



MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

04 May 2017
0930 hours
EHSF Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

Present:	Michael Reihart, DO Salvatore Alfano, MD Daniel Ammons, MD Christine Dang, MD Jeffrey Lubin, MD Jessica Mann, MD Steven Meador, MD Chad Nesbit, MD Tiffany Russ, DO Steven Shirk, MD	Regional Medical Director, Chair Holy Spirit Hospital Susquehanna Valley EMS Lancaster Regional Medical Center Penn State Hershey Medical Center Penn State Hershey Medical Center Penn State Hershey Medical Center Penn State Hershey Medical Center Memorial Hospital WellSpan – York Hospital
EMS/Hospital:	Mark Berry Janet Bradley Scott Buchle Chris Buchmoyer Andrew Gilger Nathan Harig Suzette Kreider Darryl Mitchell Mark Moody Holly Pinamonti Andrew Snavelly Joshua Worth	Ephrata Hospital ALS First Aid & Safety Patrol of Lebanon Life Lion EMS Warwick EMS Lancaster EMS Cumberland Goodwill EMS North West EMS Manheim Township EMS Memorial Hospital ALS Memorial Hospital ALS Holy Spirit Hospital Susquehanna Valley EMS
Staff:	Megan A. Ruby Michael J. Guerra	Director of System Operations via Telephone Resource Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Reihart called the Medical Advisory Committee meeting to order at 0931 hours and asked those present to introduce themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

ePCR Update

Ms. Ruby 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 anticipated hosting a CP/MIH Summit. However, with the departure of the State EMS Director, the summit will be postponed until later in the year.

Naloxone

Dr. Reihart reported a memo was distributed announcing BLS may now administer 4 mg of naloxone for patients suffering from opioid overdoses.

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.

Dr. Reihart announced JEMS will be reviewing a new inflatable collar.

Sternal IO

Dr. Reihart reported the regional pilot is approved by the State MAC for the sternal intraosseous for IV initiation and medication administration for cardiac arrest patients. The pilot will evaluate the first time application success and compatibility with mechanical CPR devices. Dr. Reihart would like to gather 50-100 insertions. Dr. Reihart would like the pilot started by 01 July 2017. Interested ALS agencies are to e-mail Ms. Ruby. ALS agencies should utilize ALS providers who are supervisors or experienced providers.

Mr. Moody suggested providing education to the hospitals who may receive patients with a sternal intraosseous inserted. Dr. Alfano suggested providing an educational pamphlet to remain with the patient because the device could be removed outside the ER in the ICU. Dr. Reihart provided the EHSF will work on the education for hospital personnel.

Proposal for Syringe Epinephrine Kits by EMTs

Dr. Reihart provided the proposal for syringe epinephrine kits by EMTs was forwarded to the State MAC and is being considered. The State MAC is inquiring if a stop-gap syringe exists to avoid overdose of epinephrine.

Intermediate ALS

Dr. Reihart asked Mr. Buchmoyer on the status of their IALS program. Mr. Buchmoyer provided their operations have been successful so far. Their agency averages one IALS transport per day.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest Survivor Event

Dr. Reihart announced the sudden cardiac arrest survivor event will be held Saturday, 20 May 2017. Dr. Reihart asked for agencies with known survivors to consider attending the event in Lancaster.

Ms. Ruby reported through the event planning, the EHSF learned the difficulty of obtaining contact information for cardiac arrest survivors. The EHSF recognizes the need for a regional cardiac arrest repository and will evaluate if they can gather survivor information. The EHSF would like to host a regional event in the future.

Ms. Ruby also asked the hospital/physician representatives for suggestions to provide patient outcomes to EMS. Some EMS agencies provided their hospitals do not provide patient outcomes for cardiac arrest patients.

NEW BUSINESS

2017 Protocols

Dr. Reihart provided the EMS protocols are scheduled to be released on 15 May 2017. The EHSF will distribute the materials as soon as they are received. The effective date is scheduled for 01 September 2017.

Summer MAC Conference Call

Dr. Reihart requested to host a summer conference call to discuss EMS protocols and other topics. A date will be determined and e-mailed to the committee.

Certification Renewal Requirements

Ms. Ruby announced the prehospital EMS physician certification has a two-year registration of certification. Ms. Ruby provided the EHSF is working to identify the expiration date and the best way to verify certification requirements were met without insulting the physicians. The same is valid for the medical command physician certification registration. More information will be forthcoming.

NAEMSP

Dr. Reihart announced Pennsylvania does not have a chapter for the National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP). Dr. Reihart suggested starting a Pennsylvania chapter. Dr. Lubin provided he is a member of NAEMSP's board of directors. Dr. Reihart and Dr. Lubin will communicate to form the Pennsylvania chapter.

Drone Use in EMS

Dr. Reihart discussed the possibility to use drones in EMS in the future. Mr. Moody reported York County PSAP dispatched Drone 9 to assist with search and rescues. Dover Township Fire Department and Mr. Moody both own drones.

Twiage for EMS and Hospitals

Dr. Reihart announced a program called “Twiage.” The program provides real-time prehospital data with GPS-tracking to help emergency departments streamline workflow. A video demonstration was presented.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

DOH Staffing

Ms. Ruby announced the State EMS Director, Richard Gibbons, resigned from his position. The Deputy Secretary of Health, Raphael Barishansky, is acting as the interim director.

EHSF Staffing Updates

Ms. Ruby announced a program coordinator position in education and certification is now vacant.

EMS Week

Ms. Ruby announced EMS Week is May 21 to 27, 2017 and provided an overview of activities.

Innovation Discussion

Dr. Reihart asked for the next fiscal year to have an innovation topic for each MAC where a hospital presents research or topics of interest to EMS.

Naloxone by Law Enforcement

Mr. Moody provided their agency is seeing an increase in law enforcement administering naloxone, BLS is arriving on scene and allowing the patient to refuse transport to the hospital. Dr. Reihart provided there are often underlying health concerns with overdose patients. Additional education is warranted to EMS providers and law enforcement.

Drill at Hershey Park

Dr. Lubin announced a mass casualty drill will be held at Hershey Park.

Meeting Dates

Dr. Reihart announced the tentative meeting dates for the FY 2017-18.

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Reihart adjourned the meeting at 1025 hours.

The next Medical Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for 07 September May 2017 at 0930 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan A. Ruby
Director of System Operations