

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council EMS Operational Meeting Minutes

May 19, 2010
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

Attendees:

Barb Lovato	KCEMS	Mike Wernet	SKFR
Rhonda Roberts	KCEMS	Steve Engle	NKFR
Joe Repar	CKFR	Kim Doyle	Olympic
Butch Lundin	BIFD	Martin Bennett	MPD
John Burch	PSNS	Joseph Schweiger	KCEMS

Called to order by Chair Mike Wernet at 10:04 am.

I. Approval of April 21, 2010 Minutes

Joe R. made a motion to approve April's minutes with change, motion seconded by Steve. Minutes were approved with change.

II. Old Business

A. Base Station Remediation Policy

Policy was reviewed. Mike has not received feedback from Tacoma Community College (TCC) on the access for the paramedics to attend for the clinical classes. He will contact TCC again for an answer.

Dr. Bennett will check with Louann Bean about paramedics shadowing doctors at the Emergency Room to make up for missed base station labs. The group will review policy at June's meeting.

B. MCI Plan

The group reviewed the first 10 pages of the MCI plan. A Harrison Hospital representative was unable to attend the meeting. Barb will call Louann Bean to ask for the appropriate person to attend this meeting. Barb will request the individual attend the June meeting.

Mike suggested a sub-committee meet to focus on deployment and numbers for deployment. Mike will set up table top exercises for the sub-committee to clarify deployment issues.

The group will continue to review the document at the June meeting. After completion one of the group will follow-up with Cencom to update the run cards.

C. Documentation Policy

Joe R. presented the rough draft of the documentation policy. The group changed the title from "Prehospital Patient Care Records" to "Patient Care Documentation Policy." After reviewing and making changes to the Purpose and Policy statements the group will review the rest at the June meeting. Joe R. will make changes to the document and email it to Rhonda to send out to the group.

III. New Business

A. Staff Updates

Training Coordinator

Joe S. reported Kitsap County EMS trained EMT's have scored an average of 94% on the National Registry EMT test. Joe is working with Brady to continue this pass rate.

ACLS for Paramedics class was completed on April 30. There were 22 medics and a physician assistant. This was the "basic" class (instead of the experienced provider course). It was "basic" ACLS because of algorithm compliance issues noted in QI. The next ACLS class will be October 22.

ACLS for EMTs class completed May 7. There were 23 students from all over the region at the class. We had to turn students away from the class after the sign up date. Joe S. will look at doing another class in the fall.

EMT Skills Seminar was May 8. We had 10 EMTs (4 working EMTs and 6 recent students). There was great feedback from the individuals who attend the class. Joe will look at possibly trying to put this class on in the future.

Advanced Assessment and Treatment of Trauma was on May 17. There were only 9 students (7 EMTs and 2 medics plus 4 instructor trainers). The advanced class was too complicated for the EMTs it frustrated both EMTs and the paramedics in the class. Joe S. would like to refine the teaching stations to make them more valuable. There will be a basic version of the class coming soon. The EMTs will find it more valuable. Joe said a special thanks to T.J. Bishop for his input on the class.

Emergency Pediatric Care will be June 11. This class will be for paramedics only. It is a hybrid class with 8 hours of online and 8 hours of classroom time. Joe S. suggest after the medics received the certification that it accounts for their PALS certification plus 8 hours towards their 50 hours of CME. Please make sure the paramedics sign up soon so they can do their 8 hours online before the class starts.

Intensive Airway class will be June 24. This course will take material from Pierce County's Intensive Airway Course, "The Difficult Airway Course", and TCC's paramedic difficult airway class. Joe S. is still waiting to hear the results of Pierce County's pilot program to replace the ET number requirement for paramedics.

The next EMT class's date is still to be determined. Joe S. is starting to put together the curriculum in accordance with the new WAC 246-976.

Barb requested the group encourage the medics to attend the classes we offer here at the office for their CME requirements. Joe R will speak at the next Base Station meeting to remind the paramedics of the CME requirements and what counts towards those hours.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:35 pm

Next meeting will be scheduled for June 16, 2010 at 10:00 am.