

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2008
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

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| Barb Lovato | KCEMS | Thomas O'Donohue | PFD |
| Stan Plyler | BFD | Joe Repar | CKFR |
| Rhonda Roberts | KCEMS | Martin Bennett, MD | KCEMS |
| John Burch | PSNS | Steve Engle | NKFR |

Called to order by Vice Chair Steve Engle at 10:11 am.

I. Approval of July 16, 2008 Minutes

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| Stan made a motion to approve July's minutes as written, motion seconded by Dr. Bennett. Minutes were approved as written. |
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II. Old Business

A. Protocols Updates

Steve updated the group that Dr. Bennett and he are doing some last minute changes and then it will be submitted to the printers. Tom informed Steve that Shane Anderson had some issues he noticed about the protocols and would like to talk to either Dr. Bennett or Steve. Steve said he would contact Shane and discuss the changes that he is asking for with Dr. Bennett.

Steve's projected date of deliver is October 2.

B. Expired Medications (HMC Pharmacy)

Dr. Bennett discussed with the group the new policy for expired medications. The Harrison Hospital drop off is now the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Tom discussed with the group the time commitment he would have to use the Harrison pharmacy. Dr. Bennett said he would review the data that Tom is submitting and would make a determination if he is going to make an amendment to the new policy allowing the use of Kitsap Pharmacy in Central Market.

Dr. Bennett asked the group how many of Zofran vial/PO and Terbutaline vials they are going to need. He would like to send the numbers to the Harrison Pharmacy in order for them to have the stock. He asked Rhonda to send out an email to the Medical Officers to get the numbers.

C. Recerts

Kim asked Steve to relay that she spoke with Mike Lopez and he states that certifications and recertifications are taking 30-45 days. EMS has merged with 60 other departments. Dental assistants are now required to be certified and they all submitted applications in July, which overloaded the system.

Steve also suggested the agencies check with Rene Williams, NWEMS, to make sure their ambulances are correctly labeled. He has found that most have been labeled as aid agencies instead of ambulance agencies.

D. Guidelines for EMS Response & Transport Requests Staff

The skilled nursing video has been discussed at council. It was decided to give this to the Health Care Facilities committee. Barb informed the group that she discussed the possibility of Nicole, of Dynamic Video, filming the video. Nicole said she would be willing to do this and she could give a price after she sees what needs to be filmed.

III. New Business

A. Diastat Valium

Steve discussed with the group that some of the schools have seizure patients that are on diastat valium. He asked Dr. Bennett if we need to have a protocol for diastat valium or should we use our protocols for seizure patients? Dr. Bennett talked with the state about this issue. They told him he could do a base station meeting to train the medics and that should cover their training needs. The group decided that would be the best way to cover this issue. Dr. Bennett will do a base station meeting possibly in November.

B. Feedback Proposal

Tom presented to the group a possible feedback tool to use with the ER physicians. They would attach it to the run sheet to have the doctor call them back. Joe replied that it should be the medic contacting the doctors for follow up, but the sheet attached to the run report was a good idea. Dr. Bennett brought up this topic with the ER physicians and they are very willing to give feedback for any patient. The medic can contact them later. Joe suggested the medic request when the doctor is off shift and follow up with him before he gets off shift. Dr. Bennett suggests we try it. Joe suggested changing the last line from contact number to chief complaint, age, and sex. Tom will make changes and send new form to Rhonda to distribute.

C. Disposal of Demerol

Steve asked Dr. Bennett if we can start disposing of the Demerol. Steve suggested that the medic disposes it and the medical officer witness it. They send an unusual incident report to the KCEMS office. Dr. Bennett agreed this would work for him.

D. Staff Updates

- BLS Coordinator

Barb presented for Joe. He is working with the OTEP practicals he plans to get to the Medical Officers in November and be done and ready to go January 1, 2009.

He is writing a new three year ALS OTEP plan. He plans to have it by October for approval

He is working on scheduling the 2009 training schedule. He would like to have the whole year planned for the EMT-B, EMT IV-Tech, ACLS & PALS classes.

The testing and standards committee is working on the new ALS & BLS protocol test. They would like to do all the ALS tests at the January BSM. Anyone missing BSM will take the test at their agencies.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:31 am

Next meeting will be scheduled for October 15, 2008 at 10:00 am.