

**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2006 – 11:00A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Henderson, M.D., Chairman, Henderson Fire	Rory Chetelat, M.A., EMT-P, EMS Manager, CCHD
Scott Gorgon, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Dept (Alt.)	Gerry Hart, American Medical Response (Alt)
E. P. Homansky, M.D., American Medical Response	Russ Cameron, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Department
Mike Myers, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Brian Rogers, EMT-P, Medicwest Ambulance
Allen Marino, M.D., NLVFD and Medicwest Ambulance	Brian Fladhammer, Mercy Air Service, Inc
Lawrence Pellegrini, D.O., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Dale Carrison, D.O., Mercy Air and Clark County Fire Dept.	Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department	Thomas Geraci, D.O., Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Kurt Williams, American Medical Response	David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Hospital
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire Dept	

CCHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Dir.	Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Quality Improvement Coordinator
Eddie Tajima, Administrative Assistant	Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Recording Secretary
Lawrence Sands, D.O., Dir. Of CHS	David E. Slattery, M.D., Asst. EMS Medical Director
Jane Shunney, Asst. to Chief Health Officer	

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Scott Vivier, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Department	Roy Carroll, American Medical Response
Steve Kramer, EMT-P, American Medical Response	Natalie Seaber, R.N., MountainView Hospital
Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department	Derek Cox, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Joseph Melchiode, MountainView Hospital	Kim Dokken, R.N., St. Rose Dominican Hospital
Scott Rolfe, St. Rose Dominican Hospital	Mike Tymczm, St. Rose Dominican Hospital
Andy North, St. Rose Dominican Hospital	Steve Patraw, EMT-P, Medicwest Ambulance
John Wilson, Medicwest Ambulance	Susie Kochevar, R.N., Medicwest Ambulance
Larry Johnson, EMT-P, Medicwest Ambulance	James Adams, EMT-P, Community College of S. Nevada
Davette Shea, R.N., Southern Hills Hospital	Charla Jo Paul, R.N., WestCare
Sandy Young, R.N., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Trent Jenkins, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Department
Tim Crowley, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	Julie Siemers, R.N., Mercy Air Service Inc.
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue	

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Clemens Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 11:05 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2006. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Richard Henderson. 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 Henderson noted that a quorum was present.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting December 7, 2005

Chairman Henderson 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.

B. Approval of Draft Trauma Field Triage Criteria (TFTC) Operations Protocol

A motion for Board approval of the TFTC Operations Protocol was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Discussion of Hospital Wait Times

Dr. Dale Carrison voiced his concern regarding the hospitals' overload. The system is overburdened and hospitals are over capacity. Mike Myers stated that a task force needs to be created to work on solutions regarding the crisis with patient volume and high hospital wait times. He also added that it is important to make sure that the people who have the authority to approve these solutions be a part of the discussion.

Chief Myers clarified that patient choice, alternate destinations and treat & release are the areas that need to be discussed in the task force meeting. Alternate destinations may allow patients to be taken to a facility that they may have a relationship with and where they have insurance coverage. However, Dr. David Slattery added that urgent cares are also overwhelmed as well and wait times are also very high. Treat and release may include patients that need to go to a medical facility but not transported by EMS.

Dr. Joseph Heck stated that the EMS providers have been using FirstWatch to try and level load the system. FirstWatch is still fairly new and medics are encouraging patients to go to facilities that do not have long wait times. Dr. Heck also mentioned that the EMS providers need to encourage their crews to return to service as quickly as possible.

Dr. Heck noted that EMS providers transport approximately 25-30% of the hospitals' total patient volume. At the most, the options given will only affect approximately another 10% of those patients transported. It is important that the task force be aware of the benefit versus risk for each of the options given. Dr. Heck added that until there are more hospital beds and nursing personnel, patient volume will always be a problem in the hospitals.

B. Discussion of Special Purpose Permit Services Regulations

Mr. Chetelat mentioned that the EMS office has some concerns regarding Special Purpose Permit Ambulance Services in EMS Regulation. He suggested that a work group be created to research this matter further.

Dr. Allen Marino made a motion to form a work group to discuss Special Purpose Permit Ambulance Services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously by the Board.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Quality Improvement Meeting Update

Dr. Slattery noted that the committee is reviewing the data elements that will be used for the prehospital intubation study. The committee will advise the Board of the roll out date.

B. Trauma System Development Update

Mr. Chetelat stated that the Regional Trauma Advisory Board is still working on the trauma system plan. He also mentioned that the Trauma Medical Audit Committee had their first meeting. This committee will handle performance review for the trauma system. The members include trauma hospital personnel and staff from the Clark County Health District.

C. Discussion of Narcotic Resupply Process

Russ Cameron advised that that Clark County Fire Department implemented a new controlled substances procedure. They have purchased new clear plastic containers to hold their narcotics. The expiration dates of these drugs are visible through the front of the container and the container is sealed and numbered with pharmacy tape. The supervisors are responsible for distribution and carry a number of these narcotic containers with them on shift. When a crew administers a drug to a patient, the supervisor will give them a new container and the opened container will be restocked, renumbered and sealed again. Chief Cameron also added that they have revised their controlled substances log book and created a narcotic use form.

Mr. Chetelat reiterated that this procedure is just one option and that the other agencies are not required to handle their controlled substances in this manner.

Chief Cameron and Dr. Marino will present their agencies data on controlled substances to the Board next month.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

No Response.

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Chairman Henderson called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 11:48 a.m.