

PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION & ALS TRAINING PHYSICIAN MINUTES

July 23, 2020 – 08:00 AM

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Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:02 am. Introductions were made via rollcall.

Previous meeting minutes were provided electronically prior to the meeting and were voted and approved as written.

Base Station Reports/Issues:

- A. **Good Sam, Tom Lamanna** – A meeting occurred with Dr. Waffle, Dr. Hersig and Kelsey Peterson regarding the base station status they are in with fielding most of the calls from Tacoma. They need to figure out the call volume of that service and will be having a meeting with TFD this week. The volumes for Good Sam at this time are over 200 patients are seen in the ER with 45 EMS transports daily.
- B. **Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** – MAMC is seeing a rise of return visits with a general rise in volume; however, EMS visits have dropped to about 15 per day.
- C. **Mary Bridge** – No Representative Present
- D. **St. Anthony, Karmela Palmer** – St. Anthony is not getting too much call increase. The total ER Volume is up but they are not overwhelmed.

'ALS TRAINING PHYSICIAN' Reports/Issues:

- A. **AMR/RM** – No representative present.
- B. **Buckley** – No representative present.
- C. **CPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – They had a base station meeting yesterday on Pediatric Trauma. They also did a site visit to the off-campus ED in South Hill which is opening on July 29, 2020. They are working with Dr. O'Mahony to schedule a Peds conference probably in October. It will be a teleconference for social distancing. There is no solid date yet. More to come on this.
- D. **EPFR** – No representative present.
- E. **Falck** – No representative present.
- F. **GHFR – Calvin Johnson** – Introduced Dr. Satterlee, the new physician for GHFR. Will get the information to PCEMS as soon as possible.
- G. **GFR** – No representative present.
- H. **KPFR, Dr. John Campbell** – They are continuing with run reviews and ACLS resuscitation.
- I. **OVFR** – No representative present.
- J. **TFD** – No representative present.

- K. WPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – They had an education session Tuesday on Pediatric Trauma. He shared a recent significant exposure from COVID-19 that occurred. 17 people were involved in the patient care, some without PPE. Once the patient was diagnosed with COVID-19 at the hospital, those without PPE were quarantined. This is a reminder to everyone to make sure they are protecting themselves.

Dr. Waffle said that everyone should be considered COVID positive and PPE should be worn in all cases.

Unfinished Business: None at this time.

New Business:

- A. MAMC is no longer functioning as a Base Station.** St. Anthony's and Good Samaritan hospitals are currently taking the calls with Good Samaritan as primary and St. Anthony's as secondary. The details are still being worked out. Tom Lamanna proposed that Good Samaritan creates a primary Base Station with one physician and one nurse to man that station for all agencies. He was requested to put a document together and send it to PCEMS. Norma mentioned that this is not a decision that is made by this group. It will be for the EMS Council to discuss and decide at a meeting further out.

Unscheduled: None at this time.

Announcements:

Dr. Friedrich announced that Joe Bouchard is now fulfilling the assistant chief roll at CPFR. At WPFR, Travis Smith stepped down from the EMS Captain roll.

Dr. Waffle announced that it appears that the influenza season has started in the Southern hemisphere and is lighter than usual. Hopefully, it will be light here.

The off-campus ED in South Hill is opening on Wednesday, July 29, 2020. Tours are available. This ED will be operating 24 hours a day. Norma requested the phone numbers for EMS to call to both off-campus EDs to be sent to her so they can be added to the protocols.

The Recovery Response Center in Parkland was going to open on July 29th but will be delayed until at least October.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 8:30 am.