

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2008
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

Kim Doyle	Olympic	Rhonda Roberts	KCEMS
Barb Lovato	KCEMS	Elizabeth Gonzalez	KCEMS
Steve Engle	NKFR	John Burch	PSNS
Butch Lundin	BIFD	Mike Wernet	SKFR
Stan Plyler	BFD	Joe Hoffman	KCEMS
Thomas O'Donohue	PFD	Scott Steil	NRNW
Jay Lovato	CKFR		

Called to order by Chairperson Kim Doyle at 10:07 am.

I. Approval of November 21, 2007 Minutes

Jay made a motion to approve November's minutes as written, motion seconded by Stan. Minutes were approved as written.

II. Old Business

A. Protocols

Steve informed the group of the status of the protocols. The protocol committee will meet the following Tuesday to review the document for drug dosages and proofreading for any spelling errors. He asked Dr. Hoffman to review the protocols. Dr. Hoffman agreed to review the protocols and give feedback to the committee.

B. Pharmacy Update

Mike, Steve and Stan met with the head pharmacist at Harrison Hospital. They continue to discuss with Harrison Pharmacy on disposing of controlled substance waste. Elizabeth informed Dr. Hoffman of the background of working with Harrison on this issue. Elizabeth also informed the group the DEA certificates will change from Dr. Brammer to Dr. Hoffman.

III. New Business

A. CPAP Presentation

Brian Shepler, NREMTP of Emergent Respiratory Products presented to the group a CPAP Port O₂ Vent machine that his company offers. He informed the group that studies have shown by using the CPAP machine it can reduce intubations by 50-85%. It can also be used on DNR patients. He presented a CD with protocols from several states to review. For more information please contact Brian at bshepler@eresp.com or 206-877-2955.

B. BLS OTEP Scenarios

The BLS OTEP modules are now available online. Stan will convene the Testing & Standards committee to create the scenarios for the modules. Jay suggested having Joe Schweiger work with the committee. Please email the order covered of BLS OTEP modules if not following the order Kitsap County EMS office presents.

C. MPD Sign off online

Jay verified with Elizabeth and Dr. Hoffman that someone was reviewing and electronically signing the online applications for the state. Dr. Hoffman verified he was reviewing and signing online for our county.

D. New RCW about Protocols

Mike advised the group the Kitsap Special Assault Investigation & Victim's Service (SAIVS) is creating a committee for creating a new state protocol in dealing with potential victims of child abuse. They would like individuals from the EMS/Fire field to be involved creating this new protocol with a potential roll out date of July 1, 2008. Elizabeth volunteered to represent Kitsap County at this meeting.

Elizabeth also informed the group the Child Death Review is also reviewing on dealing with SIDS babies. When the babies should be left at the scene or taken to the hospital. Barb asked the group if this is a good item to present at Base Station Meeting. The group decided that if March is available for this subject it would be a good time to present it.

Kim also informed the group the as of June 1, 2008 shoulder straps have to be used on patients.

Kim also discussed currently in legislation is a mandate for all units (BLS and ALS) to carry Glucagon. She said she would forward the information to Rhonda to distribute to the group.

E. Electronic Reporting

Kim questioned the group on the effect of electronic reporting and the QA committees. Stan discussed with the group the three agencies that are currently using Emergency Reporting are working together to a smother transition. Mike updated the group that there is a meeting with Harrison to discuss the reports that they need. He stated that they are working on the best way to get the reports to the hospital and QA committees with all the information they need to review. Mike stated they will continue to work on resolving this issue.

F. Signature Requirements

Kim informed the committee that as of January 1 Medicare will require a signature from receiving hospital to accept billing from ambulance agencies. It must have the date, time and signed by an authorized representative of the hospital. Mike notified the group there can be an admission sheet attached for verification too.

G. Agency Inspections

Kim informed the group that the state is starting to conduct ambulance/agency inspections. The state will call 24 hours before inspection. They will check that ambulances are carrying state required equipment. They will also review MIR and certifications. Barb suggested to the group to review who the state has working for each agency.

H. Staff Report

- Barb informed the group she is currently working with Tom DiDonna to teach a PALS class in March or April. She is working with Paul Berlin for the next ACLS-EP class. She reported to the group the paramedics requested a Paramedic Skills Enhancement course. She offered this class awhile ago and the paramedics enjoyed it. They have put in requests for topics to cover. The format of this course is three one hour lectures in the morning and in the afternoon there are lab sessions. It is a one day course for eight hours.
- Elizabeth informed the group she has changed to a part-time schedule. She will be available via email and her cell phone. She handed out the new Tacoma Trauma Calendar for 2008. She asked everyone to view the Kitsap County EMS website. She has added a message for providers.

She informed the group that there is currently an EMT class. It is Monday-Thursday 0900-1400 hrs. Please be aware that students will contact to complete their required ride alongs. Joe Schweiger requested from the state a variance for Kitsap County to remove the hospital time required. It was approved by the state. The students will now have an orientation of the ER at Harrison by Joe Schweiger and focus on the ride alongs. The group asked if there is more ride along hours required now. Elizabeth replied she would email out the information to the agencies.

IV. Good of the Order

Steve informed the group that North Kitsap Fire & Rescue is interested in offering a 40 hour refresher course in September or October. He needs to have 20 more individuals interested in the course for it to run. Please contact Steve if individuals would like to attend.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:49 am

Next meeting will be scheduled for February 20, 2008 at 10:00 am room 247.