

**PC EMS COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
September 28, 2016**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

Russ McCallion called the meeting to order at 10:09am. Introductions were made and previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on, and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Divert Report – Todd Jenson

Todd clarified that the Divert Committee is no longer being address by that name, but is now called the Community Healthcare Access and Steering Committee. It is now chaired by the presidents/CEOs of MultiCare and CHS Franciscan with the MPD as a representative. While Dr. Waffle controls the final outcome, this group brings their resources and authority. A charter has been developed to move us forward; it includes the current plan #13 revision. No longer should any hospitals be on “divert.” Several subcommittee workgroups have been put into place:

- Charge nurse workgroup
- Trauma designation workgroup
- Community Collaboration led by Health Dept
- Alternative Receiving Center Facility

Within the charter, there is an accountability piece that will require strong language. From an EMS standpoint, this is a cooperation, but Dr. Waffle “hold the ball” and has the last word.

Cynde commented on the accountability that is happening and how it’s making an impact.

EMS will likely face challenges regarding data collection and accountability.

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

- The flu vaccine is now available; low activity of the flu currently
- Zika – we have followed four cases, but no issues have developed

C. Hospital Data Information Exchange – Karrie O’Brien

The bi-directional platform has been vetted; October 7th is the final meeting with the steering committee; HDE will be finalized; the process will begin in mid-November and the Go-Live date is January, 2017. There is minimal cost to participate and help from DOH through the Coverdell Grant will help pay for it. King County is also supporting us because part of the Pierce County Hospital System operates there.

Russ added that real progress is being made. “Kudos to Karrie”

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

Remove from agenda next meeting

This program continues to work well for EMS. The location of drop off has been changed and is now in front of the door. There have also been some small verbiage changes.

E. Changeover Time of Trauma Services – Barb Carrier, Regional Trauma Director, CHI

No info provided, per Norma.

F. Min/Max EMS License Numbers Review

Per Norma, the initial meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled with the individuals who volunteered last meeting.

G. MCI Plan – (tabled – update still in progress) – Russ McCallion

Russ stated that things have freed up and he now has time to work on it.

New Business:

None

Unscheduled Business:

- A. The State EMS Steering Committee did pre-approve the Stroke Data Destination Plan. It may change the destination for a small percentage of patients. Their goal: “The Right Patient to the Right Hospital to the Right Intravascular Care.”
- B. WEMSIS 3 took a poll of who is using it and submitting information. Expect that participation levels to go up with the new system. Norma asked who all was participating. Cliff McCollum said they are not yet, but working toward it. Discussion followed about the nationally suggested database; each state can use of limit other data; vendors can also change the data list. This makes it almost impossible to have comparable data straight across the board. There is a lot of work to do yet; we need oversight and to avoid duplication of efforts. We want participation even though it’s not perfect.

Announcements:

Norma announced that we are going to look at the Pierce County EMS Aid & Ambulance Rules & Regulations- Equipment, Supply and Medications List. She will send out the work done in 2014 and we will review this in the November meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:55am.