

**MINUTES  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2005 – 3:30P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Richard Henderson, M.D., Chairman, Henderson Fire	Rory Chetelat, M.A., EMT-P, EMS Manager, CCHD
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire Department	Kurt Williams, American Medical Response
E. P. Homansky, M.D., American Medical Response	Chief Steve Hanson, Clark County Fire Department (Alt.)
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Larry Johnson, EMT-P, Medicwest Ambulance (Alt.)
Allen Marino, M.D., NLVFD and Medicwest Ambulance	Steven Corleone, EMT-P, Mercy Air Service, Inc. (Alt.)
Lawrence Pellegrini, D.O., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department
Dale Carrison, D.O., Mercy Air and Clark County Fire Dept.	David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Hospital

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Thomas Geraci, D.O., Mesquite Fire & Rescue	Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Department
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue	

**CCHD STAFF PRESENT**

Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Director	Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Quality Improvement Coordinator
Eddie Tajima, Administrative Assistant	Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Recording Secretary
Lawrence Sands, D.O., Dir. Of CHS	Brian Labus, Epidemiology

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Jay Craddock, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Department	Gerry Hart, American Medical Response
John J. Fildes, M.D., University Medical Center - Trauma	Sandy Young, R.N., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department	Derek Cox, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Steve Patraw, EMT-P, Southwest Ambulance	Scott Rolfe, R.N., St. Rose

**CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Clemens Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 3:35 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2005. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Henderson. 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 Henderson noted that a quorum was present.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting August 3, 2005

Chairman Henderson 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.

## **II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. Priority Dispatch Task Force**

#### **Activation of Card # 33 and Determination of Acuity Levels I-III**

Dr. Lawrence Pellegrini advised the Board that the subcommittee must research this matter further.

### **B. Education Committee**

#### **1. Discussion of Required Clinical Hours for Initial EMT-I Training**

Dr. Dale Carrison made a motion to have a minimum of 24 clinical hours in the EMT-Intermediate Training. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by the Board.

#### **2. Discussion of Pediatric Airway Management**

Dr. Carrison explained that the subcommittee is referring this issue to the QI Director's committee with the hope of identifying and defining the problem areas of pediatric airway management in the field.

### **C. Removal of Micro-drip Tubing from the Intermediate Life Support Equipment section of the Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory**

Dr. Joseph Heck stated that there was a request from a few of the EMS agencies to remove micro-drip tubing from the ILS inventory because it is rarely used and an additional cost.

A motion to remove micro-drip tubing from the ILS Equipment section of the Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory was made, seconded and carried unanimously by the Board.

### **D. Removal of CO<sub>2</sub> Detection Device from the Intermediate Life Support Equipment section of the Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory**

Dr. Heck stated there was a request from the EMS agencies to remove the CO<sub>2</sub> detector from use with a Combitube. The ILS agencies feel that the \$25 cost per Easy Cap and expiration date vs. the amount of times used on the Combitube does not justify cost benefit. Dr. Henderson added that it is a low volume of patients but high criticality. Dr. Carrison also stated the high risk and pushed that the item not be removed. Since the Clark County Fire Department would be the one most affected by this issue and Dr. Carrison disagrees with the removal, Dr. Henderson noted that the request was not approved.

## **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

### **A. Trauma System Development Update**

Rory Chetelat mentioned that the subcommittee has made the final changes to the draft trauma plan and will be presenting them to the RTAC for approval. He also noted that the St. Rose Trauma Center is now open.

### **B. Discussion of Controlled Substances and Dangerous Drugs**

Mr. Chetelat reiterated that it is the Medical Director's responsibility to handle the supply and resupply of their agency's controlled substances. In the past, Dr. Donald Kwalick has been signing the DEA 222 form to order these drugs from White Cross on behalf of the EMS agencies.

The Health District has re-ordered a small supply of controlled substances for Boulder City's pharmacy and a 4-6 month supply to White Cross so that each agency has enough time to set up their own individual accounts.

Dr. Allen Marino also added that there are two items in the protocol manual that need further discussion: amount of etomidate carried on each unit and discussion of the management of hemodynamically unstable torsades with lidocaine vs. magnesium. There was a question that the ambulance units were not carrying enough etomidate on board if the calculation of administration was based solely on weight. Dr. Carrison suggested that there be a cap. Mr. Chetelat advised that both items would need to be agendaized before a motion could be made therefore discussion would continue next month.

**IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Brian Labus from CCHD Epidemiology updated the Board on the Health District's plan to help displaced Hurricane Katrina victims.

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Chairman Henderson called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 4:02 p.m.