

PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION MINUTES
January 19, 2017

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:00am. Introductions were made around the room. Previous meeting minutes from October were provided; motion made to accept, seconded, and approved as written.

Base Station Reports/Issues:

- A. **Good Sam, Karrie O'Brien** – Their last meeting was in December as a joint gathering with Mary Bridge; there were about 100 in attendance. Their next meeting is February 5.
- B. **Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** – They are doing the topic of the month and meeting on the third Monday of the month. They had about 6-7 people in attendance.
- C. **Mary Bridge, Cynde Rivers** – They had a well-attended meeting. Dr. Walkley came out of retirement for a day.
- D. **St. Anthony, Karmela Little** – Their meeting was in January on OB/Gyn; the next one is in April.

'Base Station Meetings Equivalent' Reports/Issues:

- A. **AMR/RM, Kevin Heindel** – They had their meeting in January with several in attendance; their next one is in April.
- B. **Buckley, ~~Dr. Jeff Morse~~** – No representative
- C. **CPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – Base Station Meeting was yesterday on non-cardiac chest pain. They had a rep there to demo a new intra-osseous device. The question was raised: Does anyone else has experience with it. Dr. Friedrich said no one in his dept has yet. Dr. Waffle asked about having a practical lab to provide experience. Dan Beckman commented that it is easier to use than the EZ-IO
- D. **EPFR, Dr. Stephen Barnhart** – They have a new format for Base Stations, not just lecture. They are using a forum for presenting critical issues.
- E. **GFR, Todd Jensen** – "Ditto EPFR".
- F. **GHFR, Calvin Johnson** – They just completed ACLS/PALS as the Base Station topic.
- G. **KPFR, Allister Stone** – They have changed from the last Friday of the month to the 2nd Wednesday.
- H. **TFD, ~~Dr. Gerecht~~ Chris Rock** – At their next Base Station they plan to do a New Protocol roll-out.
- I. **WPFR, ~~Bill Barber~~, Dr. Friedrich** – Their Base Station was the same as CPFR.

Unfinished Business:

A. **Divert Plan Update, Dr. Waffle** –

Dr. Waffle presented the draft of their policy, newly developed over just the past couple of days. There will be a trial period through April 30 to gain knowledge and collect data. They want to proceed with a load-leveling approach so no one ER is overwhelmed while another is not. Keeping an eye on WATrac will be essential. The charge nurses are meeting to agree on and follow a standard. We need to collect data/info by the end of March so it can be evaluated and help create the final plan. Russ asked when this will be released to begin being put into practice. Dr Waffle said he hoping by later today or tomorrow it will be signed. He also suggested that everyone keep WATrac updated at all times, not just every 12 hours at shift change. There was discussion about crews in the field versus dispatch using WATrac information and also how often it should be updated. Dr. Waffle asked: Every

2 hours? Response was “YES” and also when there is any status change. They anticipate starting this new draft plan next Monday at 7 am. There was a question raised about transporting to urgent care facilities. Dr. Waffle stated that per his understanding from the State DOH/EMS Office, all 911 calls must be taken to the ER according to State law; furthermore, insurance may not cover charges if the patient is not transported to the ER. Much discussion ensue regarding hospital expansion, bed availability, dialysis nurse shortages, etc.

B. Protocol Training/Release

Norma said she’s hoping the last draft has gone out and we’ll get the final input by today. Questions were raised about printing. It was suggested that the soft roll-out be extended to February 1 and the hard roll-out to May 1. Norma added that we will use the electronic version on the website as the official version until the books are printed.

New Business:

None

Unscheduled:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:45 am.