



**MINUTES**

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM**

**TRANSFER OF CARE COMMITTEE**

**April 7, 2010 – 11:00 A.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Brian Rogers, Chairman, HFD  
Troy Tuke, RN, NREMT-P, CCFD  
James Holtz, RN, Valley Hospital  
J.D. Melchiode, MountainView Hospital  
Erin Robinson, RN, Mesa View Hospital  
Wade Sears, MD, Sunrise Hospital

Ken Taylor, EMT-P, LVF&R (alt)  
Sam Kaufman, Desert Springs Hospital  
Jennifer Poyer, RN, Desert Springs Hospital  
John Higley, Mesquite Fire & Rescue  
Joyce Faltys, Spring Valley Hosp (alt)

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Fred Neujahr, RN, Sunrise Hospital  
Mark Calabrese, EMT-P, MWA  
Chief Kevin Nicholson, BCFD  
Catherine Ryan, St. Rose San Martin Hospital  
David Embly, RN, North Vista Hospital  
Andre Pastian, Boulder City Hospital  
Kristine Bruning, RN, Summerlin Hospital  
Amy Bochenek, RN, Centennial Hills Hospital

Jackie Levy, University Medical Center  
Cheryl Bromley, RN, Mercy Air Services  
Gigi Pusateri, Southern Hills Hospital  
Chief Bruce Evans, NLVFD  
Patricia Hatcher, RN, Spring Valley Hosp  
Mary Ann Dube, RN, St. Rose Siena Hospital  
Chad Henry, EMT-P, AMR  
Chief Mike Myers, LVF&R

**SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Rory Chetelat, EMSTS Manager  
Trish Beckwith, EMS Field Rep.  
Lan Lam, Recording Secretary

Mary Ellen Britt, Regional Trauma Coordinator  
John Hammond, EMS Field Rep.  
Judy Tabat, Administrative Assistant

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Melissa Doney, NCTI

Chris Booth, NCTI

**CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

The Transfer of Care (TOC) Committee convened in the Clemens Conference Room at the Ravenholt Public Health Center at 11:04 a.m. on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Rogers. 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 Rogers noted that a quorum was not present.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

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Chairman Rogers noted that minutes cannot be approved without a quorum.

## **II. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. Review of Transfer of Care Data**

Rory Chetelat referenced a handout for the 2009 data with results showing that the facilities have been compliant 70% of the time. Mr. Chetelat noted that the system didn't go live until April 2009 so the data is skewed. He stated that the system has been operating consistently at 85% in the past four months, with average transport times between 19 and 21 minutes.

Jennifer Poyer stated that Desert Springs Hospital had a few days where the TOC screen was black in March so this may have an impact on the numbers reported. Mr. Chetelat advised that the data presented has been adjusted for outliers. He removed all the negative numbers in addition to calls lasting over 2.5 hours. He encouraged hospitals to close out their calls as this will improve their offload times.

Chairman Rogers stated that there was a desire expressed to meet with the Legislature to request that the mandate on compliance be relieved. He stated that if it is the Committee's desire to approach the Legislature to advise that the compliance mandate is no longer needed; he'd like to show numbers that prove they're 90% compliant as this is the tolerable threshold. He questioned whether a Bill Draft Request is required and if so, it will need to be submitted by November or December. Mr. Chetelat recalled that it required a letter from the Committee but stated that he will check and report back to the Committee.

Sam Kaufman pointed out that there is one hospital not meeting the 30 minute threshold. Mr. Chetelat advised that this facility only closes out 15% of their calls and it would be advantageous for the system if they did.

Mr. Rogers reiterated that although there are plans to take the Legislature out of the mix, he'd like to continue to utilize the software for reporting capabilities. James Holtz agreed that it would allow for hospitals to build on for improvement in other areas.

### **B. Ongoing Support of First Watch Software Fees**

Mr. Chetelat stated he received an annual bill for First Watch. Nevada Hospital Association (NHA) paid this bill and the next one will be due April 2011. He stated the NHA has agreed to continue to write the check so an invoice should be anticipated for the next annual bill. Mr. Chetelat stated that when a quorum is present, he intends to propose excluding Mesquite Fire & Rescue and Boulder City Fire along with their hospitals. Currently the bill is \$5,600 per year divided by 18 pay sources.

## **III. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY**

None

## **IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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