**MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

04 September 2014

0930 hours

EHSF Conference Room

**ATTENDANCE**

**Present:** Michael Reihart, DO Regional Medical Director, Chair

Steven Schirk, MD Wellspan Health-York Hospital

Steven Meador, MD Hershey Medical Center

Daniel Bledsoe, MD Pinnacle Health

Donna Fehrenbach, DO Harrisburg Area Community College

Jeffery Lubin, MD Life Line Critical Care Transport

Gregory Codori, DO Gettysburg Hospital

**EMS/Hospital:** Janet Bradley First Aid Safety Patrol

Scott Buchle Life Lion Emergency Medical Services

Steven Poffenberger West Shore EMS

Shannon Fouts White Rose Ambulance

John R. Logan Community Life Team

Suzette Kreider North West EMS

Bradley DeLancey Susquehanna Township EMS

Nathan Harig Cumberland Goodwill EMS

Ronald Baier Lancaster General Hospital

Mark Moody Memorial Hospital-ALS

Bryan Wheeler Hanover Hospital-ALS

Herb Ingram Ephrata Hospital – ALS

Robert Patterson Lancaster EMS

**Staff:** Ernest S. Powell Director of System Operations

Celia M. Fraticelli System Coordinator

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Reihart welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened the meeting to old business

at 0935 hours.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*NSS Shortage – No Update*

*ePCR Update*

Mr. Poffenberger provided a brief update. He advised SA agreements were needed prior to implementation. Additionally, there are services that have begun the implementation process. If there are any questions, they should be directed to Ms. Megan Hollinger.

A question arose from Lancaster General Hospital regarding the integration to the hospital.

Mr. Baier offered it would be over 20k to start and nearly 3k annually and asked if the EHSF would be partnering in the cost share. Mr. Powell advised there was discussion regarding the hospitals; however, the priority was to complete the EMS Agency part of the project.

*CPR*

Dr. Reihart provided a couple of articles indicating longer CPR may increase survival and encouraged the group to review. Additionally, Dr. Reihart commented on a webinar series that Dr. Abella has published at <https://mycares.net/sitepages/latestnews.jsp> and encouraged the group to view.

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Ebola*

Ms. Fraticelli presented a power point presentation on the background of Ebola, CDC Interim Guidance for the current epidemic in West Africa and the Dominican Republic of Congo. The case definition for Ebola, symptoms, treatment, EMS/PSAP awareness and links for further information was presented. The need to bring Medical Command in early in a suspected Ebola case was discussed, in case this region has a patient with Ebola. Involving PSAPs and other pertinent regional committees together to come up with a plan of action if Ebola is diagnosed in the US. This plan of action can then be taken to the Bureau of EMS via the Medical Advisory Committee.

*Medical Command Physician Process*

Mr. Powell provided a brief demonstration on how Medical Command Physicians should apply for Medical Command status. A set of instructions were provided with the agenda. Discussion included what the process entails. Essentially, an online application is completed and the Medical Command Facility Director of designees notifies the EHSF for processing. All documents are kept at the Medical Command Facility and need to be made available upon request or audit. After EHSF receives notification for processing, a certification card will be mailed to the Medical Command Physician. The Medical Command Facility Medical Director can verify information by visiting: <https://ems.health.state.pa.us/emsreg/activepractitioners.aspx>.

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*Hospital Status /Divert Policy*

Mr. Powell advised the Hospital Status page has been discontinued as Intermedix is no longer providing the program. A workgroup is being created to revise the Hospital Divert policy, which consists of Hospital ED Managers, EMS Managers, PSAP’s, and Physicians.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION**

*Triage Days*

Mr. Powell introduced a program the EHSF office was working on called *“Triage Days”.* In brief, Mr. Powell offered the program will help bridge the disaster response tools into everyday use. One of the goals is to create exposure to the ED staff while giving EMS practitioners an opportunity to utilize a tool not used every day. The program is in its infancy, more details will follow.

*PSAP Utilization of EMS Resources*

Dr. Reihart discussed the increased calls in the Lancaster area for non-medical patients.

The example he gave was an ambulance being dispatched to a skilled nursing facility (SNF) for a patient that fell, was not injured but was not picked up by the staff because they have a policy preventing them to.

Mr. Powell indicated this is a topic on the Regional Communications Agenda. In the near future, a meeting will be held with both PSAP’s and EMS managers to further discuss utilization of EMS Resources.

*LMS Medical Command Course*

Mr. Powell thanked Dr. Schirk for his help in validating the instructions. Mr. Powell advised the instructions are available on the EHSF website.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Mr. Robert Patterson presented a draft of a regional ALS Skills Checklist that could be used by all Medical Directors in the region for annual competencies. A few improvements were discussed and the form will be updated and brought to the next Prehospital Operations Committee meeting for review. Mr. Steven Poffenberger asked if the approved Training Institutes could be contacted for possible use of their equipment on a rotating basis. It would allow for the sessions to be registered for continuing education credits. A suggestion to add BLS skills will be considered.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 06 November at 0930 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Dr. Reihart adjourned the meeting at 1125 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest S. Powell, Director of System Operations