

**PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION MINUTES**  
**October 20, 2016**

**Attendance:**

Membership Attendance Roster on File

**Call to Order**

The meeting called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:05am. Introductions around the room.  
Previous meeting minutes from July provided; motion made to accept, seconded, and approved as written.

**Base Station Reports/Issues:**

- A. Good Sam, ~~Karrie O'Brien~~** – No rep present  
Per Norma: the nurses are excused today for trauma training  
They had a Base Station meeting in October; they are cancelling the one for December.
- B. Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** –  
Continuing work on the 800MHz radio.
- C. Mary Bridge, ~~Cynde Rivers~~** –  
Utkarsh Achabia (sp ?) represented MB and said the Mental Health unit will be opening November 1;  
They expect 2-3 patients admitted per day; age 13 to max age of 17 years 11 months.
- D. St. Anthony, Karmela Little** – No rep present.

**'Base Station Meetings Equivalent' Reports/Issues:**

- A. Buckley, Dr. Jeff Morse** – Holding meetings quarterly, all are welcome to attend.
- B. CPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** –  
Base Station Meeting was yesterday on neonatal resuscitation. They are considering going to i-gel® for paramedics versus the King LT. Discussion followed about making it a BLS skill. Dr. Friedrich added that Dr. Gates is in favor of i-gel®, too. Norma asked if it would be used by ALS, or just BLS. Discussion continued on the ease of usage and pros and cons compared to the King. Norma requested that everyone bring their research on these two airway devices to the next meeting. Dr. Waffle said that he will look at this in Ops.  
Dr. Friedrich asked about clarification in the protocols for hospital STEMI Criteria. Norma said to bring it up for discussion in a Operations, T&D and Protocol meetings. Dr. Misner added that it is fairly standard. Norma asked if he would draft the language on this for us.
- C. EPFR, Dr. Stephen Barnhart** –  
The last Base Station was on Pediatric Trauma. Wynn Vance lectured on ALNW. There will be no Base Station meeting this month, but next month it be on Winter Emergencies. Russ explained how airlift works on standby. He also added that it was a great class weighing the pros and cons of using airlift.
- D. GFR, ~~Todd Jensen~~** – No rep present  
Last quarter their Base Station meeting was on Adult Difficult Airway; coming up next quarter it will be on OB/Gyn Emergencies.
- E. GHFR, ~~Calvin Johnson~~** – No rep present
- F. KPFR** – No rep present
- G. RM/AMR** –  
They've had two Base Station meetings.

**H. TFD, Dr. Billingsley Mike Newhouse –**

Dr. Billingsley has retired; he is now replaced by Dr. Gerecht, who taught their last Base Station meeting.

**I. WPFR, Bill Barber, Dr. Friedrich –**

Their Base Station was two days ago and covered neonatal resuscitation.

They also had an issue with Base Station contact, getting an endless ring, rather than a busy signal or message saying the line was busy. Norma asked if they tried the radio. They did not, so Norma recommended it as an alternative. Discussion followed regarding backup measures for who to call.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Divert Plan Update, Dr. Waffle –**

Mike and Todd are also on the committee, which has been meeting for the past several months to come up with a plan. They kicked off the new plan on Monday (October 17, 2016). Some of the things they are dealing with are overwhelmed hospitals while others at maximum capacity and preventing unnecessary 911 calls. Their primary endeavor is to coordinate all the medical systems into a community access plan. There are several committees, for example, there is a Charge Nurse Workgroup, working on trauma designations for hospitals. The Health Dept is working on community collaboration and resources. They are addressing alternative care receiving facilities. Dr. Misner asked about nursing homes, and if nursing staff could assist patients with some care to avoid use of 911. Discussion ensued. Dr. Waffle concluded that St. Joseph and TG have said they will never again be on divert at the same time.

**New Business:**

**A. Coverdale Grant, Kim Kelly and Jim Jansen, DOH –**

A PowerPoint presentation by DOH reps was made regarding the WA Coverdell Acute Stroke Program. Pierce County is a model county for improving stroke care, some of the criteria being public awareness and use of data to evaluate and drive QI. DOH is asking, pleading actually, for stroke data through WEMSIS. They want *everyone* to be on board and begin to report their stroke data using WEMSIS. "Money is available NOW, so let's do it NOW!"

Following the presentation, there was discussion about available funds and how to determine who needs what amount to get on board with WEMSIS. Also, discussed was a method to gather information from each agency, and then putting it into a chart to apportion what would be needed to help them reach this goal. Kim announced that the Official Launch is November 7 at the Best Western in Puyallup.

**Unscheduled:**

Norma asked about scheduling some time to follow up on the Coverdell Grant. It was decided this item would be included in the November meeting.

**Announcements:**

Council Meeting is next, at 9:30.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned 9:12am.