

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council Medical Officers Meeting Minutes

June 5, 2006
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

ATTENDEES

Butch Lundin	BIFD	Cliff Wilson	SKFR
Elizabeth Gonzalez	KCEMS	Stan Plyler	BFD
Tim Gates	NKFR	Rachel Kaperick	KCEMS
Jay Lovato	CKFR		

New Business

Tim is leaving and will no longer be the Chair for the MO meetings. Stan will move up from Vice Chair to Chair till end of year. Jay Lovato will step in as Vice Chair until the end of the year.

AHA Updates

A plan for AHA updates will be taken to the Ops meeting. For Medical Officers - make sure updates are getting done and have providers use as soon as they have gone through the update. Elizabeth will take to OPS and ask for completion date - August 1st or 15th.

Cardiology is part of OTEP so we will incorporate

AED – Updating Machines

Heart Stream - Zohl – new machines come programmed with AHA updates
MO will get current AED's updated – is it possible to buy one card to update all units for one manufacturer? Have someone take point on researching update information. Cliff has concerns about cost and was told it would cost 200 a unit to update. We need to know how many units are out there, mfg, update cards, date to complete reprogramming.
E-mail Elizabeth list of #units/type/model# by end of next week

Easy IO

Doug Baier was asked to gather the Technology Committee to review the bone gun and the bone drill and then provide a report for MO. Gig Harbor is investigating the drill. The Technology Committee is concerned that the recommendations will not be implemented.

Rubber halter instead of attaching 12 leads – Cost each = \$700.00 w/cable. EMS providers awaiting FDA approval for the use of the rubber halter in the field.
Cost will need to be added to budget.

MO Meeting Schedule

MO meeting schedule is not working for Olympic and Naval. Can we consider changing meeting day or possibly adding a quarterly meeting so that these two agencies will be able to participate at least on a limited basis.

Manchester Fire Station closure

Manchester fire station is closing – Navy base will send out the ladder truck and Olympic will transport BLS patients. Chief Warnett put this closure in effect. All ALS will be SKFR; it is a very small area and will have minimal impact on EMS. Engine 25 will be done in July.

MIR Short Form

MIR discussion happens but implementation will need to be coordinated as not to overtax hospital. Short Form: Would EMS office list - plagiarize Gig Harbor - use state printer. 2NCR -

will ok GH – Cliff’s offered his staff to develop form. - Elizabeth will contact hospital to make sure everything they need is on it too. Figure out how to scan refusals scanned and attach to big report. The refusals need to be well documented. Dual entry is a practice that all agencies would like to move away from.

Bremerton is storing NT's & refusal's - keeping pink ALS - destroying BLS no transport. BFD bought the stuff in the PM room - it was meant to be shared

Armbands

KCEMS will keep running store of armbands - don't order CKFR right now.

Third Party Evaluators

will be discussed in OPS as well.

There needs to be a commitment to train evaluators at beginning, and then a group of committed group of evaluators needs to provide the follow through. Provide training for evaluators.

June 12 19 26 - SKFR needs evaluators, the 12th will be at station 31st and the 19th and 26th will be at station 8.

The EMS office will pay the evaluators as they are hired by the EMS office.

CKFR's is concerned that evaluator pay may not be equal to firefighter pay - agencies will need to get together and decide what they want to pay evaluators and internally, make sure evaluators get yearly training. Commitment to this training will be requested from OPs.

Protocols

Nothing new – scheduled to go to MPD's in June.

RSI Data Request

RSI report year to date - not been received

BFD Reports Update

Allen Jakes is coming to review BFD reporting - June 17th

MedSelect

Currently in a holding pattern - medication purchase, HMC rep was to call each MO - Elizabeth will revisit call.

Drug Phase Out

Phase out Morphine and Meperidine with Fentanyl Dr. Eisenberg will need to write a memo requesting that providers turn in Meperidine for Fentanyl then phase out Morphine.

Any clinical changes will mean significant training for providers.

Nitro Spray

Mason County has been looking at Nitro spray - could be contaminated after first patient. Is it possible to buy replacements tops? Should providers stick to Nitro tablets? Research nitro issue - if bottle of nitro spray is contaminated should it go with patient to hospital?

Wave Form Capnography

This will eventually be a requirement to intubate. Currently it is the standard. If the tube is displaced it would be recognized with waveform Capnography as would unrecognized esophageal placement.

Chlor-Hex

Betadine and alcohol will be replaced with Chlor-Hex for skin sterilization.

Budgetary Issues

We are all highly sensitive to budgetary issues and it has been suggested that presenting items that will be mandated should be presented as first priority.

Meeting Adjourned 12:30pm**Next Meeting will be Monday July 10th**