

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2008
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

Kim Doyle	Olympic	Mike Wernet	SKFR
Barb Lovato	KCEMS	Jay Lovato	CKFR
Steve Engle	NKFR	Joseph Hoffman, MD	KCEMS
Stan Plyler	BFD	Joe Schweiger	KCEMS
Rhonda Roberts	KCEMS	Elizabeth Gonzalez	KCEMS
John Burch	PSNS		

Called to order by Chairperson Kim Doyle at 10:17 am.

I. Approval of February 21, 2008 Minutes

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

II. Old Business

A. Protocols Updates

Steve updated the group that he met with Dr. Bennett. Dr. Bennett informed Steve he would have his decision on the protocols the 1st or 2nd week of April.

Last Thursday the NW Region released their new protocols. It cost \$17 for a small book. Steve has talked to Kinko's for pricing on our protocol books the following are the prices:

8 ½ x 11	38.88 per copy (color)
8 ½ x 11	7.82 per copy (black & white)
5 x 7	22.16 per copy (color)
5 x 7	5.26 per copy (black & white)

This is the quote that Steve received using 160 color pages with 200 color copies and 300 black & white copies. This quote was without binding. They are able to spiral binding at the cost of \$1.49 per book. The group asked Steve if he received any other quotes. They suggested PIP printing or Blue Sky. Steve said he would check these places.

Elizabeth asked Steve if there were any other critical pages that need color except the pediatric section. Steve informed the group he would review to see if there is the need for color. Elizabeth informed the group that when she discussed with Dr. Bennett he gave a 90 day time frame of deciding about the protocols.

B. Transporting injured K-9 Officers (Dog)

Stan spoke with Mike Lopez at the Department of Health. Mike's concern is the medics would work out of their scope of practice. This would include giving the animal oxygen. Steve informed the group that he talked to his friend in King County Police force. He said they would put the dog into another vehicle and go. Elizabeth informed the group that this is not our jurisdiction.

C. Strategic Plan Goals

Stan handed out from the Chief's the Kitsap County Medical Services Division Strategic Plan 2008. The group discussed the plan. John discussed that all but one of the goals are subjective with no measurable outcome. Kim asked is there an opportunity for us to be involved in developing these goals. Stan informed the group that he attend the Chief's meeting and can bring back the information to the Chief's.

Kim asked what the appropriate group to discuss this strategic plan is. Should it be the EMS Operations Meeting or the EMS Council? The group decided EMS Operations Meeting is the appropriate group to work on these strategic plans. Elizabeth suggested we bring to the next CBD meeting the Cencom issue of reducing ALS to BLS downgrades by 25% based on IDC and patient disposition codes. Elizabeth also informed the group that the MPD would be the person to define ALS OTEP. Dr. Hoffman offered informed the group he has required, in Mason County, the medics attend a 4-hour class per month for the ALS group. Elizabeth suggested that next month they discuss the structure of the OTEP programs.

D. Planning Day

Kim informed the group the tentative date for Planning Day is May 28. She would like to focus the next EMS Operations Meeting on items to focus on at Planning Day. Everyone agreed to work on that at the next meeting.

III. New Business

A. Glidescope Ranger Verathon Medical

Alex Ramberg of Verathon Medical presented the GlideScope Ranger the video laryngoscope. They have made an adaptation of the operating room GlideScope Ranger able to be used in the field. Individuals using this scope have a 99% successful placement of endotracheal tubes. He left information with Rhonda if anyone is interested. His contact information is alex@verathon.com or 503-318-9871.

B. QA/QI formats

Mike discussed with the group what changes need to be made to standardizing forms across the agencies. Five of the agencies are now computerized and it is a challenge for the QA committees to review the MIRs. Elizabeth asked is it best to print and submit to the KCEMS office via mail or fax? Do we need to do bench marking with each agency individually with the MPD? Dr. Hoffman discussed with the group with the changes in reporting the QA policy should be re-written. Joe Schweiger informed the group that the BLS QA committee members have voiced a high frustration working with the computer for QA Review. They are asking if they could get print outs. Kim asked who the appropriate group to deal with this QA issue is. Elizabeth said it should be this group and the MPD.

Jay said that we will need the Chief's to be behind this too. Elizabeth agreed with Jay on this thought. Mike suggested we need focus on the future not the past. Elizabeth suggested this should be handled with the MPD and the Medical Officers. Dr. Hoffman informed the group that he will forward this issue to Dr. Bennett and work with him to create a new QA plan. Elizabeth discussed the need for this to go to the council. Mike suggested getting feedback from the QA committees. Everyone agreed this would be good idea. Kim asked Rhonda to email out the QA Plan policy.

C. Expired Controlled Substances

Stan informed the group that he is still working with Louann on this issue with Harrison Pharmacy. Jay informed the group that he is currently working with Albertson's Pharmacy. Dr. Hoffman discussed that Dr. Bennett is going to meet with the head pharmacist at Harrison Hospital.

D. Base Station Meeting

Kim discussed with the group about requiring the BLS to watch the base station meeting videos. Stan discussed this would need to be in writing as a policy in order to enforce it. Barb suggested talking to Elizabeth about how to put out to the BLS community. Dr. Hoffman asked what would be the remediation plan if they do not watch the base station meetings?

E. Staff Report

- Barb informed the group she is working on getting another PALS class together. She is looking no later than the end of May. The EMT class will start April 7.
- Joe Schweiger asked the group for feedback on the students ride alongs. The state requires five patient contact and five patient write-ups. He is currently waiting until after they go over the patient review portion of the curriculum before sending them out for their five ride alongs. He is also looking into doing an IV Tech class.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:56 pm

Next meeting will be scheduled for April 16, 2008 at 10:00 am.