

Kitsap County EMS and Trauma Care Council Medical Officers Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2006
Readiness Center
Bremerton, WA

ATTENDEES:

Chris Morrison	PFD	Elizabeth Gonzalez	KCEMS
Tim Gates	NKFR	Rachel Kaperick	KCEMS
Cliff Wilson	SKFR	John Burch	PSNS
Jay Lovato	CKFR	Stan Plyler	BFD
Barb Lovato	KCEMS	Butch Lundin	BIFD

1. New Business

A. Welcome to B/C Jay Lovato.

B. Third Party Evaluators

SKFR has requested 3rd party evaluators for OTEP Skills – needed 3/13, 3/20 and 3/27 (8am to 5pm). ALS skills sheets were e-mailed and the BLS skills sheets are available online. Any suggestions towards the improvement of the skills sheets provided will be welcome.

C. Kids Day June 10th

MO's as a group, will not be participating – CKFR and BFD have plans to participate, BFD with apparatus and possibly 2 people and CKFR with the bulk of staff, displays and apparatus. It was suggested that the EMS office start planning now for participation in 2007 but in the mean time if pictures are provided, display boards could be assembled.

D. EMS Week – May 7th – 11th

This should be considered an opportunity to say thank you to all the providers. Suggestions were made to see if the paper would donate ad space for a county wide message and to speak with Kim Doyle about getting a message on billboard space.

2. Old Business

A. Readiness Center

The EMS office moving to the Readiness Center was brought up – This matter is to be decided by the EMS Council.

B. MIR

It is the consensus of the group that as a group we need to decide where we are going with this:

Is it absolute that we will all go paperless?

Will we leave a field report in the ER?

SKFR

How meds would be refilled?

What would be used as a QA copy? How much time would the electronic report take?

Wireless funding?

CKFR

Interested in the wireless program and in what BFD is doing and how it is working.

Concerned about the time out of service to write report.

BFD

The will not be entering time until the CAD program is up

An electronic password is used as a signature

Separate forms for patients to sign for NT – AMA – HIPPA

Transports outside HMH not electronic

Handwritten report can be scanned in or entered by hand.

Field note process has not been approved. There needs to be unity with all agencies when presenting changes to the hospital. Current ideas are:

- Tablet form with critical info

- Nurse check in policy with radio

- Electronic system across the board

- Download from remote location

- Electronic tablets – very expensive

- Medical dictation center – PM dictates report and it is typed up.

Duplication of reports creates legal issues. There is no standard policy that states a field report is not a legal document but the electronic one is the legal record. A policy needs to be set regarding filed notes – all agencies must agree before it can be presented to the hospital. Collect information first – find out what the main concern of the CEO's is. Hospital requirements, field notes, WAC are combined to set policy.

C. Demographics

Nothing to report.

D. No transport

QA is reviewing all upgrades, downgrades and no transports weekly. Per the CenCom report received there is a 48% no transport rate in Kitsap County. The QA review is expected to reveal trends which can be addressed through memos to increase awareness and education. Remind providers to clearly document refusals and AMA's – make sure they are signed. The EMS office will provide CBD numbers for next meeting.

E. Med Select

HMH pharmacist indicated that space for the Med Select unit may be an issue. Available space was reviewed and once the purchase is a priority the EMS office will work on space issue with HMH.

3. Staff

A. Training Coordinator

BSM speakers are booked through August!

Please record dates that BSM video's are viewed by providers and send in report quarterly at least

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

EMT will be taking state test the week of March 13 and will take the old protocol test – all present agreed and approved.

12 lead class is under construction – HMH is activating Cath lab on providers 12 lead interpretations.

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

Training agreement with HMH is in the drafting stage.

ALS OTEP program reduces number of tubes and IVs needed for recertification and there is no state exam requirement.

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 - April 10th at 11am.