

**PC EMS COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 27, 2016**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

The meeting was chaired by Russ McCallion and called to order at 10:02am. Introductions were made and previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Elections for 2106

No new nominations for Chair were made. Russ McCallion was voted unanimously to continue in his position as Chair. No new nominations were made for Vice Chair. Scott Jones was voted unanimously as Vice Chair.

B. Divert Report-Todd Jenson

Divert became a huge issue a few weeks ago. The best thing that came out of it, is that the right people will be attending the Divert Committee Meeting at the beginning of February. He provided no new data, but stated that the third quarter came down very slightly from the second; the fourth quarter will be higher and the first quarter always trends high.

Norma stressed the importance of watching WATRAC before calling. Russ added that there are often 30 minute off-load times. It was agreed that this is not just a local/regional problem, but it is statewide and even national. Bill Barber mentioned the lag time in WATRAC postings. Also, St. Clare doesn't go on divert, but sometimes has a very long wait. Can we address this?

C. TPCHD Update-Cindy Miron

Flu Update-TPC Health Dept. – Flu is here but it hasn't been bad. Regarding Zika, there is a lot of info on the website. It is an issue mostly in South America. She sent out a health advisory. There is none in WA State so far and we don't anticipate it. She is sending info to providers.

D. Hospital Data Information Exchange-Karrie O'Brien (Russ McCallion not present)

No current update.

E. Good Sam-EMS to Triage program update-Karrie O'Brien

Nothing new.

F. Psychiatric/Intoxicated Client Transports-Norma Pancake

Norma announced that the Ad Hoc group met with LE again and again. She distributed the final draft. It is going to the LE Association in March 2016 for each chief to add input and comment. Russ asked if this is going to affect the protocols. Norma replied, "No, it will be a county operating procedure, not a protocol."

Russ mentioned the SB1721 Directive that is in process and that it needs EMS representation. Mike Newhouse responded that there are three from EMS that are attending (himself, Bill Barber and Calvin Johnson). Russ requested progress report on this at the next meeting.

G. MCI Plan – (Tabled, update still in progress)

Russ will be working on this and bringing it back to this meeting.

New Business:

None.

Unscheduled Business:

- A. Dr. Misner brought up the SALT Airway Device and asked about the process to evaluate it as an alternative airway device. Norma answered that the process to add something like this is to first have it evaluated by the Ops committee, then it goes to T&D and then to the Protocol committee. ******* Put the SALT Airway Device on the agenda for next meeting. *******
- B. Russ brought up info on the triage tool and where to transport stroke patients. He passed out the draft of State of Washington Prehospital Stroke Triage Destination Procedure for review (Russ's proposal).
- C. Regarding letters of appointment, a motion was made to change from an annual appointment to an indefinite length of time; motion accepted; we now have a new process.
- D. Cindy Miron asked about the State Ebola Plan. The State is developing a common template to be used as a guideline at the county level. It will include other highly infectious diseases, as well.
- E. Norma talked about HR4365, a new Federal Act to enable agency to register with DEA to administer controlled substances.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:44am.