



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

DRUG/DEVICE/PROTOCOL (DDP) COMMITTEE

December 7, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Michael Holtz, MD, CCFD, Chair
Jeff Davidson, MD
Mike Barnum, MD, AMR
Nate Jenson, DO, MFR
Jim McAllister, LVMS
Samuel Scheller, GEMS
Sydni Senecal, OM (Alt)
Sean Collins, CCFD

Kelly Morgan, MD
Jessica Leduc, DO, HFD
Chief Frank Simone, NLVFD
Chief Shawn Tobler, MFR
Chief Kim Moore, HFD
Chief Stephen Neel, MVFD
Derek Cox, LVFR
John Osborn, CA

MEMBERS ABSENT

Alicia Farrow, Mercy Air
Troy Biro, AirMed

Nigel Walton, BCFD
Karen Dalmaso-Hughey, AMR

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Med. Director
Scott Wagner, EMSTS Field Representative
Nicole Charlton, EMS Program/Project Coordinator
Edward Winder, Associate General Counsel

Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Roni Mauro, EMSTS Field Representative
Rae Pettie, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Sandra Horning, MD
Chief Jennifer Wyatt
Brett Olbur
Paul Stepaniuk
Steven DePue
Mark Calabrese

Nate Jenson, DO
Chief Scott Phillips
Sean Collins
James “Bud” Adams
Aaron Goldstein
Mathew Kaufman

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Drug/Device/Protocol (DDP) Committee convened in the Red Rock Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Chairman Mike Holtz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and stated the Affidavit of Posting was posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Some Committee members joined the meeting via teleconference and the roll call was administered by Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor, who noted that a quorum was present.

I. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are allowed to speak on Action items after the Committee's discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Committee on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Committee on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Committee on behalf of the group. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted. Dr. Holtz asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items listed on the agenda.

Brett Olbur reported that starting December 1st Dignity Health secured contracts with several large interventional radiologist groups. He related that St. Rose Siena is going to be offering 24-hr thrombectomy coverage, 365 days a year.

Mr. Olbur also reported that they started the \$2.5 million expansion of the pediatric ER. It should be completed in September. It's going to provide more beds, and also a larger rapid track treatment area for pediatric patients. There will also be a separate entrance for incoming ambulances. Upon completion, everyone is invited for the grand opening. They are also embarking on the expansion of the 5th floor at Sienna to expand trauma services and neurological services.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Holtz stated the Consent Agenda consists of matters to be considered by the DDP that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Committee member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

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A motion was made by Chief Moore, seconded by Chief Simone, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as written.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion of Addition of Acetaminophen to EMS Protocols

After considerable discussion, it was agreed to table the discussion. Ms. Palmer agreed to bring the related revised draft protocols to present for discussion at their next scheduled meeting.

B. Discussion of Protocol Development for EMS Removal of Taser Darts

Dr. Barnum stated that EMS providers have asked for guidance on who is responsible for the removal of taser darts in the field at the request of law enforcement. The discussion was tabled at the last meeting to allow him to bring back a draft proposal.

A motion was made by Dr. Barnum to add a pearl to the Behavioral Emergencies protocol that states, "EMS providers are not to remove taser darts unless there is a need to do so to administer medical care. Dart removal is part of the education to use the device and is the responsibility of the person/agency who deploys the taser." The motion was seconded by Chief Neel and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Overdose/Poisoning Protocol

After some discussion by the Committee, it was agreed to table the discussion until the next meeting.

D. Discussion of Hospital Reference List in Protocol Manual - Tabled

E. Discussion of Pediatric Respiratory Distress Protocol - Tabled

F. Discussion of Chest Pain Protocol Pearls

Dr. Holtz related that he was approached by a paramedic who suggested they add a pearl to the Chest Pain protocol to avoid giving Nitroglycerin in instances of aortic dissection. The paramedic noted some use of Nitroglycerin in patients where that was considered.

A motion was made by Dr. Holtz to add a pearl to the Chest Pain (Non-Traumatic) and Suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome protocol to read, "Avoid Nitroglycerin if aortic dissection is suspected." The motion was seconded by Dr. Morgan and carried unanimously.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

None.

V. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are allowed to speak on Action items after the Committee's discussion and prior to their vote. Each speaker will be given five (5) minutes to address the Committee on the pending topic. No person may yield his or her time to another person. In those situations where large groups of people desire to address the Committee on the same matter, the Chair may request that those groups select only one or two speakers from the group to address the Committee on behalf of the group. Once the action item is closed, no additional public comment will be accepted. Dr. Holtz asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items listed on the agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.