

**PC EMS COUNCIL  
CQI COMMITTEE MINUTES  
May 25, 2016**

**Attendance:**

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Chris Barnard at 11:00am. Introductions were made. Minutes of previous meeting were provided, approved and accepted as written.

**Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business.

**New Business:**

None scheduled.

**Presentation:**

**A. Topic**

**1. Presenter – Tacoma FD – Jeff Bambrick**

Jeff presented a case he titled, “A Temper Tantrum.” It pertained to a young boy who was described as anxious and combative. The medics arrived to a chaotic scene. The mom had put him on “time out” in his room because he was having a temper tantrum. The boy had a history of anaphylaxis. While one medic stayed and spoke with the mom, other medics went to the boy’s room to assess the situation and he went into respiratory arrest. Three medics administered care to include BVM ventilations, Epi and Benadryl, and called MBCH for additional doses of the Epi. They used the Broselow Tape ‘Length-based Measuring device’, but it appears the Broselow Tape did not consider a patient’s weight relative to length, so they used common sense and physical evaluation. They gave him a second and then a third dose of Epi. He came out of the distress and was admitted to the hospital.

Lessons Learned:

- Gather as much info as possible, no matter how subtle it may appear to be
- Perform a complete physical exam on every patient
- Broselow Tape can be inaccurate for obese patients
- Plan for the worst, hope for the best
- Be a patient advocate

Dr. Misner brought up the issue of “altered mental status” and being aware of that. Discussion followed regarding hypoxia and other issues.

**B. Standing Updates**

**Stroke Update**

Elizabeth presented “GET WITH THE GUIDELINES/STROKE” a management tool from the AHA. This provided percentages for: Arrival Mode, Pre-Notification, Door to CT, and Time to tPA;

Karmela asked how this process is being implemented. The response was: reporting back to EMS, educating the patient, other ongoing education and feedback.

Karen added that the STEMI Feedback Form is to be replicated by Stroke.

Norma stated that the Stroke Protocol change was not the one presented by the PHTAC. It is going back to the steering committee.

**Unscheduled Business:**

**Announcements:**

**State DOH – requests use of the entire July meeting for data collection discussion.**

September meeting presentation- Orting Valley F&R/PCFD# 18.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:37 am.