

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2010
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

Barb Lovato	KCEMS	Mike Wernet	SKFR
Rhonda Roberts	KCEMS	Steve Engle	NKFR
Joe Repar	CKFR	Mick McKinley	BFD
Lori Bisping	KCEMS	Martin Bennett	MPD
Butch Lundin	BIFD	Joseph Schweiger	KCEMS
John Burch	PSNS		

Called to order by Chair Mike Wernet at 10:03 am.

I. Approval of March 17, 2010 Minutes

Joe Repar made a motion to approve March's minutes as written, motion seconded by Steve. Minutes were approved as written.

II. Old Business

A. Base Station Remediation Policy

The Base Station Remediation Policy was presented. There was discussion concerning remediation for providers who do not attend the clinical trainings. Mike will contact Melissa, TCC Coordinator, to check on an option where the providers could go to TCC and complete clinical training with the TCC students.

Barb will make suggested changes to the policy and bring it to the May meeting.

B. MCI Plan

The layout of the MCI plan is adequate. There are some areas that need clarification. One of these areas is the evaluation of deployment. This group will focus on the deployment aspect. At the May meeting the group will review the whole document and make suggested changes.

Barb will contact Harrison for their representative to attend the May meeting.

III. New Business

A. Epinephrine Update

Dr. Bennett voiced reservations on the BLS providers administering epinephrine on pediatric patients. This is a rare occurrence in the field. The suggestion is to add this statement to the protocol: "EMT-B Base station contact prior to any administering epinephrine"

Steve will make the change and bring to the May meeting.

B. Medical Officers for BFD and PFD

Assistant Chief Mick McKinley will attend for Bremerton Fire Department.

Chief Dan Olson has asked that information for Poulsbo Fire Department be sent to him at this time and he will forward the information. He anticipates a representative for Poulsbo by the May meeting.

C. QI

Lori has been reading the draft changes to the WAC/RCW. She informed everyone the updated WAC/RCW will require the providers have a full patient chart to the hospital within 24 hours. The finalization of the WACs/RCWs will be at the State's May 11 meeting.

The WAC/RCW changes will also affect the quality improvement process. In order for the QI process to be covered under the legal non-discoverable clause it will have to be either cardiac cases, trauma cases, neurological cases, or the MPD reviewing to ensure the providers are following protocols. The county will have to follow the regional quality improvement plan. These charts will also need to be completely cleaned of identifiers, such as, patient name, address, provider's name, birth date or any other identifier.

Lori requests when charts are sent in for review the 12-Lead strips are attached.

Terri, from SKFR, created a spreadsheet for Lori with the IDCs she needs for chart review. Lori is able to access SKFR's electronic reporting, with this spreadsheet she is able to look for specific calls without having all of the calls that month printed. Terri has offered to train other individuals at the different agencies on creating their own spreadsheets.

D. Documentation Policy

Joe Repar will send out the documentation policy via email for review. Bring feedback to the May meeting.

E. Vending Machines

Joe Repar asked if there is interest in purchasing a medication vending machine as a group. He will send out an email with the estimated cost, per agency, to purchase the vending machine.

F. Staff Updates

1. Program Manager

Barb announced the Assistant Attorney General is removing dispatching from the MPDs responsibility.

Barb discussed Senate Bill 5516 allowing anyone to administer naloxone. She suggested writing a policy for providers to follow the protocols when they are on shift.

There is a change in the RCW/WAC on how medications are stored. It states to follow what the manufacturer's recommend for storage.

2. Training Coordinator

Joe announced the following upcoming classes:

ACLS is April 30. It will be a basic renewal ACLS class.

ACLS for EMTs is May 7. The cost is \$75.

EMT Skills Seminar is May 8. The cost will be \$35. This will cover spinal clearance, extraction, high density CPR, patient assessment, WAC changes, and a lunchtime roundtable.

Assessment and Treatment of Trauma is May 17. The cost will be \$75. This is a one day class with a prerequisite of a two hour online course before the class. This will be open to ALS providers and experienced EMTs.

EPC is June 11. The cost will be \$150. This will be a one day class with a prerequisite of an eight hour online course before the class.

Intensive Airway Class is June 25. The cost will be \$75.00. Joe is working with the State to have this course cover the intubation requirement for the medics.

The State does not require that the county stick to a three year OTEP Plan. If we want to make any changes to our OTEP Plan we just need to submit paperwork to the State to make the change.

Joe is looking into the possibility of using www.emsjane.com as an OTEP for medics.

Joe discussed the attendance at the 12-Lead class was 8 in county medics. He asked for feedback from the medics and they replied they did not get the notice. Joe will be sending out the class announcements now on our Facebook page, email to the medics directly, and posting at the hospital.

The National Registry EMT Exam was taken by our first group. The national average pass rate for the test is 66%, the State is 73%, and our county is a 94% pass rate. The pass rate for the last class was 100%, but we have had individuals take the test from the previous year's class that did not pass.

3. MPD

The Protocol Committee will be meeting at noon on April 28.

IV. Good of the Order

1. It is Administrative Professional's Day and Barb thanked Rhonda for all her hard work.
2. Joe Repar informed that CKFR had an issue with the police on the removal of handcuffs.
3. Steve, Lori, and Doug Baier attended the Resuscitation Academy. Steve suggested Dr. Bennett attend the academy if he is able.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:39 pm

Next meeting will be scheduled for May 19, 2010 at 10:00 am.