



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 18, 2020 – 10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Simone, Chairman, NLVFD
Gerry Julian, CA
Braiden Green, CSN
Chief Shawn Tobler, MFR

Steve Johnson, MWA
Chris Racine, LVFR
Walter West, BCFD (Alt)
Ignacio Gomez, NAR

MEMBERS ABSENT

Carl Bottorf, RN, AirMed Response
Steven Carter, AMR
Chief Kim Moore, HFD

Shane Race, Mercy Air
Samuel Scheller, GEMS
Don Abshier, CCFD

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Med. Director
John Hammond, EMSTS Manager
Michelle Stanton, Recording Secretary

Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Scott Wagner, EMSTS Field Representative
Candace Toyama, EMSTS Field Representative

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Chris Stachyra
Tricia Klein
Rebecca Carmody
Brett Olbur

Dale Branks
Bud Adams
Deb Dailey

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Chairman Frank Simone called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and stated the Affidavit of Posting was posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. All Committee members joined the meeting by 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. Chairman Simone 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.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simone stated the Consent Agenda consisted 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.

Approve Minutes for the Education Committee Meeting: October 12, 2018

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the October 12, 2018 minutes of the Education Committee meeting. A motion was made by Gerry Julian, seconded by Steve Johnson, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion of Nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair

The deadline for nominations for Chair and Vice Chair was set for December 16. All nominations should be forward to either John Hammond or Laura Palmer at the OEMSTS.

B. Discussion of the SNHD Mentorship/Internship Program

The Committee discussed the status of the mentorship/internship program. Mr. Johnson asked whether the agencies are having trouble getting critical calls while on shift. He noted there have been a few instances where students somehow never get a critical call. Consequently, they needed to provide the student with appropriate scenarios in order to meet the minimum requirement of five critical calls. Mr. Julian stated Community Ambulance has a lot of inter-facility, as opposed to high acuity calls, so meeting the requirement has also been an issue. They also make up for it through scenarios and skills stations. After some discussion, the Committee agreed not to change the current requirement for critical calls, and to keep this agenda item open for future discussion.

C. Discussion of Hemorrhage Control Education and

D. Discussion of R.A.C.E. Education

Mr. Simone asked the Committee if there is a need to develop education for hemorrhage control. Dr. Young stated there have been issues related to the appropriate use of the R.A.C.E. Score. The patients need to be appropriately assessed so the LVOs get to the facilities with neuro-interventional capability. He asked whether there is an educational gap that needs to be addressed. He noted that both Henderson Fire Department and Sunrise Hospital developed excellent educational material. Dr. Young asked the Committee if they feel they can get the everyone appropriately trained on use of the R.A.C.E. Score, or if they should consider a less comprehensive stroke severity scale.

Mr. Simone and Mr. Johnson stated they QA calls on the use of the R.A.C.E. Score based on the PCR. Any issues identified are handled through isolated education with the individual(s) involved. AMR and MW cover R.A.C.E. training extensively in the protocol review for new hires. Mr. Johnson denied seeing any glaring issues or trends to date. Dr. Young stated the facilities have a checklist related specifically to LVOs. They are compiling a list of metrics to assess how the system is doing with the stratification of this subset of patients. Ms. Palmer stated the OEMSTS does not have a full data set on stroke patients.

Without the specifics related to crews bringing in patients with improper R.A.C.E. scores, the Committee agreed to monitor the issue and keep the agenda item open for future discussion.

E. Discussion of SEPSIS Education

Mr. Simone stated the DDP identified the potential need to develop standardized education for SEPSIS. He asked whether the education should be developed via committee, or through the individual agencies. Mr. Simone stated that NLVFD currently educates their providers on SEPSIS. The Committee agreed to monitor the issue and keep the agenda item open for future discussion.

F. Discuss Status of Available Instructor Courses

The Committee discussed upcoming instructor courses in the valley. CSN is offering an Instructor II course. Steve Johnson is currently running an Instructor I course and hopes to offer an Instructor II course early next year. Ms. Palmer stated there are a lot of individuals applying with a Fire Instructor I or II certificate. Ms. Dailey stated she has sent interested individuals to NLVFD and Community Ambulance to take the course. She asked if the Committee could put together a list of courses being offered, along with any costs involved and instructions on how to register. Ms. Palmer stated the agencies can send the information directly to either herself, Scott Wagner, or Candace Toyama to be compiled and distributed to the other agencies.

EMSTS has one Master EMS Instructor and would like to move in the direction of offering instructor courses in the future.

G. Discussion of Instructor Symposium

The Committee discussed the logistics of putting an instructor symposium together because of the social distancing restrictions. Mr. Simone stated they could create a virtual symposium, but it will be difficult to validate attendance. If the restrictions continue after January, they may need to consider alternatives.

Walt West suggested that the agencies work together to develop standardized education. Each agency may choose the format to present the education, but the content should be derived from a singular, generalized outline. Mr. Simone offered to assemble the information he receives from each agency, develop an outline, and bring it back to the Committee for review.

Walt West made a motion for the agencies to submit their current education outlines to Laura Palmer at the OEMSTS. The outlines will be forwarded to Frank Simone to compile and develop a singular outline of the educational content. The draft outline will be brought back to the Education Committee for approval. The motion was seconded by Steve Johnson and passed unanimously by the Committee.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

The next Education Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 2021.

V. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

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VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Simone adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.