



**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
JUNE 7, 2006 – 11:00A.M.**

Richard Henderson, M.D., Chairman, Henderson Fire
Tim Crowley, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue (Alt.)
Allen Marino, M.D., NLVFD and MedicWest Ambulance
Brian Fladhammer, Mercy Air Service, Inc
E. P. Homansky, M.D., American Medical Response
Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department

Russ Cameron, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Kurt Williams, American Medical Response
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Scott Vivier, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Department (Alt.)
Philis Beilfuss, R.N., North Las Vegas Fire Dept

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Fire Department
Dale Carrison, D.O., Mercy Air and Clark County Fire Dept.
Lawrence Pellegrini, D.O., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Randy Howell, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Department
Thomas Geraci, D.O., Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, M.A., EMT-P, EMS Manager, SNHD
Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Dir
David E. Slattery, M.D., Asst. EMS Medical Director
J. Marc Johnson, R.N., Quality Improvement Coordinator
Lawrence Sands, D.O., Director Of Community Health

Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Regional Trauma Coordinator
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Recording Secretary
Eddie Tajima, Administrative Assistant
Trish Beckwith, Field Representative

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department
David Nehrbass, EMT-I, American Medical Response
Trent Jenkins, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Department
Ross Berkeley, M.D., University Medical Center
Amy Vidal, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Debbie Estes, R.N., Sunrise Hospital
Rob Nichols, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Susie Kochevar, RN, MedicWest Ambulance
Wade Sears, M.D., MountainView/Southern Hills
Natalie Seaber, R.N., MountainView Hospital
Steve Patraw, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Tiffany Lopardo, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Mary Owens, EMT-P, Mercy Air Service, Inc.
Nancy Harpin, R.N., Univeristy Medical Center
Jason Meilleur, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Virginia Deleon, R.N., St. Rose Hospital

Steve Herrin, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Jerry Newman, Specialized Medical Services
Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
James Adams, Community College of S. Nevada
Calvin Griffin, EMT-P, American Medical Response
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Gail Yedinak, Univeristy Medical Center
Rod Hackwith, EMT-P, Community College of S. Nevada
Camille Lombardi, University Medical Center
Donald Gibson, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Department
Sheryl Hiller, APN, WestCare
Brian Feliz, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department
John Jolley, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Department
Clinton Nowery, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Julie Siemers, R.N., Mercy Air Service, Inc.
Dan Petcavage, University Medical Center

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, June 7, 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

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.

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A motion for Board approval of the minutes as written was made, seconded and carried unanimously.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Drug & Device Committee

Discussion of Request to Pilot The Intubate Mate™

The subcommittee deferred any decision on the use of the Intubate Mate until more data is collected. It is important to wait and see if the FDA considers this a non-medical or medical device.

B. Procedure/Protocol Committee

1. Discussion of Revision to Trauma Field Triage Criteria Protocol

Rory Chetelat advised that the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB) recommended the deletion of Step 4 in the Trauma Field Triage Criteria Operations Protocol. Step 4 required telemetry contact with a trauma center for certain criteria including co-morbid conditions and if the patient was less than 5 years of age or more than 55 years of age.

Philis Beilfuss made a motion to remove Step 4 in the Trauma Field Triage Criteria Operations Protocol. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2. Discussion of Standardized Format for Trauma Telemetry Reporting

Mr. Chetelat explained that the RTAB recommended a standardized format for trauma telemetry which required revisions to the General Patient Care Protocol. Under Disposition, # 2 and 3 were switched and under Communications, a standardized format for trauma telemetry reporting was added.

Philis Beilfuss made a motion to revise the appropriate areas in the General Patient Care Protocol. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

3. Discussion of Revisions to Prehospital Death Protocol

Dr. Heck reviewed the revisions to the Prehospital Death Determination Protocol.

1. Patients encountered by EMS personnel in Clark County that appear to have expired will not be resuscitated or transported if any of the following obvious signs of death are present:

- a. Body decomposition
- b. Decapitation
- c. Transection of thorax (hemicorpectomy)
- d. Incineration
- e. Massive, blunt, open or penetrating trauma to the head, neck or chest with obvious organ destruction

Or if ALL four presumptive signs of death AND AT LEAST one conclusive sign of death are identified.

There was no change to the four presumptive signs of death. The conclusive signs changed to

1. Dependent lividity of any degree

2. Rigor mortis

There was also a grammatical change made on the back to # 4 it was changed to, if possible, do not leave a body unattended.

Chief Cameron requested that the QI committee follow this up with a study to see the impact of these changes.

Dr. Allen Marino made a motion to approve the above revisions to the Prehospital Death Determination Protocol. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of Deletion of Nasogastric/Orogastric (NG/OG) Tube Insertion Protocol

Dr. Henderson noted that the NG/OG tube insertion protocol was only being used in conjunction with airway management; therefore, it was unnecessary to have a separate protocol.

Tim Crowley made a motion to delete the NG/OG Tube Insertion Protocol. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Henderson clarified that the use of NG/OG tube insertion was still included in the airway protocol.

C. Discussion of Realigning Regions & Updating EMS System with Addition of New Hospitals

Mr. Chetelat advised there was discussion of realigning regions and updating the EMS system with the addition of San Martin and Centennial Hospitals. The Facilities Advisory Board and the Health District recommended that the hospitals be put into the appropriate geographic regions. Centennial would be included in region A with MountainView, Summerlin, Valley & University Medical Center and San Martin would fall under region C with the two St. Rose Hospitals, Southern Hills and Spring Valley.

The regions no longer play a major role in EMS but it is helpful in emergency planning. The intent of EMS system is to visualize the impact on the regions during mass casualty and/or disaster incidents.

Dr. Marino made a motion to put San Martin in region C and Centennial in region A. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Homansky noted a concern with the validity of geographically based regions. He suggested that total number of beds or resources would be a better distribution.

Mr. Chetelat also volunteered to have the Health District EMS office work with the emergency planners on reviewing other options other than geographic regions on the EMS system.

D. Discussion of Activated Charcoal with Sorbital

Mr. Chetelat noted that during this year's ambulance inspections there was a concern regarding the necessity of having sorbital with the activated charcoal. Tim Crowley mentioned that Las Vegas Fire & Rescue's vendor could supply sorbital with a shelf life of only six months.

A motion was made to remove sorbital from the Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance and Firefighting Agency inventory. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Heck clarified that Activated Charcoal is still required but the use of sorbital would be optional.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Trauma System Development Update

Mr. Chetelat stated there were no new items to discuss.

B. Quality Improvement Meeting Update

Mary Ellen Britt reported an overview of all of the QA cases submitted to the Health District over the past year. Dr. Slattery also added that the data elements for the airway registry were finalized and he will be working with ROAM IT to implement these changes.

C. UMC's Code-Heart Alert Program

Dr. Ross Berkeley from the University Medical Center advised the Board that they are working on a new program to reduce the time between a patient's arrival at the Emergency Department to the time of arrival at the Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI)/Cath Lab.

Dr. Berkeley added that this new program will begin between June 13-17, 2006. Dr. Henderson requested that Dr. Berkeley report back to the Board on the status of the new program within the next few months.

Mr. Chetelat reiterated that it is important for the EMS community to be aware of these programs; however, there has been no change to destination protocols. Dr. Heck added that a joint working group should be formed between this Board and the Facilities Advisory Board to work towards specific destination protocols. Mr. Chetelat recommended that the Health District EMS office take the lead on forming this work group.

D. EMS Week

Trish Beckwith from the Health District advised the MAB that May 12-19, 2006 was National EMS Week. The Health District sponsored the second annual EMS Responders of the Year Award. There were nine awards representing each permitted agency:

American Medical Response, Calvin Griffin
Boulder City Fire Department, Brian Feliz
Clark County Fire Department, Erik Grismanauskas
Henderson Fire Department, Don Gibson
Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, Don Earl
MedicWest Ambulance, Tiffany Lopardo
Mercy Air, Mary Owens
Mesquite Fire & Rescue, Clinton Nowery
North Las Vegas Fire Department, John Jolley

These individuals demonstrate excellent patient care, clinical skills, exemplary professionalism and consistently strive to raise the bar in our EMS community.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Jason Miller presented a letter on behalf of Amy Vidal, an EMT-Paramedic. Ms. Vidal requested that the Board consider a destination protocol for Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA) or possible CVA. It is understood that unstable patients need to be transported to the closest facility; however, Ms. Vidal feels that stable patients with certain working field diagnosis should be transported to the closest facility with the ability to care for them. Sunrise and Valley are facilities that have upgraded their standard of care for stroke patients and she believes it is in the best interest of the patients that they be transported to these facilities.

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 12:00 p.m.