

PC EMS COUNCIL
PROTOCOL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 30, 2018 – 8:00

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

Cynde Rivers called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. Introductions were made around the room. Previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Mobile Application Progress

Norma reported that IT is willing to create an application for us, but it will take them considerable time. They also suggested we could use something existing, like Acid Remap. Thurston County uses Acid Remap and said it costs them \$4,000 per year. The Pierce County Council cannot afford that, so we have to look at other options. Discussion followed.

- Art Vazquez said they use an app at OVFR. It's a free version and there's also a \$10 version, but they both have limitations and are not any more user friendly than using the hard copy.
- Chris Rock stated that there is an app called "Triple P" or Paramedic Protocol Provider. Triple P is limited as well. It's basically a PDF so it doesn't have an effective search capability.
- Tim Lookabaugh added that you can download a PDF in iBooks for quick access, but it is still unsearchable.
- Ryan McGrady said they have the phone application, but it is not opening now, it once was, but not currently pulling up.
- Chris added that with the free (or \$10) app the pages are small; you have to do a lot of scrolling and zooming to see what you're looking for.
- Angie Riggsby clarified that the PDF is actually searchable.

In conclusion, Norma requested that the committee do some research on protocol applications that they feel work like the EMS providers are asking for and recommendations to her by 30 June.

B. Sepsis Protocol Update

Norma displayed a couple of examples, asking the group if this is how they want it to look in the Protocol Book (the online version). They discussed using 3 pages in the small book, and using symbols to reference the following pages connecting the chart to the corresponding verbiage. Page 1 would be the chart; page 2 would be the pre-existing conditions and page 3 would be the scores (boxes of info).

The question was raised: do we need to just reference the Sepsis Scorecard in the Medical section or put the treatment there? Discussion followed regarding where to put the treatment, in the Medical section or just in the appendices or both.

- Matt Waltrip said that if we want to follow the same format, we would need to put the treatment in the Medical section.
- Ryan Gerecht suggested putting it all in the Appendix to keep it together.

The point was made that, since it will be necessary to use the Sepsis Scorecard in the Appendix anyway, it makes sense to put it all there and just reference it in Medical; this veers from the previous format. This was considered while looking at how other parts of the protocol were handled. Tim made a motion to put it all in the Appendix and reference it in the Medical section; Angie seconded it and the motion was passed.

C. Trauma Triage Tool Appendix B

The State is saying that they have too much to do to get to it soon. Dr. Waffle has written a letter to the State requesting them to expedite it. Norma suggested that another letter from the Council, requesting a “rush” on it, may help speed things up. It’s not a matter of content, but a matter of process.

- Tim asked exactly what they are approving. A change to the State’s version of the tool was the answer.

A motion was made to have another letter written, seconded and passed. Cynde said she’ll get on it right away.

New Business:

Tim brought up a difference in Pediatric treatment verbiage between the Respiratory section and the corresponding treatment in the Appendix O. This had to do with the treatment of pediatric patients with suspected asthma and the use of albuterol. The decision was made to copy the section from the Appendix O and use it in the Respiratory section to keep it consistent in both. Norma asked if this was emergent to fix immediately. No, it’s mostly for clarification.

Unscheduled Business:

Norma asked, “Is the Sepsis Scorecard something we want to get out now?” It was decided to make any new changes all at one time, looking at ‘out for training’ in September and ‘hard start date’ of January 2019.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:50 am.