



MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
September 5, 2007 – 11:00A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Marino, M.D., Chairman, MedicWest Ambulance
Jarrod Johnson, D.O., Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Mike Barnum, M.D., American Medical Response (Alt.)
Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Dept
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Bruce Evans, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept. (Alt.)
Chief Cherina Kleven, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Richard Henderson, M.D., Henderson Fire Dept.
David Slattery, M.D., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
K. Alexander Malone, M.D., North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Dale Carrison, D.O., Clark County Fire Department
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
John Wilson, American Medical Response
Walt West, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

David Daitch, D.O., Boulder City Fire Dept
Chief Russ Cameron, Clark County Fire Dept.

E. P. Homansky, M.D., American Medical Response

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMS Manager
Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Regional Trauma Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, EMS Field Representative
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Administrative Assist

Joseph J. Heck, D.O., Operational Medical Director
John Hammond, EMS Field Representative
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department
Steve Patraw, EMT-P, Boundtree
Roy Carroll, American Medical Response
Ronald Tucker, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Jackie Levy, R.N., University of Medical Center
Don Abshier, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept.
Davette Shea, R.N., Southern Hills Hospital
Patty Holden, Sunrise Hospital
Tricia Klein, EMT-P, NCTI
Timothy Smith, CSN Student
Sarah Derleth, CSN Student
Jennifer Murphy, CSN Student
Orlando Carrillo, CSN Student
Tyler Campbell, CSN Student
Giovanni Rivera, CSN Student
Dan Harkson, CSN Student
Cristina Bilanger, P.A. Student

Sandy Young, RN, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Jennifer Adams, American Medical Response
Jason Meilleur, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Derek Cox, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Bob Valdez, Mercy Air Services
Susie Kochevar, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Department
Mary Owens, EMT-P, Med Flight Air Ambulance
Virginia Deleon, RN, St. Rose deLima
Wade Sears, Mountain View Hospital
Sharon Lustig, CSN Student
David LeClere, CSN Student
Gina Schuster, CSN Student
Bryan Wood, CSN Student
Kristin Stockbridge, CSN Student
Nicholas Rexford, CSN Student
Josh Medina, CSN Student
Rob Weiss, CSN Student

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 11:03 a.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Allen Marino. 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 Marino noted that a quorum was present.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Marino 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 following items on the Consent Agenda was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

- A. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting August 1, 2007
- B. Discussion of Development of Competency-Based Field Internships – To be Referred to the Education Committee

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Report from Drug/Device/Protocol Committee

1. Discussion of CyanoKit[®] as an Optional Item on the Paramedic Drug Inventory

Dr. Henderson reported that the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee recommended allowing the Fire Departments to place the CyanoKit[®] on specific apparatuses for treatment of their own and not for use on the public. They will be presenting their plan and protocol to be approved by the Health District and continue to collect data throughout the year on the benefit of having it available for the public.

A motion was made to allow the fire department's to carry the CyanoKit[®] on specific apparatuses for treatment of their personnel. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

2. Discussion of Addition of Adult IO Device to the Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance and Firefighting Agency Inventory

Dr. Henderson reported that representatives from both Vidacare and WaisMed gave a presentation at the Drug/Device/Protocol Committee to demonstrate their products. It was the decision of the Committee to take the information back to their respective agencies along with price quotes that would be provided from the manufacturers and come back next month for further discussion.

B. Report from Stroke Center Task Force

Mr. Chetelat reported that this task force is in the early planning stages and is looking at inviting other neighboring communities that have taken the lead on creating stroke destination protocol criteria to come in and discuss their challenges in developing a stroke system. He has had some preliminary dialog with John McNeil from the American Heart Association about funding this process and has had positive feedback so he is looking at meeting again within 90 days.

C. Report from SB244 Committee

Mr. Chetelat advised the Board that the Health District did get the official delegation from the State Board of Health and the Southern Nevada Board of Health accepted the delegation. All the official steps are out of the way to begin to form the process and create regulations. He stated that today's meeting will be the first workshop on the new regulation. He asked Randy Howell to report on the findings of the group working independently of the SB244 Committee.

Mr. Howell stated that the Patient Transfer of Care Ad Hoc Committee met on August 2, 2007 and elected Karla Perez to chair the committee. He then provided a list of action items that were discussed:

- Roam IT will come in and give an overview of the software changes

- Bill Welch will have regulations from Clark County for review
- Brian Rogers will work with Roam IT to resolve immediate transfer issues
- Troy Tuke will film a training DVD for use with Roam IT
- Ron Tucker will be chairing a Technical Support Subcommittee for issues regarding the software
- Nevada Hospital Association will be the communications facilitator regarding Roam IT to the Technical Support Subcommittee

Mr. Howell advised that the ad hoc committee will meet again on September 13th in the Goldring Building.

D. MedicWest CCT Pilot Presentation

Amanda Curran reported that the MedicWest Critical Care Transport (CCT) pilot program is based on the belief that there is a need for CCT resources in the community. She added that paramedics now have an opportunity to advance themselves in this system not only professionally, but educationally as well. She gave a PowerPoint presentation on the highlights of the Critical Care Paramedic course and the role of the Critical Care Paramedic. Ms. Curran stated that MedicWest has seen a 45% increase in CCT transports from this time last year and 32% of the calls were answered by CCT Paramedics. Dr. Marino commented that this program has been able to solve a need within the community and the enthusiasm of the nine medics has made this a great program to launch.

Dr. Marino made a motion to release the CCT Paramedic program from its pilot status. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the Board.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

Discussion of Regulation Pertaining to SB244

Mr. Chetelat stated that per SB244, the Health District is required to write regulations that will govern the EMS side of patient transport. He referred the Committee to the draft EMS Regulation 1300.570. He added that the language in SB244 that was transferred into NRS 450B.790 should be sufficient, and the rest will be written in the form of a procedure. Dr. Henderson questioned whether verbiage should be added stating that care is turned over to the hospital. Mr. Chetelat stated that the State Health Division, through the State Board of Health, will be creating regulations for the hospitals.

Dr. Carrison voiced concern over the fact that the Committee will be approving a regulation that refers to procedures and protocols that haven't yet been written. Mr. Chetelat stated that the regulations have to be in place to give us the authority to develop the procedure. Dr. Slattery suggested striking the word "these" in paragraph II of EMS Regulation 1300.570 to read "in accordance with regulations" so there isn't a reference to any specific regulation.

A motion was made to approve the draft EMS Regulation 1300.570 with the recommended change of striking "these". The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the Board.

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

A. Trauma System Update

Mary Ellen Britt advised that University Medical Center's application for authorization to seek designation as a Pediatric Level II Trauma Center was approved by the Board of Health in August. The application will now be sent to the State Health Division to move forward in the designation process.

Ms. Britt reported that beginning September 1, 2007 the Health District was awarded a TIIDE (Terrorism Injuries: Information, Dissemination and Exchange) grant funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention which will allow us to look at our current data sources, assess our trauma system and modify existing MCI plans to improve trauma care delivery and to plan for expanding the system to respond to a mass casualty event.

Dr. Marino stated that at the last RTAB meeting concerns were raised that trauma destination protocols are not being followed and there seems to be certain patterns. He suggested creating an educational component regarding how catchment areas are formed for the next protocol roll-out.

B. Legal 2000 Data Report

Mr. Chetelat reported that each hospital has been submitting zip code information to the Health District relating to an L2K patient's place of residence, and if unknown, utilizing the pickup address. Mr. Chetelat referred the Committee to a table depicting the top 50 zip codes in terms of volume from highest to lowest. He noted that the top ten zip codes on the list comprise 41% of the total volume; the next ten zip codes comprise 26% of the total volume; and the next ten zip codes comprise 14% of the total volume. All zip codes were subsequently plotted on a map of the Las Vegas valley.

Dr. Heck remarked that the pick up address should be utilized as opposed to the residence address. He noted that St. Rose de Lima is listed in the top ten, yet historically that area has had the lowest volume of L2K patients. He recommended utilizing the zip code from the pickup location as the primary address for the purpose of data collection. Ms. Shea agreed, but suggested continuing with the current process until the year's end since we have already collected seven months worth of data. She added that the nurse managers are working on a report which will analyze the number of E.D. beds taken by L2K patients, the length of time the beds are utilized by L2K patients, and the subsequent impact on the community.

Dr. Carrison suggested the MAB forward the data, along with a letter to the Governor. Dr. Heck stated that he has had several discussions with the Governor on this issue and he would be willing to take the lead on coordinating a message to the Governor.

Mr. Chetelat stated he would continue to work on the data and provide the Committee with a per-hospital breakdown for the next meeting.

C. Update on National Registry Skills Testing

Mr. Chetelat reported that the Education Committee suggested setting a date to have National Registry issues worked out before researching alternative options. He reported that all issues regarding computer based testing have been resolved, including skills testing offered throughout the community. He stated that it is the decision of the EMSTS office to continue with the National Registry testing process.

V. **PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

Dr. Heck clarified that Alex Haartz or Heidi Sakelarios in the Office of Public Health Preparedness at the State Health Division should be contacted regarding any issues with the EMS system.

Dr. Slattery stated that Dr. Daitch who has served on this Board for many years is very ill and wanted everyone to sign the get well cards that were brought in. He added that he would like to recommend that Dr. Daitch be recognized for his service on the Board.

VI. **ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business, Chairman Marino called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 11:53 a.m.