



EMSOA Board Meeting Minutes November 25, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by April Rimpley at 4:03 p.m.

Roll Call

Denise Dredge called the Roll (**see attached**).

Notice of Open Meeting Law

The Notice of Open Meeting Law was posted.

Board Approval of Minutes

Discussion took place regarding spinal mobilization – which is going good. A polycom conference was held for each shift and more C-collars will be put on. Dr. Kruger stated he could possibly do another presentation. Roger Bonin would like all EMS supervisors to know if another presentation is scheduled. Dr. Kruger will notify Denise.

Kyle Michaelis made a motion to approve the September 23rd minutes as distributed. Pam Randall seconded. The motion passed.

Advisory Committee

No report.

Medical Director Report

Resuscitation

Step 1: Join the Registry. Where do we go to expand?

Steps 2 and 4: Implementing dispatch for assisted-CPR and rapid-CPR.

Lincoln has been doing this the last year or so.

Cardiac Arrest Update

LFR joined the National Cares Registry. Denise and Julie are entering data and doing a good job. We're comparing very favorably. Our overall survival on admission is 70%, the national average is 30%. Dr. Kruger stated he has a conference call next week with Cares staff, who wants to move statewide (8-9 states so far). In order to get better, we have to measure our outcomes.

Airway Update

Dan Duncan held a Difficult Airway class in October, and 15 LFR paramedics attended. Dan would like to bring this class back next year and we will encourage attendance and expand who is notified/invited. The instructor was from Salt Lake City, Utah, who has 100% video airways.

Twenty percent of LFR paramedics are RSI certified (1 out of 15 on scene to engage protocol).

Dr. Kruger reported that 75 LFR paramedics performed 200 intubations. Dr. Bonta questioned what we can do to get more experience with intubations in general and where we can send paramedics for more intubation experience. It was reported that SERMC and Bryan West are the only two places we are allowed to send paramedics. Roger Bonin stated finding a place is hard, so if we have any ideas/contacts to please let him know. More people are utilizing Sim Labs. Doug Fuller stated that the rural hospitals may welcome the opportunity to host training, but getting people there may be a problem.

It was reported that the Bryan Sim Lab is not real receptive. Tiffani Arndt will do some investigation and report her findings to Roger Bonin.

We could also re-visit with Anesthesia at Bryan.

Rural Update

A Pediatric Emergency presentation was held last month.

American Red Cross -Lincoln

Dr. Kruger was contacted by the Red Cross and they are interested in EMSOA for medical support. Discussion ensued regarding the following:

- Quality Data – BLS non-transport and they use the paper form of E-Narsis. Doug Fuller stated they have tried to get the Red Cross to go electronic, but the Red Cross doesn't have access everywhere they go. The quality of charting for the American Red Cross can only get better. The Red Cross basically has 500 charts/incidents per year and roughly 400 events per year. Doug Fuller stated it would be great to bring on the Red Cross and work with them on standardization with LFR.
- Education/Training – All responders are required to take the Red Cross EMR course, no matter what their official training involves.
- We could possibly invite a Red Cross representative to the next Board meeting for further discussion.
- A conference call will be held to notify the Red Cross what we can offer them and to make sure we have an understanding of their needs.

- Could we work with the current Medical Director to extend his departure date?
- EMSOA could provide coverage for 6 months and then if we are not in alignment, only cover until a replacement Medical Director is found.

Doug Fuller reported that Roger Bonin attended an Ambulance Management class and was voted EMS Leader of the group. He will be attending the American Ambulance Conference for acceptance of his award.

LFR Report

CPR

EMS supervisors are “surprised” at the success of cardiocerebral resuscitation. We are having more resuscitations as we are eliminating our pauses in chest compressions.

Therapeutic Hypothermia Protocol

Roger Bonin wants to test one out before ordering anymore. He is interested in securing more data. If you are unable to resuscitate after 25 minutes, need to be talking to the family and prevent unnecessary transport to the hospital. Supervisors go out on all cardiac arrest calls.

911 Report

No report.

Management Team

Finance Report

Pam reported we are now two months into the Fiscal Year. Within the next few months, Pam and Tiffani will meet to develop a new budget. EMSOA donated \$500 to the Difficult Airway Class.

QI Updates

LFR

Curtis had a prior engagement and could not attend.

- It was reported that Curtis hasn't been able to sync up to get through the firewall. Tiffani, April and Pam will meet briefly to discuss computer issues immediately following the Board meeting.
- It was noted again that the last data received by the Board was for April 2013. Once computer issues are resolved, QA data will be caught up and presented to the Board.

Contracting Agencies

Mike is unable to attend but wanted the Board to begin discussions regarding purchase of training equipment.

Mike indicated he currently borrows from SCC, however, feels there should be a clear separation between EMSOA and SCC as stand-alone entities.

- April Rimpley recommended that Mike do a review of sessions done and those scheduled for 2014 and draw up and submit a proposal to the Advisory Committee for their recommendation. Once that is done, the proposal will be presented to the Board for their approval.

He has encountered no charting issues. He will provide an accurate report at the January Board meeting.

It was recommended that we get our QA Reporting Form finalized by the January 2014 meeting and stick with it for the calendar year. We need to be consistent with QA reporting to identify trends and to know if contracting agencies are doing a good job.

When Denise sends out the minutes, she will also send the QA Reporting Forms for the city and contracting agencies.

2014 Meeting Schedule

The Board will continue to meet from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at Bryan Medical Center, West Campus:

January 27 – Classroom 2

March 24 – Classroom 3

May 19 – Classroom 2

September 22 – Classroom 2

November 24 – Classroom 2

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.