



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

December 1, 2021 – 8:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Frank Simone, Chairman, NLVFD
Nate Jensen, DO, MFR
Chris Racine, LVFR
Gerry Julian, CA
Don Abshier, CCFD
Glenn Glaser, MWA

Michael Barnum, MD
Shane Splinter, HFD (Alt)
Braiden Green, CSN
Nigel Walton, BCFD
Jessica Goldstein, AMR (Alt)
Chief Jennifer Wyatt, CCFD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Ryan Fraser, AirMed Response
Ignacio Gomez, NAR

Samuel Scheller, GEMS
Krystal French, Mercy Air

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Med. Director
Rae Pettie, Recording Secretary

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Kathryn Fivelstad
Sandra Horning, MD
Matthew Dryden
Michael Denton
Bud Adams
Nathan Root
Joe Richard

Scott Nielsen
Aaron Goldstein
Susie Kochevar
Troy Tuke
Rae Niedfeldt
Jerad Eldred

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, December 1, 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.

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: October 6, 2021

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the October 6, 2021 minutes of the Education Committee meeting. A motion was made by Chris Racine, seconded by Braiden Green, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

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

Aaron Goldstein gave a brief summary from past discussions. He stated the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee (DDP) approved the education component at their last meeting and asked the Committee for approval prior to referral back to the Medical Advisory Board (MAB) for final approval. Mr. Hammond affirmed the training will be provided by each EMS agency for their licensed providers and will not be included as part of the EMT National Standard Curriculum.

A motion was made by Don Abshier to accept the educational component to change the BLS scope of practice to allow monitoring of already established saline locks on interfacility transports to be referred to the MAB for final approval. The motion was seconded by Nigel Walton and carried unanimously.

B. Discussion of Education Committee Bylaws

Chief Simone stated there has historically been difficulty achieving quorum, and with the addition of new agencies the EMS Office felt it prudent to revise the bylaws. The draft bylaws were restructured to include the following stakeholders:

Three representatives from Public EMS providers
Three representatives from Private EMS providers
One representative from Fixed-Wing EMS providers
One representative from Rotor-Wing EMS providers
One representative from each Paramedic Educational Program
One representative from EMT/AEMT Initial Education Training Program not otherwise affiliated with an agency or Paramedic Educational Program

A motion was made by Don Abshier to approve the revisions to the Education Committee Bylaws to be referred to the MAB for final approval. The motion was seconded by Braiden Green and carried unanimously.

C. Discussion of Education for Cardiac Arrest Management

Shane Splinter introduced Nathan Root as the new EMS Training Officer for Henderson Fire Department. Mr. Abshier reported that CCFD watched and participated in HFD's training. He congratulated them on a job well done and stated it is a great concept. He noted that all EMS agencies don't utilize the same equipment, and he likes the fact the training can be tweaked to fit each agency's needs. Mr. Root stated the pit crew approach training is now available to all EMS agencies and training centers.

Dr. Kat Fivelstad, emergency medicine resident for the Valley Health System, stated the recommendation is an ABCDE approach discussed at previous meetings to be put in place before differentiating between shockable and non-shockable arrests. Arrive on scene, start BVM and address airway issues, initiate compressions, drill, and get

that first dose of Epinephrine and the EKG monitor in place by the first pulse check. They recognize that many systems are already using this pit crew approach and using systems like the Handtevy to try and emphasize getting all interventions completed in the first couple of minutes. They also advocate for the agencies to push forward this mindset for crews currently working, understanding that it may take some time for a change from the current load-and-go philosophy. They are looking to expand this to everyone so that it is universal for all responders with the County. Dr. Fiveltad noted there is also a recommendation for pre-planning the Epinephrine doses for pediatric patients for the associated weights prior to initial patient contact. Then to follow up with the weight-based tapes after patient contact has been made. The focus will be on the pit crew approach in getting that first dose of Epinephrine administered.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

The Committee congratulated Frank Simone on his promotion to EMS Chief for North Las Vegas Fire Department.

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 8:35 a.m.