



**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
August 6, 2008 – 11:00A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Marino, MD, Chairman, MedicWest Ambulance
Richard Henderson, MD, Henderson Fire Dept.
Christian Young, MD, Boulder City Fire Dept.
Roy Carroll, American Medical Response (Alt)
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept.
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
David Slattery, MD, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

E. P. Homansky, MD, American Medical Response
K. Alexander Malone, MD, North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Dept.
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Chad Henry, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Chief Kevin Nicholson, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Dept.
Jarrod Johnson, DO, Mesquite Fire & Rescue

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Carrison, DO, Clark County Fire Department
John Wilson, American Medical Response

Chief Bruce Evans, North Las Vegas Fire Dept.

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Director
Mary Ellen Britt, RN, Regional Trauma Coordinator
John Hammond, EMSTS Field Representative
Lan Lam, Recording Secretary

Rory Chetelat, EMSTS Manager
Trish Beckwith, EMSTS Field Representative
Judy Tabat, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Bob Byrd, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Eric Anderson, MD, FES
Ron Tucker, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Amelia Hoban, Sunrise Hospital
Lisa Ponce, EMT-P, American Medical Response

Rod Hackwith, CSN
Jennifer Adams, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Julie Siemers, RN, Mercy Air
Jennifer Renner, RN, Sunrise Health
Joseph Melchiodi, Mountain View Hospital
Jason Meilleur, EMT-P, American Medical Response

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Clemens Conference Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 11:01 a.m. on Wednesday, August 6, 2008. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Allen Marino. 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 Marino noted that a quorum was present.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Marino 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 following items on the Consent Agenda was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting June 4, 2008

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Clarification of Interfacility Transfer Protocol

Dr. Marino reported that there has been some confusion among the field providers regarding the transporting of patients from one facility to another whom received an antibiotic or a non-vaso active medication. The thought process behind this is that it may be exerting its effect during transport which will result in a violation of protocol.

Dr. Heck explained that the Interfacility Transfer Protocol refers to hemodynamic or vasoactive substances and is only applicable if the substance is not on the inventory list. He noted that this will be included in the next protocol revision.

B. Report from Stroke System Steering Committee

Dr. Slattery stated that the first Stroke Executive Committee meeting will be held directly following the Medical Advisory Board. A formal report will be given at next month's meeting.

C. Report from Transfer of Care Committee

Chief Randy Howell reported that in reviewing the data, average offload times have shown little fluctuation. Average turnaround times have gone from 18 min./20 sec. to 18 min./50 sec. The workgroup is reviewing whether the current computer system is viable. If not, they may need to pursue another system now that Commerx Corporation has taken over Roam IT and there appears to be no interest to continue with the business relationship. Mr. Chetelat stated that when he receives the June transfer of care data from Don Hales he will distribute it to the committee for their review prior to meeting with Commerx Corp. to discuss what will be required to sustain the system. Chief Mike Myers informed the board that the contract with First Watch is up for renewal. He suggested looking in to the use of First Watch as a data collection source as opposed to the current system through Commerx Corporation. Mr. Chetelat stated that the Transfer of Care Committee would need to make the final decision.

D. Report from Regional Trauma Advisory Board

Dr. Marino reported that the 2008 Clark County Trauma System Report Outline assembled by the Health District will be presented to the Board of Health by the end of September. The August Regional Trauma Advisory Board meeting has been canceled and will resume in September.

E. Report from Drug/Device/Protocol Committee

Dr. Marino reported that Bob Byrd from AMR recommended adding the spit hood to the inventory list as an optional item due to concern over the increased amount of exposure and potential exposure to EMS personnel. Dr. Heck felt there was no need to revise the current protocol as the device should be classified as a Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) tool. It was agreed that the device should not be vendor specific, but should be pre-approved by the Health District's OEMSTS.

A motion was made to add an OEMSTS approved Spit Sock Type Hood to the Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory as an optional item. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

Dr. Homansky expressed that board members and anyone speaking before the board should disclose any affiliation they may have with other companies. He suggested we look at other states' conflict of interest policies for guidance in the creation of a policy for this Board. Dr. Marino asked that the OEMSTS draft a conflict of interest policy to be brought back for further discussion.

Dr. Heck raised the issue of agency non-compliance with regard to submission of transport data. He stated that in prior discussions it was agreed upon that they would submit data to compile statistics for the number of 911 calls, the number of people transported, and the utilization of the facilities. He noted that compliance has been abysmal. Chief Myers suggested obtaining the information through First Watch so it would come from one entity versus having each individual agency submit data. Dr. Heck replied that would be fine if they could work out the logistics. Chief Myers agreed to work with each agency on getting the transport data to Dr. Heck in a timely manner.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Chairman Marino called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 11:15 a.m.