



**MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM
MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2008 – 11:00A.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Marino, M.D., Chairman, MedicWest Ambulance
Jarrod Johnson, D.O., Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Bruce Evans, EMT-P, North Las Vegas Fire Dept.
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Dept. (Alt)
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Walt West, EMT-P, Boulder City Fire Department
Richard Henderson, M.D., Henderson Fire Dept.
Chief Randy Howell, Henderson Fire Dept

E. P. Homansky, M.D., American Medical Response
Dale Carrison, D.O., Clark County Fire Department
K. Alexander Malone, M.D., North Las Vegas Fire Dept
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Roy Carroll, American Medical Response (Alt)
Christian Young, M.D., Boulder City Fire Dept.
Sandy Young, R.N. Las Vegas Fire & Rescue (Alt)

MEMBERS ABSENT

John Wilson, American Medical Response
David Slattery, M.D., Las Vegas Fire & Rescue

Chief Russ Cameron, Clark County Fire Dept.

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMSTS Manager
Trish Beckwith, EMSTS Field Representative
Moana Hanawahine-Yamamoto, Recording Secretary

Mary Ellen Britt, R.N., Regional Trauma Coordinator
John Hammond, EMSTS Field Representative
Lan Lam, Administrative Assistant

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Bob Byrd, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Mary Levy, R.N., University Medical Center
Ronald Tucker, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Rod Hackwith, EMT-P, College of Southern Nevada
Victor Montecerin, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Serena Denmark, R.N., Mercy Air Service
Virginia Deleon, R.N., St. Rose deLima
Mary Ann Dube, R.N., St. Rose Siena
Syd Selitzky, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Department
Jarod Barto, EMT-I, American Medical Response
Kristin Stockbridge, EMT-I, MedicWest Ambulance
Mary Beth Dickinson, EMT-P

Amanda Curran, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Jennifer Adams, EMT-P, American Medical Response
Jo Ellen Hannom, R.N., Clark County Fire Department
Steve Herrin, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Jason Meilleur, EMT-P, AMR/MWA
Tim Crowley, EMT-P, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Gail Yedinak, University Medical Center
Davette Shea, R.N., Southern Hills Hospital
Travis Drancy, College of Southern Nevada
Samuel Scheller, EMT-I, College of Southern Nevada/MWA
Jennifer Wing, EMT-I, North Las Vegas Fire Department
Matt Lerst, College of Southern Nevada
Eric Anderson, FES

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 11:04 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, 2008. 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. Minutes Medical Advisory Board Meeting December 5, 2007

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

B. Discussion of Addition of Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) Device to the Official Air Ambulance, Ground Ambulance & Firefighting Agency Inventory – To be Referred to Drug/Device/Protocol Committee

Dr. Marino explained that on May 2, 2007 the Whisper Flow Generator CPAP device was approved on a trial basis; however Clark County Fire Department would like the Board to consider the Boussignac device. The device is disposable, completely flow dependent on oxygen and cost efficient. Clark County Fire Department would like to use this device on a trial basis for 90-120 days and will report their results. Bruce Evans added that the device has been studied and its effectiveness is well documented.

A motion was made to approve the Boussignac device as an additional Continuous Positive Airway Pressure Device to use as a trial piece of equipment for any agency whose petition and protocol are approved by the Office of Emergency Medical Services and Trauma System (OEMSTS). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the Board.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Report from Quality Improvement Directors Meeting

Dr. Marino reported that the QI Directors Committee discussed the progress of the electronic patient care reports. The provider agencies are working through the issues with their vendors, but are moving in a direction where they can collect good data because they are looking at the same key points. Rory Chetelat advised that the State requires reporting of the data to the Nevada Electronic Emergency Medical Services: Data System (NEEDS), which ultimately will be entered into the National EMS Information System (NEMSIS). He noted that the NEMSIS standard is a little higher than the State standard.

Mary Ellen Britt reported the trauma transport data and noted that the out of area (OOA) transports for December 2007 were 7%. The Regional Trauma Advisory Board has advised that 5% OOA trauma transports would be acceptable. The importance of following the protocol was reiterated and the OEMSTS will continue to monitor the OOA. Jill Jensen from Las Vegas Motor Speedway had a case review to discuss; however, due to the time constraint she was unable to present her case. The OEMSTS will coordinate a case review and Ms. Jensen will be able to do her presentation at that time. All EMS providers and hospitals will be invited to attend.

B. Report from Stroke Destination Task Force

1. Review of Findings from December 5, 2007

Discussion of Item I. was included as part of discussion of Item 3.

2. Discussion of Criteria to Determine an Approved Stroke Specialty Care Hospital

Discussion of Item 2. was included as part of discussion of Item 3.

3. Discussion of Data Collection to Determine Need and Impact of EMS Transport of Patients to Stroke Specialty Care Hospitals

Mr. Chetelat stated that three work groups will be formed to work on the financial impact of having a stroke protocol, selecting the criteria for a designation process and creating a stroke protocol. Henderson Fire Department will report six months of their stroke data to the Medical Advisory Board.

C. Discussion Regarding Interim Medical Director

Mr. Chetelat stated that there is currently no mechanism in place for a permitted agency to utilize the services of an interim medical director in the event the current medical director is incapacitated. He asked the Board for direction regarding the need to address this issue in EMS Regulations.

Dr. Homansky made a motion to authorize the MAB chairman or his designee to act as interim medical director in the event a permitted agency's medical director is incapacitated. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the Board.

D. Discussion of Emergency Medical Dispatch – ASA Card

Mr. Chetelat explained that a number of issues arose after the Board accepted the ASA card on November 7, 2007. As a result, Dr. Joseph Heck recommended that the approval of the card be suspended until further discussion.

A motion was made to refer the ASA Dispatch Card to the Priority Dispatch Task Force subcommittee for further discussion next month. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by the Board.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY

EMS Education Update

Trish Beckwith advised the Board that the OEMSTS website has been updated. It is more user-friendly and includes a calendar of events for all educational offerings in Clark County. Ms. Beckwith noted that the EMS Advisor publication will be available on the website as well. If anyone is interested in subscribing to the publication, they can do so online. The next edition will be available in March 2008. There will also be an EMS Instructor Symposium on April 11, 2008 at the College of Southern Nevada West Charleston Campus from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Symposium is free but space is limited so please contact Ms. Beckwith to reserve your seat.

IV. PUBLIC APPEARANCE/CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Brian Rogers remarked that one of Bound Tree Medical's warehouses was recently hit by a tornado. They will continue to fill orders, but there may be a delay in deliveries.

Dr. Marino introduced Dr. Christian Young as the new medical director for Boulder City Fire Department.

Dr. Marino congratulated Brian Rogers on his new position with Henderson Fire Department.

V. 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 11:30 a.m.