



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

August 4, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Simone, Chairman, NLVFD
Braiden Green, CSN
Gerry Julian, CA
Krystal French, Mercy Air

Glenn Glaser, MWA
Steven Carter, AMR
Shane Splinter, HFD
Chris Racine, LVFR

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chief Kim Moore, HFD
Nigel Walton, BCFD
Ryan Fraser, AirMed Response

Ignacio Gomez, NAR
Don Abshier, CCFD

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Med. Director
John Hammond, EMSTS Manager
Rae Pettie, Recording Secretary
Michelle Stanton, Senior Admin. Asst.

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Troy Tuke
Mike Barnum, MD
Eric Dievendorf
Aaron Goldstein
Fernando Juarez, RN
Spencer Lewis

Rebecca Carmody
Chief Shawn Tobler, MFR
Matthew Dryden
Tricia Klein
Sandra Horning, MD

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Education Committee convened in the Red Rock Conference Room at the Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, August 4, 2021. Chairman Frank Simone called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. and stated the Affidavit of Posting was posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Simone 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 Education 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 Education Committee Meeting: November 18, 2020

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes of the Education Committee meeting. A motion was made by Glenn Glaser, seconded by Shane Splinter, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion of Nominations for a Chair and Vice Chair

Laura Palmer announced there were no nominations submitted for Chair. A motion was made by Glenn Glaser to re-elect Frank Simone as Chair of the Education Committee. The motion was seconded by Shane Splinter and carried unanimously by the Committee.

Ms. Palmer announced two nominations were submitted for Vice Chair: Glenn Glaser and James “Bud” Adams. Mr. Glaser stated he has nearly 29 years of EMS experience and has always had a passion for teaching. He noted that Bud Adams also has many years of EMS experience that includes teaching EMS courses at CSN. A motion was made by Shane Splinter to elect Glenn Glaser as Vice-Chair of the Education Committee. The motion was seconded by Krystal French and carried unanimously by the Committee.

B. Discussion of Education for Cardiac Arrest Management

Mr. Simone stated there appears to be a lack of consistency where crews are transporting cardiac arrest patients to receiving facilities, although they clearly meet the parameters outlined in the Termination of Resuscitation (TOR) protocol. A request was made for the Education Committee to develop standardized education to remind crews to utilize the protocol.

Ms. Palmer reported the DDP discussed the need to stay on scene and get an airway, establish IV access, and administer medication, if appropriate, before rushing to leave the scene. There appears to be a load-and-go mentality with this subset of patients, both adult and pediatric. She stated that Dr. Sandra Horning, a pediatric emergency medicine specialist, shared a DDP meeting that Florida revised their cardiac arrest protocol to start treatment on scene for pediatric patients. Taking approximately 8-10 minutes to secure an airway and provide effective CPR not only increased their chances of survival, but the patients were neurologically intact.

Shane Splinter noted that not all adult cardiac arrests are alike in nature. Henderson Fire Department’s (HFD) policy is to remain on scene for a minimum of 20 minutes. Changes in rhythm usually occur within that 20-minute window, and those patients should be transported to a receiving facility. If it is a sustained asystole rhythm after 20 minutes, the TOR protocol should be followed. Mr. Splinter stated that statistics show that when you move a patient, the efficiency of chest compressions is decreased by 30% at a minimum. There should be no need for a load-and-go mentality. HFD developed a pit crew approach where positions are clearly defined. He offered to submit an outline of their pit crew approach to present at the next meeting for further discussion.

Dr. Barnum stated he will work Drs. Jensen and Horning to develop an educational outline to address the pediatric patients that can also be presented at the next meeting. He noted that the emergency medicine community, MAB and DDP are working to improve the TOR process to better support the crews.

C. Discussion of Change to BLS Scope of Practice to Allow Monitoring of Already Established Saline Locks on Interfacility Transports

A PowerPoint presentation was given by Eric Dievendorf to petition to change the scope of practice to allow EMTs to monitor IV saline or Hep-Locks that were previously established. The rationale behind the request is to address worsening staffing shortages in Southern Nevada. Allowing BLS units to be utilized for interfacility transport to take a patient that has a pre-established IV saline lock allows greater

flexibility for everyone in the EMS system to respond to the needs of the citizens and tourists in Clark County.

Mr. Hammond stated that the education will need to be addressed in all initial training courses. Certificate holders need to be uniformly trained so they can move more readily into an agency role. Mr. Dievendorf stated he will work on creating the education component.

A motion was made by Gerry Julian for the development of an outline to be included for all initial training to allow BLS providers to monitor already established IV saline or Hep-Locks for interfacility transports. The motion was seconded by Shane Splinter and carried unanimously by the Committee.

D. Discussion of Accepted CPR Provider Cards to Include AHA, ARC, ASHI, ACEP/AAOS, and Military Network

Mr. Hammond explained that many of the companies who offer training, some of which don't include a skills component, do not meet our standard. For this reason, the OEMSTS will only be accepting provider cards from AHA, ARC, ASHI, ACEP/AAOS, and the Military Network. He noted the OEMSTS has removed the former list of accepted training centers from the website.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

None.

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 8:50 a.m.