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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
ER Command Center
Cox Medical Center South
Springfield, MO
November 21, 2014

Members Present	Appointment	Guests
Bob Patterson, Chair	11/01	Lana Martin
Susan Crum	11/01	Jason Martin
Janet Jordan	5/08	Velvet Shoults
Mark Alexander	11/01	Kristie Kellermann
Jami Blackwell		Lee Varner
Jack Bates		Mary Ann Huff
Larry Beatty		Matthew Aumiller
		Jenna Hicks
		James Cooper
		Kelly Weber
		Jeff Ward
		Deb Mergen
		Grace Potter
		Shelia Russell
		Jeff Hawkins
		Heidi Clark
		Russ Conroy
		Denny Baier

Lunch Presentation
A lunch presentation entitled "To Give or Not to Give" was provided by Dr. Bucky Buckner, CoxHealth. Trauma CEU's were provided. Thank you to CoxHealth for providing lunch today.

Call to Order
Bob Patterson, Chair, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1300. Welcome and introductions were made.

Establish Quorum/ Review Agenda
A quorum was established. The agenda was approved with no changes. Bob mentioned that we have 3 remaining openings on the committee. Submitted one today (Jeff Hawkins) to Les Jobe. That leaves the committee with 2 vacancies.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes
Minutes from the September 19, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Jack Bates; seconded by Larry Beatty. No noted revisions or corrections.

Old Business:
TCD Update and Report from Subcommittee
- STEMI (Mary Ann Huff) – Process of wrapping us their PI project (EMS activation for non-transfers). Addressing EMS standard core competencies. Plan to have educators at next meeting and come up with a consistent education program (receive CEU's). Include

classroom or on-line training. What is the trust level of EMS interpreting EKGs in the field?

- <u>Stroke</u> (Deb Mergen) – PI Indicators: Documentation of Last Known Well (LKW) is better. Patient contact information still lacking. Possibility of building this data into EMRs?
- <u>Trauma</u> (Jami Blackwell; Velvet Shoults) – group is working on Fluid Resuscitation *guidelines.* Have had a hold up on pediatric BP standards; plan to have ready by next month. QI indicators will be total IV fluids given in the field. For anything greater than 2000 ml mark, chart will be pulled.
Next project will be TBI Clinical Practice Guidelines in the Prehospital Environment.

<u>Legislative/SAC Update</u> – Mark Alexander
- EMS Field Bill to be refiled after first of the year
- At the federal level, enhanced fees were started by President Bush. AAA trying to achieve a permanent process. Issue as an industry is that costs are not truly known.
- State level – *amended* version of community paramedic regulation submitted to SAC last month. Looking at other community paramedic modules. Will have to be an ambulance service to be able to do community paramedics.
- 911 legislation and consolidation of PSAPs ongoing
- SAC meets next Tuesday. Legislative meets that a.m.

<u>SAC Air Subcommittee Update</u> – HELP posters, developed by MOAAMS, were available for distribution.

<u>Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update</u> – Russ Conroy (spoke briefly on the following topics)
- Tabletop exercise by the Coalition, occurred on 10/4/14
- Meeting this a.m. → 2015 calendar
- Tabletop exercise scheduled for 2/17/15
- Seeking increased participation in the Coalition by EMS
- Simulation tool – Joplin – clinical operation of move to a new hospital
- Biological response Excel spreadsheet
- Potential Ebola patient at hospital outside St. Louis. Nurse who returned from Liberia; began running fever; drove to the hospital. Ebola test initially negative. Now self-monitoring.

<u>EMS Mutual Aid Updates</u> – Bob Patterson
Bob believes has all the mutual aid agreements now signed. Strike teams on alert to potentially respond to the Ferguson area. Mutual aid teams would backfill the St. Louis area.

<u>Medical Director Update</u> – Dr. Janet Jordan
Dr. Jordan announced her upcoming retirement. Dr. Jordan complimented the committee on what all it has accomplished.

<u>PSO Updates</u> – Lee Varner, Center for Patient Safety
Lee gave a PSO update and explained what the PSO does. EMS doesn't have peer protection for safety and quality issues. The PSO provides federal protection around safety and quality. Also data collection for adverse events, near misses, and unsafe conditions. Goal is to learn from these and provide information back to EMS agencies. Will continue to reach out to EMS

agencies to participate. Now have signed contracts with two large agencies – Air Evac and Paramedics Plus. This will provide a nice mix of data from across the country.

PSO also issues safety alerts and watches. PSO Webinars started this year. Series of Webinars on quality and best practices planned for 2015 (free). Just Culture efforts – 4 classes planned for 2015. Critical foundation on where we want to move in EMS.

Annual EMS Patient Safety conference held last week.

Lee provided handouts on 'Event Categories' and 'Harm Levels'.

Other Business:

- 2015 Meeting Dates: plan to stay on same bi-monthly meeting cycle. Next meeting to be 1/23/15. Bob will send out meeting sign-up list.
- Regional Education Offerings:
  o Per James Cooper, Freeman hosting EKG classes (Bob Page) and STEMI education. Location will be Downstream Casino. Dates of 2/16/15 and 2/17/15.
  o ABLS class at Mercy, 11/26/14 (?)

Other Announcements:

Mark Alexander visited with the stroke group regarding what to do when Level I stroke facilities come on board, and the Level 2 and 3 facilities have not been reviewed yet. This will lead to a source of confusion for EMS. May need to look at reviewing our region's plan. Will plan on raising the question at next week's SAC meeting.

Deb Mergen/Grace Potter will bring a map of stroke designated facilities for the next committee meeting.

Next Meeting Date: January 23, 2015; location TBD.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1406.

 Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN