

**PC EMS COUNCIL
PROTOCOL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 25, 2016**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

Cynde Rivers called the meeting to order at 8:01am. Introductions were made and previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Termination of Resuscitation

Norma said the assignment was to contact the Medical Examiner's Office regarding EMS making the pronouncement of death in the field in lieu of transporting a deceased patient to the hospital. The ME responded, "I think it is silly to transport a patient to the hospital for a pronouncement..." The ME concluded that EMS can make the call. But they must be sure the ME's office gets a copy of the patient care report. Discussion followed regarding not risking EMS by rushing to the hospital if a patient shows no sign of life. It was decided by the group today to add hemorrhage control under the section "If PEA on the monitor..."

In the Medical Section, it was agreed that there were no big changes.

There was discussion on "a. drug overdose" and "d. shockable rhythm (changed to refractory)."

There was also discussion on withholding versus termination of resuscitation, and whether to separate the sections, or keep them together as they are currently.

The section was reordered to flow better.

Discussion on "7. External Brain Matter..." on pulse/no pulse vs using a monitor. Decided that this had already been discussed.

Added "signs of life" after "absence of vital signs."

Discussion on use of the term, "high performance CPR" and whether there is a distinction between that and any other CPR. Decided to leave as is.

Discussion to move the Advanced Directives section up to A. under III. Withholding /Terminating Resuscitation.

New Business:

None.

Unscheduled Business:

None.

Announcements:

None.

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 9:00am and will re-adjourn in the PM for extended Protocol Review meeting.

Minutes submitted by Laurelee Wood, Scribe