

PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION MINUTES
January 21, 2016

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:08am. Introductions around the room.
Previous meeting minutes from October provided; motion to accept, seconded and approved as written.

Base Station Reports/Issues:

- A. Good Sam, Karrie O'Brien** – Had their Base Station Meeting in November. Dr. Kott spoke and was well received. This year they plan to incorporate some new speakers. They have created two classes from one: Base Station and DMCC are now separate. Regarding the run sheet issue, things are working well, although still missing some. They are looking into trying an email system instead of faxing. Dr. Waffle brought up the HIPAA issue to be considered.
- B. Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** – They are 2/3 of the way through the Cath lab fix.
- C. Mary Bridge, Cynde Rivers** – A reminder to sending facilities that Mary Bridge has not opened their patient psyche department yet. It's in the process, but will not be available for a while.
- D. St. Anthony, Karmela Little** – Dr. Harrison is the new EMS Medical Director for Base Stations. He spoke last time at their Base Station.

'Base Station Meetings Equivalent' Reports/Issues:

- A. AMR** – No representative present.
- B. CPFR, ~~Dan Beckman~~ Dr. Stephen Friedrich** – Base Station Meeting yesterday went well. They talked about diabetic emergencies and how to follow protocol when starting a line; whether or not to transport patient to the hospital. Raised the question of Divert: if everyone is on divert except St. Anthony's are all patients transported there? Referred to later discussion.
- C. EPFR, Dr. Barnhart** – Just finished three Base Station lectures on Hemorrhagic Shock.
- D. GHFR, Calvin Johnson** – Nothing to report.
- E. GFR, Todd Jensen** – They are starting their first quarter lectures next week.
- F. KPFR** – They are starting next week, also.
- G. RM, Nicholas Gray** – Due to Rural Metro/AMR merger, they are moving forward, but there will be a lot of restructure and change.
- H. TFD, ~~Dr. Billingsley~~** – No representative.
- I. WPFR, Bill Barber** – Did their Base Station on Medical Burnout and Diabetes. They have done some trauma transport to MAMC without any issues.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Transport of mental health patients Update, Dr. Waffle** – had a meeting with Optum; it went well. They have been able to provide some help and resources; they now have a 1-800 number that can put some resources into play. On April 1, a new law is going into effect that combines funding for both psychiatric patients and addicts, which will help with this issue. Also, talked with Optum about providing a receiving center for patient assessment and treatment.

Bill Barber added that Catholic Community Services is a pediatric resource for up to age 21.

Dr. Waffle also mentioned that EMS is working with LE to develop a field guideline on dealing with psychiatric patients. We hope to get a recommitment from LE to give EMS the support they need.

Unscheduled:

- A. Divert, Dr. Waffle** – If everyone except St. Anthony's is on divert, then everybody goes to St. Anthony's according to the current policy. Do we want to continue this? It doesn't make sense to take a Graham patient to Gig Harbor. What can we do to help? Use WATRAC. Dr. Waffle stated we don't want to change the protocol based on one anomalous day, but we need to be prepared, because if it happened once it can happen again.

Norma added that all recommendations about divert will come out of the divert committee so everyone is encouraged to attend and bring up their issues. The policy may be modified to address the issues.

Dr. Ryan Gerecht suggested that patients be informed and given the choice to wait in a local hospital or divert to St. Anthony's and be further away.

Karrie said that the 2008 Divert Plan is looking at a complete change because of the change in dynamic in the region. St. Anthony's and MAMC are not included in the 2008 plan.

The divert committee need CEOs in attendance to back decisions with authority and the power to make it happen.

Dr. Waffle: Divert is a nationwide issue. Decisions are made by hospitals, enlarging, re-staffing, etc.

Announcements:

None.

Next meeting is 21 April 2016.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:07am.