



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD (MAB) MEETING

December 7, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Barnum, MD, AMR (Chairman)
Douglas Fraser, MD, RTAB Rep.
Jessica Leduc, DO, HFD
Ryan Hodnick, DO, Moapa
Chief Frank Simone, NLVFD
Nate Jenson, DO, MFR
Chief Scott Phillips, LVFR
Chief Stephen Neel, MVFD
Evan Befus, MWA
Jessica Goldstein, AMR

Kelly Morgan, MD, NLVFD
Jeff Davidson, MD, MWA
Mike Holtz, MD, CCFD
David Obert, DO, CA
Chief Jennifer Wyatt, CCFD
Chief Shawn Tobler, MFR
Mark Calabrese, CA
Samuel Scheller, GEMS
Chief Kim Moore, HFD

MEMBERS ABSENT

Scott Scherr, MD, GEMS
Ryan Hodnick, DO, Moapa
Daniel Rollins, MD, BCFD

Nigel Walton, BCFD
Chief Jorge Gonzalez, MCFD

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director
Scott Wagner, EMSTS Field Rep.
Edward Winder, Associate General Counsel

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

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Sandra Horning, MD
James "Bud" Adams
Jesse Paxton
Mathew Kaufman
Sean Collins

Aaron Goldstein
Brett Olbur
Jim McAllister
Paul Stepaniuk

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Dr. Mike Barnum called the meeting to order at 11:20 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. Dr. Barnum 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

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

Approve Minutes/Medical Advisory Board Meeting: October 5, 2022

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

III. CHIEF HEALTH OFFICE REPORT

No report.

IV. REPORT/DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Committee Report: Education Committee (12/07/2022)

Chief Simone reported that there is an increased interest and much more participation from agencies with regard to education. There has been an influx of agencies wanting to participate. He referred the Board to draft revisions made to Article III, Section 1 of the bylaws that increases the membership from 12 to 14 members, allowing for two At Large representatives from local EMS agencies or EMS training programs to be added. The Education Committee approved the revised bylaws. If approved by the MAB, the next step will be to initiate the nomination process at the next Education Committee meeting. They will vote on the nominees the next time they meet and forward the selected individuals to the MAB for final approval.

A motion was made by Chief Simone to accept the above revisions to Article III, Section I of the Education Committee Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Dr. Davidson and carried unanimously.

Chief Simone reported that Roni Mauro brought up some issues as an informational item. Ms. Mauro cited a lack of appropriate documentation on the Daily Evaluations for paramedic interns. She asked that the FTOs include the reasons for why a call was deemed critical, and to ensure that all signatures, comments, and plans for improvement are completed prior to submission.

B. Committee Report: Drug/Device/Protocol Committee (12/07/2022)

Dr. Holtz reported that Brett Olbur announced that as of December 1st Dignity Health will have secured contracts with several large interventional radiologist groups. St. Rose Siena is going to be offering 24-hr thrombectomy coverage, 365 days a year.

Dr. Holtz stated the DDP discussed adding Acetaminophen to several protocols including Adult/Pediatric Pain Management, as well as some plans to treat fever. There was considerable discussion, and Ms. Palmer agreed to bring the related revised draft protocols to present for discussion at their next scheduled meeting.

There was also discussion about adding a pearl to the Behavioral Emergencies protocol to address the removal of taser darts by EMS providers.

Dr. Barnum made a motion 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 Tobler and carried unanimously.

Dr. Holtz reported the discussion on the Overdose/Poisoning protocol was tabled for discussion at their next scheduled meeting. Also tabled were discussions on the Pediatric Respiratory Distress protocol, and the Hospital Reference List in the protocol manual.

Dr. Holtz reported the Committee discussed adding a pearl to the Chest Pain Protocol that was approved.

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 Chief Wyatt and carried unanimously.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

A. ED/EMS Regional Leadership Committee Update

Jessica Goldstein reported there was a homeless services update where they discussed the latest challenges and limitations of shelters, as well as the desire to increase awareness of the services offered, as well as the limitations, among the ED clinical supervisors. Plans are also being made for a walking tour of the Corridor of Hope Courtyard in Springs of 2023. She will share the plans when she has more information.

Ms. Goldstein stated there was a presentation from the Nevada Donor Network to discuss out-of-hospital deaths and the need for notification that included EMS partners' role in securing donations.

Ms. Goldstein reported they also discussed Legal 2000 patients in the E.D., where it was reiterated that if EMS has a combative patient, to ensure they're giving a heads-up to the hospitals so they can have security available and assemble the appropriate resources so when they arrive everyone's not scrambling.

Ms. Goldstein reported there was a brief discussion about the increase in RSV patients. They have been closely monitoring that and making sure the crews are prepared for any overflow.

Ms. Goldstein also reported they are working on the New Year's Eve plans. She noted the Formula 1 Las Vegas Grand Prix was a successful event. There were no adverse issues, and everything went well.

B. QI Directors Committee Update

Dr. Young reported the Committee discussed how busy and stressed the system is, although no care-related issues were identified. They also had a discussion of good documentation practices when patients receive medications like Narcan and then subsequently decide to refuse care or transport. They discussed protecting the crews and taking good care of the patient in terms of what to document, and possibly looking into scoring or objective tools they can utilize to document and ensure the patient does indeed have the decision-making capacity to refuse. It was a good area to identify the options and ways to improve. Dr. Young stated that although they've all had a chapter or lecture on the subject, it's not something they always keep up to speed on, so the Committee identified some options for education/continuing education going forward.

Dr. Young noted the Committee is looking forward to doing more clinical case reviews on issues like consent with regard to pediatrics, stroke, trauma, etc. in the future.

C. Emerging Trends

Dr. Davidson stated that we have been very progressive over the past decade. We have developed stroke, large vessel occlusion, and interventional radiology capable centers. He noted that these interventional groups are very good in intervention with thrombectomy in pulmonary emboli (PE). He has seen more and more cardiologists, radiologists, and critical care team members take the next step in treatment of PE, which was Heparin, and then thrombolytics came along. Now, the main treatment is thrombectomy, and there are centers of excellence popping up now in the community. In the near future, he would like to present what he sees as an emerging trend of teams within our facilities that respond to specifically treat PE. Dr. Davidson noted there was a conference a couple months ago where the Wells Criteria for Pulmonary Embolism was introduced, which was well received. In February he would like to introduce the concept to the Board. He stated he would be happy to bring one of the interventional individuals to a public meeting to give a 5-minute introduction of how easy it is to do thrombectomies. He stated that it's amazing when somebody has a thrombectomy and within five minutes they feel 100% better.

Ms. Palmer stated she received multiple complaints from people after the meetings times were switched. She noted that the meetings most frequently attended are the DDP and MAB meetings. If someone attends the QI Directors at 8 am. but doesn't want to attend the Education Committee meeting at 9 am, they have a one-hour wait to attend the DDP and MAB meetings. She suggested they move the QI Directors to 11 am to alleviate this problem. As there was no opposition from the Board, Ms. Palmer stated that starting February 2023, the meeting times will be as follows:

Education Committee	8:00 am
Drug/Device/Protocol Committee	9:00 am
Medical Advisory Board	10:00 am
QI Directors Committee	11:00 am

VI. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT

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Chief Wyatt introduced Sean Collins as CCFD's new EMS Coordinator. She is hopeful that they will be adding three EMS Supervisors in the near future.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.