



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

TRANSFER OF CARE COMMITTEE

February 17, 2009 – 11:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chief Mike Myers, LVF&R
John Higley, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Catherine Ryan, St. Rose San Martin
David Embly, North Vista Hospital
James Holtz, RN, Valley Hospital
J.D. Melchiode, MountainView Hospital

Dan Petcavage, UMC (Alt)
Michelle Dimoff, Summerlin Hospital
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, CCFD
Fred Neujahr, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Jennifer Poyer, RN, Desert Springs Hospital
Andre Pastian, Boulder City Hospital

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mark Calabrese, EMT-P, MWA
Brian Rogers, EMT-P, HFD
Chief Kevin Nicholson, BCFD
Chad Henry, EMT-P, AMR
Amy Bochenek, Centennial Hills Hospital
Karla Perez, UHS
Virginia DeLeon, St. Rose de Lima

Jackie Levy, University Medical Center
Julie Siemers, Mercy Air Services
Sheila Mussotter, Mesa View Hospital
Patricia Hatcher, RN, Spring Valley Hospital
Gigi Pusateri, Southern Hills Hospital
Bruce Evans, EMT-P, NLVFD
Mary Ann Dube, St. Rose Siena

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Rory Chetelat, EMSTS Manager
Judy Tabat, Administrative Assistant

Lan Lam, Recording Secretary

I. CONSENT AGENDA

The Transfer of Care (TOC) Committee convened in the Clemens Room of the Ravenholt Public Health Center on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. Mr. Rory Chetelat called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m. and the Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Mr. Chetelat noted that a quorum was not present.

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Mr. Chetelat noted that the minutes could not be approved without a quorum.

II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

A. Elect a New Chairman

Mr. Chetelat stated this item will be discussed at the next meeting providing they had a quorum.

B. Review of Transfer of Care Data

Mr. Chetelat stated the reports have been consistent from month to month with regard to the percentage of time patients have been transferred within 30 minutes. He also stated that he now has access to reporting

capabilities through Commerx. Commerx opened access to a portal so that any reports written by Don Hales in Crystal Reports are loaded and data can be accessed.

In response to a question regarding whether a facility goal had been determined for the transference of patients, Mr. Myers responded 90% seems reasonable, but whether that is realistic or not is up for discussion between the facilities.

Ms. Ryan inquired whether a failure to call telemetry could be a contributing factor to the delays. Mr. Myers stated that the standard practice is moving away from telemetry calls by radio unless it's a critical call where they need to speak with a nurse or physician. The future of EMS is to move towards electronic care reporting where the information can be entered into a computer at the patient's side and sent to the receiving facility prior to the patient's arrival. The TOC program is the backbone to get it started.

C. Presentation of First Watch Program – Chief Mike Myers

Chief Myers noted that since there wasn't a quorum, the group would be unable to approve the quote presented from First Watch. He gave a presentation on the different uses and capabilities offered by First Watch. Chief Myers stated that if all the fire departments and private ambulance agencies got on board with electronic patient care reporting, it would open up more opportunities for the efficient transport of patients to receiving facility. It was noted that the quote provided by First Watch was \$23,600 (\$18,000 for development; \$5,600 for annual maintenance) to be divided between the 23 agencies. Education on the new program would be provided either by CD or posted on the Southern Nevada Health District's website.

D. Recommendations for Future Data Gathering

Mr. Chetelat asked the members to share the information provided with their prospective agencies. He noted that although Commerx has been obliging to the needs of the agencies, they're more expensive and the data is not accurate. Mr. James Holtz stated there was a consensus among those present at the AdHoc meeting to use First Watch. In the absence of a quorum, this item will be included on the next meeting's agenda.

E. Discussion of Preparation of Annual Report for Legislature

Mr. Chetelat asked whether the committee would like him to address any concerns before the State Legislature. He stated he would report that things have been steady and we're in the process of selecting an alternative process for the gathering of data. He added that he will notify the committee if called upon to give a report, as well as update the group on what would be reported on beforehand.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.