



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

March 3, 2010 – 11:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Allen Marino, MD, Chairman, MedicWest Ambulance
Richard Henderson, MD, Henderson Fire Department
Christian Young, MD, Boulder City Fire Dept
K. Alexander Malone, MD, North Las Vegas Fire
Chief Mike Myers, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Chief Scott Vivier, Henderson Fire Department
Chief David Petersen, Mesquite Fire & Rescue

E.P. Homansky, MD, American Medical Response
Jarrod Johnson, DO, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Dale Carrison, DO, Clark County Fire Department
David Slattery, MD, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Mark Calabrese, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, Clark County Fire Department
Chad Henry, EMT-P, American Medical Response

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chief Kevin Nicholson, Boulder City Fire Dept

Chief Bruce Evans, North Las Vegas Fire Dept

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Joseph J. Heck, DO, Operational Medical Director
Mary Ellen Britt, Regional Trauma Coordinator
Trish Beckwith, EMS Field Representative
Lan Lam, Administrative Assistant

Rory Chetelat, EMSTS Manager
John Hammond, EMS Field Representative
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Brian Rogers, EMT-P, Henderson Fire Dept
John Higley, EMT-P, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Derek Cox, EMT-P, LVF&R
Steve Johnson, EMT-P, MWA
Julie Gerth, Life Flight
Jeff Johnston, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Jen Renner, HCA
William Elsaesser, MD, North Vista Hospital
Eric Anderson, MD, FES
Joyce Faltys, Spring Valley Hospital
Jaime Hernandez, CSN Student
Arturo Jimenez, CSN Student
Shay Kiviaho, CSN Student

Larry Johnson, EMT-P, MedicWest Ambulance
JoEllen Hannom, RN, CCFD
Steve Herrin, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue
Gerry Julian, Mercy Air
Jan Call, Life Flight
Stacy Dockery
Michael Devitte, EMT-P, AMR
James Holtz, RN, Valley Hospital
William Fiebig, RN, St. Rose Delima
Minta Albietz, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Jourdan Calimbas, CSN Student
Cody Racine, CSN Student
Melissa Doney, NCTI

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 11:01 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, 2010. 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.

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II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Report from Drug/Device/Protocol Committee

Dr. Heck stated reports are still pending from the Pediatric Airway and a Cardiac Protocol Workgroups that were formed to meet, review and report back to the Committee.

It was agreed to allow Mesquite Fire & Rescue to transport sexual assault victims to the closest appropriate facility but the Health District is compiling data to see whether this should be a system wide exemption for any transport greater than 50 miles from the urban area.

There was some discussion whether the initial dose of Narcan should read "titrated up to 2mg" but it was decided this should be addressed through an educational process.

It was noted that the Burn Protocol needed to be clarified by stating that adult burn patients with or without trauma go to the trauma center, pediatric burn patients without trauma go to the pediatric emergency department and pediatric burn patients with trauma go to the trauma center.

In the Foreword of the Protocol Manual it allows the use of medications that individuals may have on their own to treat life threatening emergencies with telemetry physician approval. There was some concern expressed that medics attempting to follow that provision in the Foreword called the telemetry physician and were denied the order, only to have the medication used when the patient arrived in the emergency department. The Committee agreed to make an exception concerning the need for telemetry contact for the use of Solu-Cortef in the treatment of Adrenal Insufficiency, other medications will still require telemetry contact.

It was discussed whether there is a need to look at directing medics to facilities that can best handle high risk pregnancies based on NICU and Labor & Delivery capacity. The EMSTS Office will pull data to look at what the available capacity is in the Valley and bring that to the next Drug/Device/Protocol Committee to revisit.

There were questions as to whether or not the route of administration for Magnesium Sulfate that is listed in the protocol manual is appropriate because most of the literature says it should be run over 5 minutes. Dr. Slattery volunteered to research that issue and bring back the recommendations to the Committee.

D25 will be deleted from the formulary since it was agreed at the last MAB to remove it from the inventory.

In the Vascular Access protocol it was agreed to delete the requirement for I/O to be attempted only after 90 seconds of trying to establish a peripheral IV to read "if a peripheral IV cannot be immediately established".

Dr. Henderson questioned if these changes would be voted on at this meeting. Dr. Heck stated that the protocol changes won't be put into effect until the next revision rollout. Dr. Henderson suggested approving Solu-Cortef at this time and to send it out as an update. All were in agreement.

Dr. Henderson made a motion to allow the exception for telemetry contact to be made for the use of Solu-Cortef in the treatment of adrenal insufficiency. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Dr. Slattery asked if Ms. Britt could contact the CARES Foundation to see if they have an educational presentation that could be used to educate the crews. Dr. Marino stated that the CARES Foundation announced on their website that Massachusetts was the 2nd state to add Solu-Cortef to their EMS system and they list Nevada

as developing protocols. Mr. Chetelat stated that a copy of a letter from the CARES Foundation thanking us for addressing their concerns is included in the member packets.

B. Discussion to Allow Mesquite Fire & Rescue to Transport Sexual Assault Victims to Dixie Regional Medical Center

Mr. Chetelat stated that this exception has already been granted.

C. Report from Aeromedical Taskforce

Troy Tuke reported that the Aeromedical Taskforce did meet in February and he was selected as the chair for this Taskforce. There were representatives from each of the agencies including both helicopter services interested in providing 911 responses in Clark County. It was decided to split the taskforce into 2 working groups; one to discuss the training standards and the other to discuss the operations.

D. Report from Aeromedical Training Standards Workgroup

Mr. Tuke reported that after reviewing the current Air Ambulance Service Regulation regarding minimum qualifications and hours for training, it was decided that no changes would be recommended to the regulation.

E. Report from Aeromedical Operations Workgroup

Mr. Tuke stated that this Workgroup agreed in principal that an inter-local agreement would be developed to make sure compliance and level of service agreed upon are maintained as they are written. There were some dispatching and other minor issues that still need to be worked out at the operations level. This Workgroup will be meeting again this month.

F. Discussion Regarding SNHD EMS Awards

Dr. Marino stated that Chief Evans is out of town. He added that he has spoke to all 3 major emergency groups including Fremont and they have all agreed to contribute some financial support to these awards. Mr. Chetelat stated that the Health District has put on an EMS Awards presentation for a number of years and this will enhance an existing program already in place with financial support.

Dr. Marino presented and reviewed his list of challenges/opportunities and proposed action items for the MAB to conquer in 2010 based on feedback he received from the EMS Agencies which were included as a handout for this meeting. He added that it has also been suggested to form a planning committee to develop a 5 to 10 year flexible clinical strategic plan in a continued effort of moving forward.

Dr. Carrison noted that UMC with Dr. Bledsoe will be trying to make Clark County a center for EMS training with the creation of an EMS Institute. Dr. Bledsoe has already met with Dr. Homansky regarding the critical care transport paramedic program at AMR. He added that they do plan on having an EMS Fellow in 2011 and it will probably be a 2 year fellowship for Emergency Medical Services. That Fellow will work with all EMS Agencies responding and getting involved in the research aspects of EMS in Clark County. He stated he would like to view this EMS Fellowship as being a Clark County EMS project. This will run out of the UMC Emergency Medicine Residency which was just accredited for 5 years.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

Update on Fee Changes

Mr. Chetelat stated that the Health District has directed him to look at the current fee structure for EMS. He did a study of the tasks necessary to complete the mission as defined by NRS, and under the direction of Dr. Sands, will meet with the City and County's elected officials that sit on the Board of Health (BOH) to seek their guidance regarding the current budget restraints. One of the proposals is to become a fee based system over the next 3 to 5 years but this year the fee impact to the agencies would be minimal if any since they would only be looking at filling in some gaps that are not currently covered under OEMSTS fee schedule. Chief Myers questioned the deadline for

Mr. Chetelat to report to the BOH. Mr. Chetelat stated that it should be on the agenda at the March Board of Health meeting.

Trish Beckwith informed the Board that the annual EMS Instructor Symposium sponsored by the Health District is going to be conducted this year in conjunction with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) Fire-Rescue-Med Conference. The Symposium is free of charge thanks to the sponsorship of DEMS and EPMG physician groups. The Symposium will be held on April 30, 2010 from 8:00am to 4:30pm at the Orleans Hotel with 5 nationally recognized speakers.

Chief Myers congratulated Dr. Carrison and UMC on their emergency medicine residency accreditation. He added that this is a big accomplishment that took a lot of effort over a long period of time.

Dr. Marino wanted to acknowledge and congratulate Dr. Slattery for taking on the position of curriculum chair for the National Association of EMS Physicians Conference for years 2012 and 2013. He stated that it is great for Las Vegas and Clark County to have that type of recognition on that committee.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business, Dr. Marino called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 11:21 a.m.