

**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2004 – 3:30P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Davidson, M.D., Chairman, Valley Hospital
Chief Steve Hanson, Clark County Fire Department
E. P. Homansky, M.D., ED Physician at Large
Kevin Slaughter, D.O., Spring Valley Hospital
David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Hospital
William Z. Harrington, M.D., UMC
Donald Reisch, M.D., Desert Springs Hospital
Michael Zbiegien, M.D., Pediatric Representative
Donald Kwalick, M.D., Chief Health Officer, CCHD
David L. Watson, M.D., Sunrise Hospital
Pete Carlo, EMT-P, Southwest Ambulance
Peter Novalis, M.D., Mental Health Representative

John Henner, D.O., Southern Hills Hospital
Allen Marino, M.D., St. Rose Dominican/Siena
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire Department
Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Department
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Gerry Hart, American Medical Response
Wade Sears, M.D., Southern Hills Hospital
Natalie Seaber, R.N., Nurse Manager
Frank Pape, D.O., Summerlin Hospital
Richard Henderson, M.D., St. Rose Dominican/Rose de Lima
Sam Kaufman, FAB Representative
John J. Fildes, M.D., University Medical Center

MEMBERS ABSENT

William Elsaesser, M.D., North Vista Hospital
Darrin Houston, D.O., Mesa View Regional Hospital

Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department
Malinda Whipple, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue

CCHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
Trish Beckwith, Field Representative
Eddie Tajima, Recording Secretary
Jane Shunney, Asst. to Chief Health Officer

Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Quality Improvement Coordinator
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Administrative Assistant
Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Director

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Bruce Evans, Henderson Fire Department
Melinda Hursh, Sunrise Hospital
Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department
Virginia Deleon, R.N., St. Rose Dominican Hospital
Jim Kindel, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Sue Hoppler, R.N., Desert Springs Hospital

Kathy Kopka, R.N., Sunrise Hospital
Mary Beth Dickinson, EMT-P, Southwest Ambulance
Brett Olbur, EMT-P, Las Vegas Motor Speedway
Cheryl Limer, EMT-P, Community College of So. Nevada
Derek Cox, EMT-P, AMR
Davette Shea, R.N., Southern Hills Hospital

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Clemens Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 3:40 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2004. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Davidson, M.D. 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. Chairman Davidson noted that a quorum was present.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting September 1, 2004

Dr. Davidson stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Medical Advisory Board that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Board member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval. A motion for Board approval of the minutes as written was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

B. Removal of the Pediatric Sexual Assault in the Pediatric Patient Destination Protocol

A motion for Board approval to remove the Pediatric Sexual Assault in the Pediatric Patient Destination Protocol was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Education Committee-Report from Focus Group on 2002 EMS Instructor Course Curriculum

Bruce Evans reported that the Focus Group had met approximately five times to discuss the current curriculum and make revisions. Mr. Evans noted that a new DOT EMS Instructor Curriculum has been available for three years and the Clark County Health District has not been in compliance with the content or design of the new curriculum. Mr. Evans proposed creating three levels of instructor. The secondary instructor would consist of guest lecturers, skills instructors and preceptors while primary instructors would oversee course curriculums, college courses, QI programs and paramedic training programs. The third level, master instructor, would be the instructor trainers for the EMS instructors. Preceptors from fire agencies who have not completed an EMS Instructor course would be grandfathered in as secondary instructors. To advance from secondary instructor to primary instructor, candidates would build a portfolio to be reviewed by the Health District on a quarterly basis. Individuals seeking reciprocity as an instructor would be subjected to the same portfolio review process after which the Health District would assign either a secondary or primary instructor designation. All EMS instructors would be required to undergo four hours of continuing education every recertification cycle regarding policies, procedures and changes to the national curriculum.

B. Procedure/Protocol Committee Report

1. Discussion of Recommended Changes to Legal 2000 Divert Protocol

Dr. Watson reported that the committee discussed a new definition of Legal 2000s, issues regarding Las Vegas Mental Health and relief issues when the emergency departments are at capacity. Mr. Chetelat added that work will continue on defining Legal 2000s and that the nurse managers were working to assign a total capacity figure for the system. Dr. Davidson commented that a great group of individuals attended the meeting and commended them for trying to expand what is currently being discussed. Dr. Davidson urged the nurse managers to go back to their respective facilities and return with a capacity figure in the 80's and 90's.

2. Revision to the General Patient Care Treatment Protocol to Include Sexual Assault Patients

Mr. Chetelat advised that due to time constraints at the Procedure/Protocol Committee meeting, the issue was tabled until next month.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Presentation on Electronic Patient Care Reporting System

Derek Cox presented AMR's new electronic patient care reporting system. AMR has purchased approximately 65 of Panasonic's Toughbook laptop computers. The Toughbooks are ruggedized and contain

no spinning parts so they continue to operate, even when dropped. AMR has decided to use Roam IT as the software application for patient care reporting and will use 802.11, CDMA and Bluetooth as their wireless technologies. CDMA will be used to access the internet while 802.11 will be used inside the facilities. Mr. Cox added that currently, 85% of field personnel have been educated with the new equipment. Dr. Reisch asked how the reports are typed up. Mr. Cox replied that thermal printers are situated on the ambulance to print the reports. Dr. Davidson asked Pete Carlo for an update from Southwest Ambulance. Mr. Carlo responded that Southwest had also purchased the Toughbooks but because of the move to their new facility, the rollout has been slightly delayed. Chief Myers added that Las Vegas Fire & Rescue hoped to have their units operating by the end of the year.

B. Facilities Advisory Board Report

Sam Kaufman reported that there had been a tremendous amount of discussion at the last FAB meeting regarding the mental health crisis. Mr. Kaufman noted three key updates from the meeting: the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to continue funding WestCare through March 31, 2005; the continuation of the ED closure trial for an additional six months; and the formation of a task force, to include members from the FAB, MAB, Clark County Health District and EMS personnel, to brainstorm ideas for the winter months. Mr. Chetelat added that one meeting had already taken place and another was being scheduled within two weeks.

C. E.D. Nurse Managers Report

Natalie Seaber reported that a meeting took place two weeks ago but no decision was made on the capacity numbers. A follow-up meeting would be scheduled to discuss and define the limits.

D. Update on Community Triage Center

No Report.

IV. **PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Dr. Rudy Manthei addressed Questions 3, 4 and 5 on the upcoming ballot. Dr. Manthei felt confident that Question 3, dealing with the medical liability crisis, would pass with polls indicating 68 – 70% support. However, the trial attorneys have qualified Questions 4 and 5 which have created confusion. Once confusion exists, initiatives are easy to defeat because voters will either vote “no” or not at all. At face value, Question 4, to decrease insurance premiums by 20-40%, would seem appropriate to vote “yes” on but hidden in the language is a provision that states awards can not be limited. Question 5, stopping frivolous lawsuits, also appears to be an appropriate “yes” vote but contains language that prevents limiting attorney fees.

V. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Chairman Davidson called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 4:36 p.m.