

EMS Regional Committee Southeast Region

Conference Call

October 15, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Nathan Wolk, Debbie Leoni, Monica Kleffner-Pfau, Jason White, Randy Tucker, George Miller, Ken Dicus, Darick Day, Robbie Buesking, Larry Chasteen, Nick Salzman, Chris Newell, Josh Dugal, Lisa Midget

Call to Order

Nathan Wolk called the meeting to order at 1015. Delay occurred due to technical difficulties.

TCD – Update

Jason White gave an update on what is happening with the TCD program. Jason believes TCD legislation will be considered in 2021. Legislation this spring was held up due to COVID, Medicaid expansion...

After the current session ended MHA got a group together to discuss TCD legislation and regulations. In early September the subcommittee findings were put out to all of the MHA, TCD group.

There was discussion on all hospitals participating in TCD regardless of being designated.

Discussion of sustainability for doing reviews, data... considering budget issues.

Dual pathways for designation discussed.

Creation of a separate TCD committee with representation by hospital and EMS instead of trying to fit TCD into an existing EMS or hospital based committee.

DHSS met with MHA and the TCD committee. Due to financial issues several options for designation have been discussed. As a result of meetings the following decided:

NO EMS license fees to support TCD

National designation only for leveling facilities off the table, this was too great a burden for trauma as ACS is the only national accreditation available. More options for stroke and STEMI but still burdensome for smaller facilities.

DHSS is going to backfill at least one position for TCD. State groups need to push for staffing for TCD as this is a public safety issue. He feels that if the EMS and hospital industries push we can make this happen as we did when funding was originally cut and then restored.

DHSS will continue to dual designate, doing surveys and accepting national accreditations.

MHA sent out a survey on TCD, results were shared in a MHA/TCD meeting.

Data; it is going in but nothing is being done with it at this point. Using Biospatial for data is held up in legal due to Missouri's strict PHI laws.

Jason thinks the best approach is to present legislation changes on what we can all agree on. Once legislation is passed it will be easier to push the change in the regulations.

New TCD committee is to represent EMS and hospitals. At this point the thinking is 12 hospital seats and 4 EMS seats.

Regional plans – need to go through the hoops and get regional plans approved, Jason believes these will have an influence on the program.

Debbie Leoni clarified survey issue, state still planning on doing surveys for those facilities that do not want to use a national designation. Debbie states that changes to regulations were mainly taking out language that referenced specific practices that are outdated and will continue to evolve as we develop newer best practices. The prescriptive language was replaced with references to the current national guidelines.

Behavioral Health Facility

Debbie Leoni gave an update on the new behavioral health facility. They will have a phased opening of one wing at a time (25 beds). This will start in February.

Ken Dicus asked if they will be accepting patients directly from EMS or if EMS will have to take the patients somewhere first for medical clearance.

Debbie is checking into this and will give an update at the next meeting.

Transfer Agreements

The questions was asked if transfer agreements were necessary. Debbie wanted to know if EMS ever looked at or needed to see transfer agreements to transport patients. Ken Dicus stated that they do not require formal transport agreements to transport a patient, only the usual ED documents for medical necessity, acceptance...

Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for December 11th, 2020 at St. Francis. More to come closer to the date on arrangements.

Nathan will send out bullet points to consider for discussion at this meeting.

Adjournment

Debbie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Monica seconded.

Respectfully submitted by Monica Kleffner-Pfau