bi-State Stroke Coalition recently met; some were able to attend. Plans for a stroke education consortium in this area, bringing in everyone’s educators. Noted that Newton County Ambulance has an education website. Group has been obtaining data since March, on percent of compliance for obtaining/documenting Last Known Normal (LKN) and patient contact information. Data was distributed to each individual EMS agency.
- Trauma (Jami Blackwell; Velvet Shoults) – noted that TCAD will be changing their spinal immobilization protocol as of November 1. TXA guidelines distributed today; can call Jami or Velvet for protocols.

Cox and Mercy both participate in Arkansas trauma guidelines. Facilities expect: initial fluid management of patients; and development of trauma fluid resuscitation guidelines including burns, pediatrics and neuro injuries. Will have a rough draft protocol by November.

Talked about an initiative that group has been working on - to improve relationships between prehospital and trauma teams. Have adopted the concept of “TTA Time Out”. A video was shown of this. A time out process in the O.R. has been used for some time; trauma centers requesting a similar process for the trauma patient. EMS reports should include MIST – Mechanism of injury, Injuries identified, Signs & symptoms (including vital signs and GCS), Treatments provided. The process should take no longer than 30 seconds; everyone takes a ‘time out’ and listens to report from EMS crew.

#### **Legislative/SAC Update** – Mark Alexander

- SAC meets in October
- Legislative committee meets next Tuesday in Jeff City. Purpose is to work on the community paramedic regulation. Would like to see more training; steering committee to assess community need/sunset the regulation in 5 years; coordination with home health providers and patient’s primary care provider.
- 2015 legislative session will include effort to achieve Medicaid expansion

#### **SAC Air Subcommittee Update** – Nothing to report

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

- Group has been working with MHA to develop a software program to assist hospitals in evacuating patients in a disaster situation.

#### **Missouri Catastrophic Patient Movement Plan** – Paula Nickelson

Paula Nickelson is a Health Care System Preparedness Planner for SEMA. Paula has been meeting with health care coalitions and regional EMS committees. Paula gave a short presentation on the state’s catastrophic patient movement plan.

#### **Southwest EMS Mutual Aid Agreement** – Bob Patterson

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Documents were provided. Bob asked participants to leave the signed documents with him. He will collect them and email out to everyone.

**PSO Update** – Lee Varner

Lee had to cancel on short notice; has offered to come to the next meeting. Mark Alexander reported that have been successful in getting a couple of national agencies (ground & air multi-state providers) to join the MO PSO. Goal of the PSO is to collect error data and develop trends.

**Medical Director Update** – Dr. Janet Jordan

Has been attending the TCD committees. Would like to start a website/Share Point site. Bob asked if anyone had anything for Dr. Jordan – nothing expressed.

**Other Business:**

- David Miller conference is next week at the White River Conference Center. Conference is inclusive of adult and pediatric trauma lectures. A limited number of EMS scholarships are available.
- ABLS course scheduled on 11/26/14

**Next Meeting Date:** Scheduled for November 21<sup>st</sup> at Cox Medical Center South; Trauma presentation by Dr. Woods.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 1412.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN