

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council Medical Officers Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2006
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

ATTENDEES:

Elizabeth Gonzalez	KCEMS	John Burch	PSNS
Tim Gates	NKFR	Rachel Kaperick	KCEMS
Cliff Wilson	SKFR	Stan Plyler	BFD
Mark Eisenberg	KCEMS	Bob Morse	NRNW

1. New Business

A. Third party evaluators

Agencies have continued to request assistance with OTEP evaluations. The EMS office was informed that the unions are opposing outside evaluations and will not be volunteering to assist the rest of the county. The EMS office will schedule the current cadre of OTEP evaluators for agencies as requested.

B. AHA Guidelines Roll Out

The EMS office is requesting agencies NOT delay AHA update training. The Regional protocols do not need to be in print prior to providing training to the new guidelines.

SKFR will be hosting an AHA update class for instructors May 9th.

C. Pediatric Defibrillation

Not available for peds – Region still has AED's available for excellent price – contact Anice

D. Airway RSI

Due to an ongoing concern RSI being used and or performed appropriately; Dr. Eisenberg is requesting additional reports, year to date and then monthly thereafter, to include any intubation, use of Succinylcholine, Rocuronium, Etomidate, insertion of a Combitube, and or surgical airway (cricothyrotomy) – through review we hope to find out what the compliance issue is.

E. Airlift Reports

Just a gentle reminder that those reports are requested monthly

F. Controlled Substances

The protocol for witnessing waste of controlled substances is not being followed appropriately. Waste must be witnessed by a licensed provider (nurse/doctor) if it is manual waste (the Medselect unit would keep an electronic signature for waste)

G. Fentanyl

Agencies will start phasing out other narcotics as soon as soon as Dr. Eisenberg completes a memo regarding the change and the pain management protocol to go with it.

H. Sternal IO Feedback

Provider feedback includes mechanisms which failed to release. NKFR uses a big bone gun – fast IO. Consider other devices – investigate what tech committee might already be researching

2. Old Business

A. QA Process

The EMS office is working to refine the CBD data sent out weekly to QA Reps. There is a 100% review of Non transports, upgrades and downgrades. Non transport documentation will be the first improvement made. MO's asked to review QA attendance – if current rep cannot attend, consider alternate.

B. MIR

It is the consensus of the group that as a group it needs to be decided where we are going with this – will we all be paperless? Over what kind of time frame? It will be a very strong position if all agencies agree on a game plan before presenting it to the community. Consider having internet based printer at HMH, agree on rules of reporting, full report in 15 minutes – bio key or cad link etc. Take ideas to OPS – is hospital willing to bill for drugs administered by providers? Set up meeting with purchasing and/or billing at HMH.

C. Demographics

Nothing to report.

3. Staff

A. Training Coordinator

There will be ACLS for EP and PALS classes in April and October

12 lead class scheduled for late spring and fall. Bob Carlson will teach spring class, Dave Schmidt will teach fall class.

PHTLS with instructor class included – 2 day class for providers, 3 days for instructors

A draft of the HMH Training agreement has been drafted and is under review. The agreement includes stipulations regarding students in training – they will need to be accompanied by Elizabeth for their clinical time.

The ALS OTEP program is only one component in recertification requirements. Dr. Eisenberg will be evaluating the additional components of the recertification requirements. The goal is to assure an educational portfolio that is broad and well rounded.

B. Program Manager

Paramedic testing will be done through Bates for 2006. Paramedics will still have need MPD approval before hiring process can be completed

Adjourn 12:15

Next Medical Officer meeting - May 1st at 11am.