

PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION MINUTES
April 19, 2018

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:30 am. Introductions were made around the room. Previous meeting minutes were noted as being provided electronically and were approved as written.

Base Station Reports/Issues:

- A. **Good Sam, ~~Karrie Austin~~** – Karrie was not present, but Dr. Mike Hirsig informed everyone that their next Base Station will be May 7th on cardiac emergencies.
- B. **Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** – Dr. Misner said they meet every third Monday of the month and in their last meeting they discussed the MCI plan. He also added that they had a temporary network failure last week.
- C. **Mary Bridge, ~~Cynde Rivers~~** – No representative present
- D. **St. Anthony, Karmela Palmer** – Their last Base Station was last week on medical emergencies and syncopal patients. It was one of the lowest attended Base Stations. They are having no issues.

'Base Station Meetings Equivalent' Reports/Issues:

- A. **AMR/RM, ~~Kevin Heindel~~** – Dr. Ken Elam stated that their last Base Station was regarding anticoagulants. He also brought up an issue where Ketamine was given to a patient via IV drip.
- B. **Buckley, ~~Dr. Jeff Morse~~** – No representative present.
- C. **CPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – Their Base Station was about critical illness in pediatric patients. There are no issues to report.
- D. **EPFR, ~~Dr. Stephen Barnhart~~** – Not present. Russ said they are doing quarterly Base Stations, which are offered twice. The last one was about opiate overdose issues. They also had a great presentation by Jodie Leer from the RRC. The RRC has hired a lot of new people and made a commitment to turn no one away.
Dan Beckman said that using the RRC is logistically very difficult for EPFR because of the distance required to transport patients. There's going to be a new facility closer to them in the Parkland/Spanaway area, which will be feasible and very helpful for them.
Discussion followed on the new facility, questions regarding protocols for mental health transport, transport to RRC versus ED, and other issues regarding mental health patients.
- E. **Falck, Scott Jones** – Dr. Hirsig reported that they are in the process of setting up Base Stations on a more regular basis. Dr. Waffle requested that once they had a schedule confirmed, to send it in to the PCEMS office to be posted on the EMS Base Station calendars.
- F. **GHFR, Calvin Johnson** – Their last Base Station covered run reviews. At their next Base Station, Dr. Gates will be lecturing.
- G. **GFR, Matt Waltrip** – Matt Waltrip announced that they covered stroke management this month.
- H. **KPFR, Allister Stone** – Their Base Station addressed run reviews and traumatic injuries.

- I. **OVFR** – Combined with Graham, so essentially the same report.
- J. **TFD, Dr. Gerecht** – Their last Base Station was on refractory cardiac arrest. He also announced that in quarter two they are hosting a Physician Roundtable, which they will film in May.
- K. **WPFR, Dr. Friedrich** – Their Base Station was about critically ill pediatric patients. WPFR responded to an MCI on I-5 that resulted in three deaths. There were some good lessons learned, especially regarding scene safety and management.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Unscheduled:

Dr. Waffle clarified some issues surrounding the new psychiatric care facility being built at Allenmore Hospital. He said there are some rumors that are not true:

1. That the emergency department is closed or limited because of the nearby construction
2. That Allenmore will be taking all the psychiatric patients for Pierce County

Discussion followed on concerns regarding psychiatric patients overloading the emergency department.

Russ brought up the issue of each psyche unit (RCC in Fife, the new Parkland/Spanaway facility, the new Allenmore facility) potentially having different operating procedures and policies. This would complicate the use of these facilities for EMS. The procedures and policies need to be uniform and simple.

Russ asked about EMS response to free-standing emergency departments. Three or four of them will be opening up soon. Dr. Waffle replied that this needs to go to the council to be addressed.

Russ added that 30% of the calls to EPFR are for interfacility transports. Discussion followed on this issue, highlighting the long response times. Norma reported that RTW (Ride to Wellness) has just been licensed with Pierce County to do interfacility transports. They provide transport only from medical facility to medical facility and do not respond to 911 calls.

Dr. Friedrich announced that St. Clare is now taking dialysis patients. This is new since the protocols came out last year.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:17 am.