



**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2007 – 11:00A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Richard Henderson, M.D., Chairman, Henderson Fire Dept.	Chief Russ Cameron, Clark County Fire Dept.
Sydney Selitzky, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Dept. (Alt.)	Brian Rogers, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Allen Marino, M.D., NLVFD/MedicWest Ambulance	Robert Forbuss, American Medical Response
David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Fire Dept	Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Bruce Evans, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Dept.	David Slattery, M.D., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Dale Carrison, D.O., Clark County Fire Department	E. P. Homansky, M.D., American Medical Response
Sandy Young, RN, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue (Alt.)	Thomas Geraci, D.O., Mesquite Fire & Rescue

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jon Kingma, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Dept.	Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Dept
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue	

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager	Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Regional Trauma Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, EMS Field Representative	Judy Tabat, Administrative Assistant
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Recording Secretary	Lawrence K. Sands, D.O., M.P.H, Asst. Chief Health Officer

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

David Embly, R.N., North Vista Hospital	Davette Shea, R.N., Southern Hills Hospital
D. Troy Tuke, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept.	Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Jackie Levy, R.N., University of Medical Center	Jennifer Hall, American Medical Response
Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department	David Foster, Community College of S. Nevada
Steve Patraw, EMT-P, Boundtree	Julie Siemers, R.N., Mercy Air Services, Inc.
Joseph Melchiode, MountainView Hospital	Joseph Chacon, Community College of S. Nevada
Wendy Boone, Community College of S. Nevada	Kyle Endres, Community College of S. Nevada
Steven Boelter, Community College of S. Nevada	Ernie Stegall, R.N., Sunrise Hospital
Patty Holden, Sunrise Hospital	Jack Palmer, Community College of S. Nevada
Kevin Mayorga, Community College of S. Nevada	Chad Isaacson, Community College of S. Nevada
Tyler Stacy, Community College of S. Nevada	Ian Bradley, Community College of S. Nevada
Roy Carroll, American Medical Response	Jason Meilleur, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Ronald Tucker, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance	Michael Devitte, Community College of S. Nevada
Devon Meinders, North Vista Hospital	Alex Thrift, North Vista Hospital
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue	Derek Cox, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Medical Advisory Board convened in the Clemens Conference Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 11:05 a.m. on Wednesday, February 7, 2007. 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.

A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting December 6, 2006

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

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Education Committee

1. Discussion of Revising Recertification Categories to Emulate National Registry

Trish Beckwith from the Health District EMSTS office explained that a work group would meet to align the recertification hours from the Health District with National Registry. The subcommittee requested that one form be created to fulfill both entities' requirements. The work group will make their recommendations to the subcommittee next month.

2. Discussion of Short Term Solutions to Practical Testing

Rory Chetelat stated that Ms. Beckwith's work group will also be looking for alternatives to National Registry practical testing because there are concerns with the amount of time it takes and the cost involved. The work group will also review the Health District's current Skills Proficiency Record and the National Registry's practical examination and possibly create a new abbreviated version for the Health District. Their recommendations will be given to the subcommittee next month.

3. Discussion of On-line (Distributive) Training

Dr. Dale Carrison explained that the National Registry term, distributive training, means online training.

B. Discussion of Destination Protocols

Mr. Chetelat advised that there was a workshop regarding potential destination protocols for stroke, high risk pregnancy (neonatal care) and STEMI patients. Dr. David Slattery noted that neonatal care will probably be addressed through education with the EMS providers. Mr. Chetelat added that Dr. Joseph Heck had a concern with creating a STEMI destination protocol because there is no outside agency to verify or regulate the hospitals who offer a higher level of care for STEMI patients. Mr. Chetelat did note that the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organization (JAHCO) has a designation process for stroke centers and that Sunrise has been approved by JAHCO as a stroke center.

Mr. Chetelat reminded the Board that the Health District does not have the authority to require information from hospitals.

Dr. Carrison asked if JAHCO required recertification of the designation process for stroke centers or if it was a one time certification. Dr. Slattery's concern is that he has not seen the data to support diverting patients to a stroke center. He would like to see that there is an improvement in the quality of the outcome for the patient from a neurological standpoint. Ernie Stegall added that Sunrise would be glad to forward the outcomes of their stroke patients to the Board. TPA is not the only answer. Sunrise also offers intervention within 10-15 minutes of the patient's arrival.

Davette Shea asked that the Board continue to consider destination protocols for stroke and STEMI patients. She is confident that the paramedics are capable of recognizing the acuity and have the ability to transport the patient to the appropriate facility.

Due to the various concerns, Dr. Henderson tabled the discussion and will bring additional information regarding verification of stroke and STEMI centers to the Board next month.

C. Discussion of Removal of Valium and Lasix

Dr. Henderson requested that the removal of Valium and Lasix from the inventory be referred to a subcommittee for further discussion. Dr. Carrison asked if the addition of nasal Narcan and nasal Versed be referred to the subcommittee as well.

Dr. Allen Marino made a motion to refer the removal of Valium and Lasix to a joint Drug/Device and Procedure/Protocol Committee in the month of April. Dr. Marino also made a motion to put the addition of nasal Narcan and nasal Versed on the MAB Consent Agenda on March 7, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Bruce Evans added that it is important to submit literature supporting the removal and addition of drugs on the inventory. He would prefer that the data come from a validated clinical study.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Trauma System Development Update

Mary Ellen Britt advised that the Trauma Medical Audit Committee held its first meeting. This committee handles the quality improvement activities for the Regional Trauma Advisory Board (RTAB). The RTAB is continuing to work on the development of the Trauma Regulations and the Health District submitted an application to the CDC for a Terrorism Injury Information Dissemination and Exchange grant.

B. Nitroglycerin: Acceptable Forms

Mr. Chetelat advised that the current Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory notes nitroglycerin in spray form; however, there have been several requests to add tablets as another acceptable form. The EMSTS office did some research and the tablet form is more stable in the heat than they were in the past so Dr. Joseph Heck made the recommendation that nitroglycerin be acceptable in spray or tablet form. The necessary revisions will be made to the inventory.

C. Issues with Termination of Resuscitation Protocol via Telemetry

Mr. Chetelat reminded the physicians that termination of resuscitation orders must be done on a recorded telemetry line. Some of the EMS providers have been asked by physicians to call back on a land line when seeking termination of resuscitation in the field. Mr. Chetelat advised the EMS providers that it is important that these calls be recorded. Mr. Evans added that the Fire Alarm Office has the ability to take a land line and transmit it into the telemetry system to be recorded. The phone number to call is 382-9007.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. Evans advised that Dr. Alex Malone will be North Las Vegas Fire Department's Medical Director as of March 1, 2007.

Dr. Marino stated that MedicWest Ambulance's CCT Paramedic pilot program began on January 1, 2007 and there have been ten successful transports.

Dr. Carrison stated that Mercy Air's EZ-IO pilot program completed their in-house training last week. They have utilized it two times and will report back to the MAB when they have done ten attempts.

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 11:44 a.m.