MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

TRANSFER OF CARE COMMITTEE

March 4, 2009 – 12:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Higley, Mesquite Fire & Rescue
Andre Pastian, Boulder City Hospital
James Holtz, RN, Valley Hospital
J.D. Melchiode, MountainView Hospital

Michelle Dimoff, Summerlin Hospital
Fred Neujahr, RN, Sunrise Hospital
Jennifer Poyer, RN, Desert Springs 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
Troy Tuke, EMT-P, CCFD
Virginia DeLeon, St. Rose de Lima
Chief Mike Myers, LVF&R
David Embly, North Vista Hospital

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
Catherine Ryan, St. Rose San Martin

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 Wednesday, March 4, 2009. Rory Chetelat called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.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 that Randy Howell, the former Chairman, retired from the Henderson Fire Department. He asked whether the Committee wanted to elect Brian Rogers, the current Vice Chairman, to Chair the Committee in the future. He noted that a decision could not be made without a quorum.

B. Recommendations for Future Data Gathering – First Watch or Commerx

Mr. Chetelat advised a decision will need to be made whether to continue service with Commerx for data gathering or switch to First Watch. Commerx charges $3,250 a month; the cost to switch to First Watch would include a one-time development fee of $18,000 and $5,600 per year for annual maintenance. Mr. Chetelat stated the Southern Nevada Health District has made a request for funds from a Public Health Preparedness Grant to be used for the $18,000 development fee. J.D. Melchiode noted this was the second time the Committee failed to meet the requirement for a quorum. He asked whether there were any alternatives for the members to vote to prevent further delay in the process. Mr. Chetelat stated that to do so would be in violation of the Nevada Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Melchiode asked whether First Watch has developed a system. Mr. Chetelat replied that First Watch provided an information packet which includes a quote and demonstration, and to the best of his knowledge the system could be up and running in a matter of weeks. However, an addition needs to be made to the checkout button on the hospitals' computers. Mr. Melchiode expressed a desire to have a field where hospital personnel would be able to input their name or ID #. Mr. Chetelat agreed to pursue this option and report back at the next meeting.

Mr. Melchiode questioned whether state legislation requirements will be met if they decide to switch to First Watch. Mr. Chetelat stated that he and Chief Mike Myers discussed this issue and do not believe they will be in violation. He noted that Chief Myers is investigating whether the CAD data from Mesquite and Boulder City Fire can be incorporated with the First Watch data.

Mr. Melchiode inquired about First Watch's reporting capabilities. Mr. Chetelat replied that the data can be downloaded into Excel format so he assumes it can be used to develop various reports. He will follow up with Chief Myers and report back. He added that he has reviewed data from three fire departments utilizing the First Watch software and found that it offered more information than what is visible on the screen. First Watch provides all the data associated with the call, including latitude and longitude, which enables GIS mapping. In the future this function may be utilized by hospitals to estimate the time of arrival, as well as time of arrival to time of transfer of care. Fred Neujahr related that a trial study done at Sunrise Hospital showed an average time of 4.5 minutes from time of arrival to transfer of care. The time started when the ambulance wheels stopped in the ambulance bay. Mr. Chetelat suggested they use 4.5 to 5 minutes as the target time.

III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

None

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.