

**PC EMS COUNCIL**  
**OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**January 25, 2017**

**Attendance:**

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

**Call to Order**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair**

Last meeting Russ was nominated for Chair and Cliff was nominated for Vice Chair. Russ opened the nominations for any additional names. No one else was nominated, so Russ and Cliff were unanimously voted in.

**B. Divert Report – Todd Jenson**

The No Divert Policy went into effect on Monday for a trial period. The Community Healthcare Committee has been restructured into four workgroups relating to (no) divert and is overseen by the Steering Committee. It is now a hospital driven group, no longer EMS. The Steering Committee knew there would be a spike in EMS services because of the flu season and have been preparing. But it came early this year. April 1 the No Divert plan will be finalized. The EMS Office will put out info on which data to collect.

Dan Beckman brought up issues CPFR has experienced – a 1 to 1 ½ hour wait at the ER. Cynde responded that these situations need to be reported to leadership (e.g. the EMS Coordinator and Director). Someone added that we also need to know about “soft divert” which means getting the “suggestion” to go to a different hospital. Todd emphatically replied that there is no such term as “soft diver”. He said that WATrac is the system to use to find the best hospital choice. Karrie added that they use the comments section in WATrac, which is the quickest way to find info on the ER status (it should be updated every two hours). Lots of discussion followed regarding major problems, specific issues and tactics being used to get around the new policy. Karrie concluded saying that the individual hospitals need to evaluate their own situations and “step up their game”.

**C. TPCHD Update – Cindy Miron**

There is not much of a difference from last month. Regarding the mumps outbreak, there are 9 confirmed cases with 25 probable. Three school districts are now dealing with it. Someone asked if there was any idea how long it would take to get under control. Cindy replied that it has a long incubation period – 25 days – so it could be a number of months.

**D. Hospital Data Information Exchange – Karrie O’Brien**

Everything is done. Now we are just waiting for one more signature. It is moving forward and should be up and running by March. Russ asked if everyone will participate. Sam Yount replied that his agency can’t financially. But Todd said that the Coverdell Grant should be able to help with the financial end of it.

**E. Ambulance and Aid Vehicle Supply and Equipment List – Brad Dyson**

Brad distributed the new 2017 county list and had the file displayed on the screen. He went through it and pointed out the new items and quantity changes so we could come to a final agreement. Brad pointed out a typo in the supraglottic airway section: the sizes for the King LT should be

2/2 ½/3. One new item is the CPAP. The goal of the list is to keep the maximum amount for one patient scenario on the rig. IO is optional; iStat is optional.

Tim asked about LR, should it be LR or Sodium Chloride?

Russ asked about Chlorhexidine, should it be optional or required?

The question was also raised about requiring the AHA Handbook on the BLS rigs. Do we delete it completely or make it optional. Everyone voted to make the AHA Handbook optional.

Another question was raised about D<sub>50</sub>, whether it should be optional or required. Discussion followed. It was decided that D<sub>50</sub> can be replaced by equivalent amounts of D<sub>10</sub> or D<sub>25</sub>. This decision will go to Norma and then to Dr. Waffle. A motion was made to approve the list subject to the changes made in the meeting today. It's the group's consensus that the sentence on Note #2 be changed to read: D<sub>50</sub> and D<sub>25</sub> may be replaced by D<sub>10</sub>W in a 250 mL bag.

**New Business:**

None

**Unscheduled Business:**

The issue of the vehicle inspections now taking place at DEM was brought up by Todd. He asked about this change.

Sam said he has great difficulty complying with this because he can't put even one of his vehicles out of service for the length of time it would take to bring them here.

Bill Sawaya said that he contacted Norma regarding this issue and she did it at his station.

Todd said he was happy to comply, but is not sure what the county requires. Discussion followed with concerns about inconsistencies in the way the inspections were handled among the agencies: some were done randomly and unannounced. Todd stated that if he could understand the objective of the vehicle inspection, he'd feel better able to meet the need. It was requested that this issue be put on the next meeting's agenda.

**Announcements:**

None

**Adjournment:**

Meeting Adjourned @ 10:55am.