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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE  
Meyer Orthopedic and Rehab Hospital  
Ozark Room  
CoxHealth  
Springfield, MO  
September 18, 2015

**Members Present**

Bob Patterson, Chair  
Mark Alexander  
Jami Blackwell  
Jack Bates  
Jim McGee

**Appointment**

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**Guests**

Andy McCaslin  
Dr. Tom Lewis  
Velvet Shoults  
Kristie Kellermann  
Theron Becker  
Mary Ann Huff  
Darell Donham  
Kim Stacy  
Shelia Russell  
James Cooper  
Lisa Hutchison  
Kelly Weber  
Rita Stiles  
Jeff Ward  
Grace Potter  
Russ Conroy  
Kit Creamer  
Chris Schultze  
Dr. Scott Duff

**Lunch Presentation**

A lunch presentation entitled “Telemedicine in Stroke Care” was provided by Dr. Scott Duff. Thank you to CoxHealth for providing lunch and facility for today’s meeting. Thanks to Dr. Duff for the insightful and humorous presentation that generated great discussion.

**Call to Order**

Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1310. 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**

No minutes were pending approval by the committee.

**Old Business:**

**TCD Update and Report from Subcommittee**

- STEMI (Mary Ann Huff) – Subcommittee recommends that a letter be sent to the SAC from the SW Regional EMS Committee requesting that the current recommendation for a 3<sup>rd</sup> tier back-up team for cath lab activation be reconsidered and that further the plan to

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use another hospital in the same geographic location be approved as the 3<sup>rd</sup> tier. Expense, shortage of personnel will be cited as concerns. Some discussion also occurred about consideration of developing a regional plan for transport flow and changing our position of state plan adoption.

The STEMI subcommittee continues to discuss educational tools for EMS personnel to enhance multi lead EKG skills where needed. Theron Becker agreed to take lead on pulling EMS Educators together from across the region to review and make recommendations on an educational program that could be offered to EMS providers to gain confidence for activations.

- Stroke (Kit Kreamer) – Pilot program being developed to provide family members a contact information card with the receiving hospital Stroke contact numbers. This is hoped to provide family members with direct link to Stroke team for time of onset and other important information.
- Trauma (Jami Blackwell) – The subcommittee is developing recommendations for reduced use of backboards and will have a guidance document for the region soon.

The subcommittee is also developing clinical practice guidelines for suspected pediatric abuse responses.

Beginning research at the benefit of pre-hospital administration of antibiotics in cases of open fractures.

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

- Mark provided an update on recent discussion of the proposed State Compact or REPLICA. More detail has been emailed to the committee as additional reference. Proposal would eliminate the requirement for a provider to hold multiple state licenses where state opt to participate. 10 states are required to form the compact and early adoption does have advantages. Concerns include: differences in scope of practice from state to state, funding mechanisms i.e. license fees, concern about licensure action in one state and another not knowing or being informed.
- July 1<sup>st</sup> brought new ambulance manufacturing standards for ambulance build after this date. All must have new cot mounting systems crashed tested to 30 mph. This change will create added expense for ambulance services. Remounts may also be considered as new builds, but unclear at this point.
- Paramedic shortages in the region were discussed as well as the difficulty for at least one program to maintain an articulation agreement with a college or university.

**SAC Air Subcommittee Update** – Air representatives were attending a Safety Symposium in Kansas City and were unable to attend. Issues continuing to be monitored are the TCD regulations requiring fencing around landing zones and the negative impact to safety by Drones operating in common air space.

### **Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update** –

- Russ Conroy reported on the recent communications exercise in Columbia which resulted in a DMACC activation. Exercise was very beneficial and productive.

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- Polk, Christian and Greene Counties will participate in an alternate care exercise at JQH arena which will run concurrently with the National Level Exercise. More information to follow as preparation continues.
- 130-140 people from across the state are traveling to Anniston for a joint Capstone exercise in October.
- Russ reported that Mercy participated in two exercises over the past month with the Springfield Fire Department Bomb Squad and the Springfield Police Department Special Response team. He will share lessons learned with the committee.

**EMS Mutual Aid Updates** – Bob Patterson reported no major activity since our last meeting. Standby did occur for potential activity in Ferguson at the one year date. Next meeting late September.

Bob did report that they have been some excellent use of the EMS system and MCI alerts by EMS Communications centers. These latest activations provided great level of detail and will be used as examples during the MHA statewide conference.

**Medical Director Update** – Bob Patterson reports that he will obtain the current list of EMS Medical Directors in the region from the BEMS. Following that will seek nominations from that body with a ballot to follow to replace Dr. Jordan.

**Other Business**: No other business was introduced for discussion.

**Regional Updates/Educational Opportunities:**

David Miller Trauma Symposium September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at Bass Pro Shop – White River Conference Center. Trauma Continuum of Care: Challenges in Trauma October 1-3 Big Cedar Lodge. CoxHealth will have a Pediatric Trauma Conference in November.

**Next Meeting Date:** Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Ozarks Medical Center, West Plains. Air Evac is the lunch sponsor and STEMI will be the education presentation topic.

**Adjournment** – meeting was adjourned at 1415.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Patterson, Committee Chair