



MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

02 February 2017
0930 hours
EHSF Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

Present:	Michael Reihart, DO Jeffrey Lubin, MD Jessica Mann, MD Steven Meador, MD Tiffany Russ, DO Steven Shirk, MD	Regional Medical Director, Chair Penn State Hershey Medical Center Penn State Hershey Medical Center Penn State Hershey Medical Center Memorial Hospital WellSpan – York Hospital
EMS/Hospital:	Mark Berry Scott Buchle Chris Buchmoyer Janet Bradley Eric Durham Darrell Fisher Andrew Gilger Nathan Harig Vito Lanzillo Darryl Mitchell Mark Moody Steve Poffenberger	Ephrata Hospital ALS Life Lion EMS Warwick EMS First Aid & Safety Patrol of Lebanon Hanover Hospital – Medic New Holland EMS Lancaster EMS Cumberland Goodwill EMS White Rose Ambulance Manheim Township EMS Memorial Hospital ALS Holy Spirit EMS
Staff:	Megan A. Ruby Raphael W. Caloia II Michael J. Guerra	Director of System Operations via Telephone Education Specialist Resource Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Reihart called the Medical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 0930 hours and asked those present to introduce themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

ePCR Update

Dr. Reihart reported the EHSF is evaluating alternative funding sources for project sustainability. Based on the current funding and anticipated funding in the future, the EHSF will not be able to absorb all costs of the ePCR program. EMS agencies can anticipate the ePCR project to be fully funded by the EHSF until the end of FY 2017-18. Dr. Reihart announced the EHSF is seeking alternative funding and is seeking suggestions from our EMS partners to sustain the project.

Ms. Ruby added even if the EHSF cannot fully fund the ePCR program in the future, the EHSF hopes to maintain the EHSF umbrella model to secure the best pricing for EMS agencies within the region. Mr. Poffenberger added if the EHSF can continue to negotiate a regional price, it would provide a better price structure for the EMS agencies rather than EMS agencies negotiating individual contracts.

Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare (CP/MIH)

Ms. Ruby reported the EHSF's committee will be hosting a CP/MIH Summit in April. This event will provide agencies within Pennsylvania to showcase their programs. More information will be provided once a date is set and a venue is determined.

Naloxone

Dr. Reihart reported the desire to continue to encourage law enforcement partnerships for naloxone administration.

Dr. Reihart announced there is a new dispenser for naloxone, and the cost is \$37.50. The new dispenser is easier to use. Dr. Reihart provided this new device will be supported in the new state EMS protocols.

Ms. Kreider expressed concerns regarding the training for law enforcement. The current training is only a 30-minute video, and while their agency offered hands-on training, many law enforcement agencies declined.

Dr. Reihart reported Lancaster EMS has a robust data collection tool for law enforcement use and would be willing to share with other EMS agencies.

Dr. Reihart also reported the governor's office is seeking additional funding to support the naloxone initiative.

Spinal Care

Dr. Reihart reported the 2017 protocols will have changes to spinal care to encourage the patient with a cervical collar to be lying flat rather than sitting upright.

Sternal IO

Dr. Reihart reported the regional pilot is approved by the State MAC for the sternal intraosseous for IV initiation and medication administration. Interested ALS agencies are to e-mail Ms. Ruby. The cost of the device is \$80, and the pilot will utilize ALS providers who are supervisors or experienced providers.

Stroke Care

Dr. Reihart announced new dedicated stroke centers are on the rise.

Proposal for Ketorolac and Ibuprofen

Dr. Reihart reported the use of Ketorolac and Ibuprofen for pain management was accepted by the State MAC and will be included in the 2017 Statewide EMS Protocols.

Proposal for Syringe Epinephrine Kits by EMTs

Dr. Reihart provided the proposal for syringe epinephrine kits by EMTs was forwarded to the State MAC but did not receive traction. There is a generic version of an epi-pen available now. These auto-injectors are \$100 per pen.

Mr. Caloia explained the reduced price for the generic auto-injector is the price for one pen. However, they are sold as a two pack.

Ms. Ruby reminded the committee of the licensure requirements for an agency to carry two adult auto-injectors and two pediatric auto-injectors per licensed unit. Therefore, even at the generic price of \$100 per pen, the agencies will be spending \$400 per unit to carry epinephrine.

Mr. Caloia provided the costs of the kits are \$28 each. Each agency would only need to carry one kit to meet the same licensure requirements.

Dr. Reihart provided he will re-address the State MAC with this information. Dr. Meador supported the idea to further discuss the syringe epinephrine kits at the State MAC.

Intermediate ALS

Mr. Guerra provided two EMS agencies are licensed as Intermediate ALS.

Mr. Buchmoyer provided Warwick EMS is having success utilizing Intermediate ALS and anticipate operating 24-hours a day, seven-days a week by 01 April.

Dr. Meador expressed concerns of Intermediate ALS replacing ALS.

PA Train

Ms. Ruby reported since the PA Train for online continuing education went live, there continues to be issues with user accounts, complete courses applying con-ed into the provider's EMS registry profile, and proof of completion of courses. The EHSF reports new issues to the Bureau of EMS as learned. Ms. Ruby provided there are issues with providers not receiving credit for courses when accessing a course using a mobile device or a MAC book. Providers are encouraged to use a Window-based computer. Ms. Ruby provided additional free, online continuing education sites include Bound Tree and University of Michigan.

NEW BUSINESS

Left Ventricular Assist Device

Ms. Ruby reported the EHSF Advisory Council discussed the prevalence of left ventricular assist devices within the patient populations resulting in EMS encounters during emergency and non-emergency incidents. The EHSF finds education on LVADs important and will work with partners to develop an approved EMS continuing education course for providers in the future.

Cardiac Arrest Survivor Symposium

Dr. Reihart announced the Heart Rescue Project is seeking the EHSF region to host a cardiac arrest survivor symposium in May. Dr. Reihart asked the EMS agencies to obtain a list of survivors to invite to this event.

Hospital Status

Ms. Ruby reported the EHSF received concerns from EMS agencies regarding hospitals within the region going on divert. Mr. Lyle and Ms. Ruby are communicating with EMS agencies about hospitals on divert or experiencing high patient census. The EHSF is gathering information at this time about the status. The EHSF does not recognize divert unless the hospital goes through Knowledge Center and documents the internal disaster status. However, we encourage hospitals to communicate extended waits so EMS can educate their patients on destination decisions. There is a lot of work to do in this area depending on how severe the flu season becomes. The EHSF is trying to get EMS agencies to be a part of the hospital's internal discharge process, so the hospitals better understand EMS resource capabilities (i.e. they cannot expect 20 patients to be discharged from the facility within one hour), and second, so EMS agencies can assist with a planning model to move patients more efficiently. Mr. Powell is working with the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania to use Knowledge Center in the prehospital field. There are also concerns with the use of psych divert. Discussion ensued by those present.

2017 Protocols

Dr. Reihart provided the 2017 Statewide EMS Protocols have not been released yet. The EHSF will distribute the protocols once released.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

EHSF Future Growth

Dr. Reihart provided the growth of the EHSF region by two additional counties (Chester and Delaware Counties) effective 01 July 2017, is now on hold. There are hearings scheduled in February to further discuss regional consolidation.

EHSF Staffing Updates

Dr. Reihart announced Mr. Caloia as the new Education Specialist. The EHSF hopes to hire an additional system position by July 2017.

Senior Advisory Committee to the Bureau of EMS

Dr. Reihart reported there is a new committee called the Senior Advisory Committee to the Bureau of EMS as a subgroup to the State Medical Advisory Committee.

EMS Week

Dr. Reihart announced EMS Week is May 21 to 27, 2017.

Meeting Dates

Dr. Reihart reminded the committee the last meeting date for FY 2016-17 is 04 May 2017.

Restructuring of Health and Human Services

Ms. Ruby announced the governor's office released a statement providing the restructuring of the Department of Health, Department of Human Services, Department of Aging, and the Department of Drug and Alcohol into one Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Reihart adjourned the meeting at 1050 hours.

The next Medical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 04 May 2017 at 0930 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan A. Ruby
Director of System Operations