

**PC EMS COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 29, 2017**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

Cliff McCollum called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Introductions were made and previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on, and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Divert Report – Todd Jenson

We're continuing to meet with the new groups. The committees are progressing and making good headway. The next meeting is in April. We're hoping to get feedback on how the "no divert" plan is working. Todd requested that he hear from the EMS agencies represented here today also. Dr. Waffle is proactively working with the State which is very helpful. Todd reiterated his request by saying, "How is it working?" Please email me with feedback."

Norma asked about the name. Should it be changed from "Divert" to "Community Access"?

Norma continued saying Dr. Waffle went to the State and talked to them about the hospital that is not up for trauma at the Tacoma Trauma Trust being able to receive trauma patients. Step III or IV can conceivably go to any hospital with Base Station approval. Dr. Waffle is creating a memo to clarify what the State EMS Office advised him, and have the State comment on its accuracy before he puts out any clarification to EMS & Base Station agencies.

Dr. Waffle also talked to them about transporting patients to non-hospital facilities, such as urgent care facilities. They are looking at developing guidance/guidelines for minimum care at urgent care centers, but it will not happen this year. Mike Newhouse chairs the group on alternative centers/transportation. A lot is in the works right now regarding what each UC can take and what their medical capabilities are.

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

The big thing has been the flu; it's been the worst year in recorded history. It peaked in the first part of January. The good news is that it's on the way out.

C. Hospital Data Information Exchange – ~~Russ McCallion~~ Karrie O'Brien

The project is in place now. The Rollout is beginning in May: 5/23 starting on a Tuesday at Good Sam and 5/30 at Tacoma General and Mary Bridge. Then the first week of June it will begin at Auburn, Allenmore, Covington. There are no more run sheets at MultiCare. Calvin asked about Franciscan. Karrie clarified that whoever is assigned will automatically get the report once it is in EPIC. 800 data points will go to the MSOs. Jeff thanked Karrie for all her work.

New Business:

A. Ambulance Inspections

Calvin said his agency was having trouble getting the ambulances down to DEM for their inspections. The discussion from the last meetings brings up the question: Can there be a

change in how these are being done? Todd said we need a plan/process to accomplish these. Norma explained per the PC AR&Rs, it's done unannounced. Norma asked for assistance in getting them done when she does go out to the agencies. Tim Lookabaugh requested that it not be done the end of December. Norma clarified that Ambulance Rules and Regulations state that it has to be someone from the EMS Office performing the formal inspections.

Tim asked about using D10 to replace the D50. Norma said she thought it was addressed in the Med list approved in January. She urged agencies to contact Brad Dyson, as the FD liaison to the list update project, to let him know their concerns.

B. AutoPulse to Equipment List

Dr. Gates had asked Dr. Waffle about the AutoPulse. Gig Harbor FD had never asked that it be added to the equipment list during the January 2017 review. Mike Newhouse made a motion to add LUCAS and AutoPulse to the equipment list as optional equipment. The topic was opened for discussion. Amy Turley said that both Lucas and AutoPulse are radiopaque, and added clarification on its' use. Calvin said Mike is not a committee member so his motion cannot be accepted. Todd Jenson made the motion. The question was raised about using these on Airlift NW. Wynn Vance answered, yes we can, but we have to return it. It went to a vote and was passed. Jeff Moore said he will take both the issue of D50/D10 and the AutoPulse to Brad Dyson to add to the Ambulance Equipment List.

C. Ebola and Other Highly Infectious Disease Transport Plan

Calvin said that his agency already has a plan in place. They have changed the specific wording that says "Ebola" and are now using "Infectious Diseases" from the CDC List. It's important to have biochemical masks on the rigs. Norma stated that the County has a plan that was presented to the Operations and Training & Development committees when Ebola first came out; it needs to align with the new State plan. Calvin gave an overview of their plan.

***** Put this on the Agenda for the next meeting *****

Cliff asked Calvin to submit a copy of their plan to Norma to be reviewed along with the County and State plans.

D. Code Sepsis

This will go on the next meeting agenda addressed by Dr. Friedrich. Franciscans are on board with the scorecard of Code Sepsis. Norma asked Bill Barber to check with Dr. Friedrich to see if this has been addressed.

Unscheduled Business:

None

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 11:00 am.