

**PC EMS COUNCIL  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
November 30, 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**

The Community Healthcare Access and Steering Committee is requesting that people sign to be a part of the committee. Four of the groups are well represented. Mike Newhouse chairs the Alternative Receiving Center Facility; the Health Dept chairs the Community Collaboration Committee; Steering Committee, which Todd is on, is chaired by a rep from CHI Franciscan.

Reports will be made from these committees by the end of January. They will need to have charters in place by then.

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

- There has been some activity with the flu, but no real jumps.
- We are tracking one probably Zika case and have had about 5-6 cases in all.
- Syphilis is on the rise, now in the heterosexual population.

**C. Hospital Data Information Exchange – ~~Karrie O'Brien~~ Geoff Moore**

We keep making forward steps; getting signed contracts; doing mapping to determine workload. It is going live by March or April.

CHI – Susan is in a meeting with the execs from her hospital to move ahead and will be able to get patient outcomes each evening.

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

It was requested that two Tacoma General and St. Jo's charge nurses communicate so they can be on the same page. It's really a situation by situation decision.

\*\*\*\*\*TAKE OFF AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING\*\*\*\*\*

**New Business:**

**A. Aid and Ambulance Rules and Regulations – Equipment and Supply Inventory List – Norma**

Norma presented a new list with color coding:

- Yellow = State regulations that cannot change
- Green = items discussed in 2014
- Blue = items discussed in Protocol Committee meeting

Norma went through the supplies list line by line, while the group agreed to accept as is or make changes. Norma removed highlights as decisions were made. There was discussion regarding supraglottic airways in the ambulance. The supply was reconciled with the protocols.

The protocol on difficult airway was changed so the group went through the meds and verified, added or changed quantities to reflect protocol. Brad Dyson & Norma will review for next meeting or before.

B. Northwest Healthcare Response Network – Cindy Miron

Susan Pelaeze and Rebecca Lis from Northwest Healthcare Response Network came with a presentation on NWHRN, which is a collaboration organization to lead regional healthcare in planning, response and recovery “before, during and after” emergencies and disasters. They were very involved in the Cascadia Exercise. The slides presented covered:

- Their vision
- Their work – much of it is planning, training and exercises; coordination of healthcare
- How they work
- Building capabilities
- Impact areas
- How you can help

Cindy Miron added info on how we can work together with them, EMS and LE; she explained how Pierce and King counties are merged under NWHRN.

Calvin asked about funding and leadership. They are HP funded and assisted through the membership organization.

Norma is trying to get someone from EMS in Pierce County to regularly attend their meetings.

Rebecca said it would be very beneficial.

C. Use of StatBands – Cindy Miron and Norma Pancake

The Hospital Coalition discussed the use of StatBands for MCI and encouraged EMS providers to use them on a regular basis, e.g. on smaller MCIs (multiple patients), so they become accustomed to them. Cindy said this needs to be implemented because we are moving toward WATrac and this is in preparation for that tracking process.

Russ commented that small MCIs may not provide benefit because of their infrequency. He suggested a “once-a-month practice” instead. The group voted to use them on the first of every month. Everyone was requested to be sure this info gets to the next Hospital Coalition meeting. There will be a memo sent out regarding when to begin this process.

D. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair

Russ McCallion was nominated for Chair and Cliff McCollum was nominated for Vice Chair.

**Unscheduled Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

Trish Niehl said they are moving forward with their plan and sending out an update to all.

Norma said the Ambulance supply List is to be approved by email and then voted upon.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:40am.