

**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 2, 2005 – 3:30P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Davidson, M.D., Chairman, Valley Hospital
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire Department
E. P. Homansky, M.D., ED Physician at Large
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Hospital
William Z. Harrington, M.D., UMC
Donald Reisch, M.D., Desert Springs Hospital
Kevin Slaughter, D.O., Spring Valley Hospital
Donald Kwalick, M.D., Chief Health Officer, CCHD
David L. Watson, M.D., Sunrise Hospital
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Richard Henderson, M.D., St. Rose/Rose de Lima

Kurt Williams, American Medical Response
Darrin Houston, D.O., Mesa View Regional Hospital
John J. Fildes, M.D., University Medical Center
Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Department
William Elsaesser, M.D., North Vista Hospital
Sam Kaufman, FAB Representative
Wade Sears, M.D., MountainView Hospital
Natalie Seaber, R.N., Nurse Manager
Chief Steve Hanson, Clark County Fire Department
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, Southwest Ambulance
John Henner, D.O., Southern Hills Hospital

ALTERNATES

Peter Novalis, M.D., Mental Health Representative

MEMBERS ABSENT

Allen Marino, M.D., St. Rose Dominican/Siena
Bryan Lungo, M.D., Pediatric Representative
Frank Pape, D.O., Summerlin Hospital

David Rosin, M.D., Mental Health Representative
Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department

CCHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
Trish Beckwith, Field Representative
Judy Tabat, Administrative Assistant

Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Quality Improvement Coordinator
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Recording Secretary
James Osti, Grant Writer

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Don Hales, EMT-P, Southwest Ambulance
Derek Cox, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Sandy Young, R.N., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Pete Carlo, EMT-P, Southwest Ambulance
Gregg Fusto, R.N., University Medical Center
Burton Hayden, EMT-I, American Medical Response
James Woodard, EMT-I, Community College of So. NV
Cheryl Bromley, R.N., Mercy Air Service
Ursula Keller, EMT-I, Community College of So. NV
Dennis Derleth, EMT-I, Community College of So. NV
Tracy Eikleberry, EMT-I, Community College of So. NV
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Nancy Harland, R.N., Sunrise Hospital

Kathy Kopka, R.N., Sunrise Hospital
Roy Carroll, American Medical Response
Trent Jenkins, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Department
Steve Kramer, American Medical Response
Tyler Edwards, EMT-I, American Medical Response
Matthew Smith, EMT-I, Community College of So. Nevada
Beau Mentley, EMT-I, Community College of So. Nevada
Cheryl Limer, EMT-P, Community College of So. Nevada
Donovan Van Zandt, EMT-I, Community College of So. NV
David Prater, EMT-I, Community College of So. Nevada
Shane Schuster, EMT-I, Community College of So. Nevada
Jay Craddock, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Department

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Clemens Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 3:39 p.m. on Wednesday, February 2, 2005. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Davidson, M.D. He stated that the Affidavit of Posting, Mailing of Agenda, and Public Notice of the Meeting Agenda were executed in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Davidson noted that a quorum was present.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting January 5, 2005

Dr. Davidson stated the Consent Agenda consisted 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. A motion for Board approval of the minutes as written was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Procedure/Protocol Committee-Legal 2000 Patient Transport Guidelines Protocol

Dr. David Watson reported the committee's recommendation to zero out the mental health count on the EMSsystem at 1200 and 2400. This would provide a more accurate count on the hospital side. The committee also directed the EMS transport agencies to inform their personnel of the importance of adhering to the Legal 2000 Patient Transport Guidelines Protocol.

Karla Perez stated that the Facilities Advisory Board (FAB) suggested the definition of Legal 2000 include patients with suicidal ideation and depression. Rory Chetelat reiterated that the Health District's legal counsel is opposed to an expanded definition because mental health patients with suicidal ideation and/or depression still have a right to choose their hospital destination.

Dr. Donald Reisch asked how divert was previously allowed without taking away a patient's right to choose. Mr. Chetelat explained that under divert, a facility was closed to receiving all patients. The type of diversion that is being recommended at this time would be creating a diversion for a specific subset of patients whose only difference is that they are suffering from mental illness.

Mr. Chetelat also explained that trauma and pediatric destination protocols are allowed because these facilities provide a higher-level care than the Emergency Departments. Currently, there is no facility providing a higher-level of care for these mental health patients therefore they are considered basic emergency medical patients and all of the hospitals have the basic capability to stabilize, assess and handle the medical screening.

There were also concerns regarding capacity issues and the hospitals ability to safely care for the other acute patients. Mr. Chetelat agreed that there is a capacity issue but without a mental health facility or a facility to provide a higher-level of care for these mental health patients, there is no other option.

Kathy Kopka stated that there would be better compliance if the times to zero out the count were changed to 0700 and 1900.

A motion to zero out the mental health count on the EMSsystem at 0700 and 1900 was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

Chief Mike Myers will verify if the EMSsystem programming has the ability to zero out the count automatically. If not, American Medical Response and Southwest Ambulance will need to perform this manually.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Trauma System Development Update

Mr. Chetelat noted that the Regional Trauma Advisory Committee (RTAC) is continuing their work on the draft of the trauma plan. Sunrise Trauma has advised that they are ready to open but the Health District is waiting for the State's approval of Sunrise Trauma's licensure before issuing the go ahead.

B. Facilities Advisory Board (FAB) Report

Sam Kaufman advised that the FAB voted to keep the mental health crisis in effect and they also agreed to continue funding Westcare's Community Triage Center.

C. E.D. Nurse Managers Report

Natalie Seaber stated that there was discussion regarding the change in the membership on the Medical Advisory Board (MAB). Mr. Chetelat explained that one of the changes to the EMS regulations was the requirement for all EMS agencies to have medical direction. Those medical directors along with representatives from the EMS transport agencies will become the new members on the MAB.

The Emergency Department nurse managers and directors will continue to meet monthly and a report will be given to Dr. Donald Kwalick.

D. Update on Community Triage Center

No Report.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

None.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Chairman Davidson called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 4:19 p.m.