



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

DRUG/DEVICE/PROTOCOL (DDP) COMMITTEE

June 06, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Barnum, MD, Chairman, AMR
Chief Troy Tuke, CCFD
Derek Cox, LVFR
Steve Johnson, MWA
Chelsea Monge, Community Ambulance
Shane Splinter, HFD
Jeff Davidson, MD, MWA
Jarrod Johnson, DO, MFR

Jason Driggars, AMR
Jim Kindel, BCFD
David Slattery, MD, LVFR
Shawn Tobler, MFR
Kim Moore, HFD
Tressa Naik, MD, HFD (via phone)
Steven Carter, AMR
Frank Simone, NLVFD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Daniel Rollins, MD, BCFD
Jill Jensen, JTM

K. Alexander Malone, MD, NLVFD
Shane Race, Mercy Air

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, M.D., EMSTS Medical Director
John Hammond, EMSTS Manager
Gerald Julian, EMS Field Rep

Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Scott Wagner, EMS Field Rep
Michelle Stanton, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Michael Holtz, MD, UMC
Jim McAllister, LVMS
Daniel Perez
Sam Scheller, GEMS
Tony Greenway, VHS

Karen Dalmaso-Hughey, AMR
Rebecca Carmody, Community Ambulance
August Corrales, JTM
Chris Stachyra, Mercy Air

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Drug/Device/Protocol Committee convened in the Red Rock Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, June 06, 2018. Chairman Mike Barnum, called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. The Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Barnum noted that a quorum was present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items listed on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Barnum asked if anyone wished to address the Committee pertaining to items listed on the Agenda.

Dr. John Fildes, Medical Director, UMC addressed the committee regarding the use of Tranexamic Acid (TXA). Dr. Fildes is currently Chair of the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) which discussed this matter approximately a month ago but due to a technical irregularity the meeting had to be rescheduled. Dr. Fildes did not believe that the RTAB committee's opinion would change therefore he brought forward the Board's opinion.

Dr. Fildes reported that the efficacy of TXA has been demonstrated. Increased efficacy through earlier delivery has not been proven. All trauma centers are using a TXA protocol for administration on arrival for patients who need blood transfusions. The RTAB acknowledged that most EMS transports are reasonably short and that carrying TXA might represent increased costs to the agencies with task overloading to the providers. RTAB suggests considering the use of TXA for longer ground and/or air transports.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Barnum stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee 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.

Approve Minutes for the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee Meeting: May 02, 2018

Chairman Barnum asked for a motion to approve the May 02, 2018 minutes of the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee meeting. A motion was made by Member Simone, seconded by Member Tuke and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Review/Discuss Feedback from RTAB regarding the use of Tranexamic Acid (TXA) for treatment of Trauma Patients

Chairman Barnum stated that TXA could be a useful tool for rural areas such as Mesquite. He suggested researching some trauma data to determine if there truly is a need for the crews to carry TXA on the local rigs.

Laura Palmer agreed to pull data from the trauma registry for patients whose transport time took more than 45 minutes over the past 12 months and bring it back to this committee for further evaluation.

B. Review/Discuss Possible Changes to the Hemorrhage Control Tourniquet Protocol

This item was tabled

C. Review/Discuss Quick Trach Device

Chief Tuke noted that he reviewed the cricothyrotomy protocol and the only change he suggests is removing the word "needle" along with adding "follow manufacturer's guidelines" in the key procedural considerations area of the protocol. He recommended that this not be an optional item for the agencies but rather a system wide change.

Dr. Slattery proposed calling a separate meeting with all of EMS Medical Directors, trauma center directors, and other community partners to get a consensus before making this switch.

Mr. Hammond proposed reinstating the Airway Management Committee for additional input before a final decision is made and referred to the Medical Advisory Board.

Dr. Barnum will include these suggestions in today's DDP report to MAB.

D. Review/Discuss the Use of Activated Charcoal

Dr. Young suggested removing the use of activated charcoal from the formulary as he feels it is outdated and rarely needs to be administered.

A motion was made by Member Davidson to remove activated charcoal from the formulary, seconded by Member Tuke and carried unanimously.

E. Review/Discuss the Following Protocols

1. Prehospital Death Determination
2. Termination of Resuscitation

After a lengthy discussion it was decided to table these protocols until a later date.

Ms. Palmer informed the committee that the next meeting will be held on July 11th because of the Independence Day Holiday. She stressed that these are the last of the protocols to be approved and decisions will need to be made at the next meeting.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

Chairman Barnum asked if there were any informational items to be discussed. There were none, and this portion of the meeting was closed.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically include on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Barnum asked if anyone wished to address the Committee pertaining to items listed on the Agenda.

Chairman Barnum asked if anyone wished to address the Committee. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Barnum called for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Member Tuke, seconded by Member Cox and carried unanimously to adjourn at 11:04 am.