

Draft Minutes of Meeting – Subject to Change Upon Approval by the Airway Management Task Force at their next regularly scheduled meeting



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

AIRWAY MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE

July 11, 2018--10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jason Driggars, AMR/MWA
Chelsea Monge, Community Ambulance
Shawn Tobler, MFR
David Slattery, MD, LVFR
Steven Carter, AMR
August Corrales, JTM
Rebecca Carmody, Community Ambulance

Steve Johnson, MWA
Jim Kindel, BCFD
Jarrod Johnson, DO, MFR
Troy Tuke, CCFD
Kim Moore, HFD
Frank Simone, NLVFD
James McAllister, LVMS

MEMBERS ABSENT

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director
Michelle Stanton, Recording Secretary

Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Daniel Llamas, HCA
Fernando Juarez, NLVFD

Steve Krebs, UMC

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Airway Management Task Force convened in the Red Rock Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District at 10:31 a.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2018. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Christian Young. He stated that the Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Dr. Young noted that a quorum was present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Christian Young stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Airway Management Task Force that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Task Force member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Minutes Airway Management Task Force Meeting: February 01, 2012

Dr. Young asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 01, 2012 Airway Management Task Force meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Member Moore, seconded by Member Tuke and passed unanimously.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Vote for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Airway Management Task Force

Dr. Young began the meeting stating that both a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Airway Management Task Force need to be nominated and voted upon since it has been quite some time since this task force has met.

Member Tuke nominated David Slattery, MD to chair this task force and the nomination was seconded by Member Jarrod Johnson. Member Steve Johnson nominated K. Alexander Malone, MD for Vice-Chair which was seconded by Member Tuke. A vote was taken on both nominations and they both passed unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

Chairman Slattery explained to the group that the Airway Management Task Force is reconvened to discuss possible changes to surgical airway devices as proposed by Chief Tuke.

Member Tuke proposed changing from the currently used jet insufflator device to a less invasive device such as the Quicktrach device. A device such as the Quicktrach would need little training as it uses the same percutaneous procedure as the needle cric and provides a way to better ventilate a patient. Member Tuke stated he will contact some vendors and see if they will bring their products in to try out and get some pricing.

Dr. Steve Krebs addressed the group regarding his experience with pediatric patients. He stated his concerns are with age considerations and cardiac arrest in infants. He cited a study in which both 18-gauge needles and Quicktrach were used. The success rate using the needles was approximately 60% with a 0% success rate using the Quicktrach device. That said Dr. Krebs stated he would not have confidence in using one of these devices in infants or toddlers.

Chairman Slattery asked Ms. Palmer to send a request to all agencies to bring data regarding the number of times this procedure has been executed as noted in the agency's history.

A tentative demonstration and training session will be scheduled for Wednesday, September 19th from 1pm-3pm at the Simulation Center.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Chairman Slattery called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 10:58 a.m.