

**PC EMS COUNCIL  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 30, 2016**

**Attendance:**

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was chaired by Russ McCallion and called to order at 10:00am. Introductions were made and previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on and accepted as written.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Divert Report – Todd Jenson**

The committee has met numerous times and it has been very productive.

Everyone affected, MultiCare and Franciscan Health System, were well represented; EMS was represented and Dr. Waffle attended. TPCHD was also represented; they will be overseeing some small group meetings regularly, with three meetings scheduled for April; they will take the information and consolidate it.

**B. TPCHD Update – ~~Cindy Miron~~ – Scott Foster**

A handout on Zika was distributed. Scott informed the group that we have the wrong mosquitos here to transmit Zika, but the concern is monitoring travelers.

There has also been an uptick in flu, later in the year. They predict a long drawn out flu season.

**C. Hospital Data Information Exchange – Russ McCallion**

There was a meeting with the State DOH. Norma asked about the group that met 2 weeks ago, “what came out of it?” Jeff Moore said they are looking for EMS providers to provide input. After more meetings, they will be able to provide a more inclusive report.

**D. Good Sam-EMS to Triage program update – Karrie O’Brien**

**-Expansion of program to other EDs**

Karrie reported that it is working really well for them. She has provided information to other hospitals, but it is up to their discretion whether and how to use it.

Russ is to formalize a structure at Mary Bridge. Cynde responded that triage is happening a lot more than it did in the past. David Misner asked about a facility to handle pre-hospital calls.

**E. Psychiatric/Intoxicated Client Transports – Norma Pancake  
(tabled until return from PCPCA meeting)**

Norma stated that it will be presented to the Police Chief’s Association at the April meeting. She doesn’t anticipate any issues with it.

**F. MCI Plan –**

**(Tabled, update still in progress)**

**G. S.A.L.T. Alternate Airway Device – Dr. Misner**

Two EMs wanted to use this device, but it was decided not to use it.

**New Business:**

**A. Coverdell Grant Proposal – Kim Kelley, DOH**

Presentation on Improving Stroke Care – Stroke is the number 1 cause of preventable disability and the 6<sup>th</sup> cause of death. It has a huge impact on quality of life and people are having strokes at younger ages. The Coverdell Stroke Program is paid for by a grant that was initiated following a stroke affecting Senator Coverdell.

Some main points:

- Collecting data is a big part of the program (see handout provided)
- Quality Improvement
- Community coordination and public awareness

Russ recommend that we invite Kim back to the CQI Committee to report out on the program, probably January 2017. Here is her contact information:

Kim Kelley, Coverdell Stroke Program Coordinator  
WA State Department of Health  
Community Health Systems  
360-236-2807  
[Kim.Kelley@doh.wa.gov](mailto:Kim.Kelley@doh.wa.gov)

**B. HB 1721 Transport to mental health facility**

Alternative Destination – Dr. Waffle thinks it will meet the needs of our protocol.

Russ brought up the issue of patient choice between ER and mental health facility. Discussion followed. Norma reminded us that this is just a State guideline and that we can tweak it in our protocols.

Jaime from RI International gave a presentation on HB1721 and highlighted these points:

- We can't use TeleCare/doesn't receive
- E and T (Evaluation and Treatment) – How to use?
- Voluntary vs Involuntary

Discussion followed regarding appropriate paperwork – LE needs to sign off on involuntary hold; the MHP can recommend it but it has to go through the police.

Russ expressed a concern regarding the statement referenced on p. 3 stating, "Patient must have a history or mental illness...."

Norma stated that when "we visit the Police Chiefs, we will ask for a form.

Dr. Barnard says that a standardized form can be problematic.

Discussion followed on use of a form.

Russ requested that any additional comments on this subject be sent to Norma and Dr. Waffle.

**Unscheduled Business:**

- A. Tim Lookabaugh brought up questions about the AHA Handbook. Who needs it? Where is it needed? And in what format?

\*\*\*\*\*PUT ON NEXT MONTHS AGENDA\*\*\*\*\*

**Announcements:**

- A. Cynde reported that the Auburn Psyche Unit opened recently and that the Mary Bridge Psyche Unit, for ages 12-17 years, will be opening soon.
- B. CPFR will be taking over management at the Spring Fair

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:00am.