



PREHOSPITAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Meeting Report
12 November 2015
1000 hours
EHSF Conference Room

Attendance

Present:	Scott Buchle	Chair
	Duane Nieves	Cumberland County EMS Council
	Brad DeLancey	Dauphin County EMS Council
	Robert Patterson	Lancaster County EMS Council
	Kevin Dalpiaz	Perry County EMS Council
	Mark Moody	York County EMS Council
	Richard Barner	White Rose Ambulance
	Darrell Fisher	New Holland EMS
	Devin Flickinger	Holy Spirit EMS
	Nathan Harig	Cumberland Goodwill Fire EMS
	Kraig Nace	Duncannon EMS
	Denny Shelly	WellSpan
	Eric Zaney	Adams Regional EMS
Staff:	Megan A. Hollinger	Director of System Operations
	Ann Marie Christie	Program Coordinator
	Michael J. Guerra	Resource Coordinator
	Timothy S. Melton	System Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Buchle called the meeting to order at 1003 hours and asked for introductions.

OLD BUSINESS

ePCR Project Update

Ms. Hollinger reported the data presentation presented in the September meeting was displayed at the Medical Advisory Committee meeting last week. Ms. Hollinger mentioned data will be shared at each future meeting.

Mr. Patterson stated the importance for patient outcomes during the quality assurance process. He questioned the requirements for a hospital to provide outcome data. Discussion ensued regarding best practices to seek patient outcomes and the future progress with ESO's Health Data Exchange.

Community Paramedicine/Mobile Integrated Healthcare (CP/MIH)

Ms. Hollinger discussed the status of CP/MIH in our region. Ms. Hollinger mentioned a working group consisting of PSAP and EMS agency representatives is meeting to discuss the needs of non-EMS patients. The focus of this working group is to evaluate alternative resources for citizens calling 911 with non-medical needs.

Child Abuse Reporting and Background Checks

Ms. Hollinger reminded EMS agencies to consult their legal counsel if they choose not to conduct background checks on their providers.

PA Scope of Practice

Ms. Hollinger reported concerns from several EMS agencies and healthcare facilities regarding transports of ventilated patients without the critical care transport level of licensure available. Ms. Hollinger provided clarification to the updated PA scope of practice for EMS providers published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin on 29 August 2015. Mr. Dalpiaz stated Dr. Bledsoe was working on a flowchart to assist with assuring ALS providers are transporting patients with ventilators that do not exceed the respective scope of practice.

Bariatric Resources

Ms. Hollinger announced the EHSF will begin surveying agencies for bariatric equipment. The survey will be generated through Survey Monkey and ask for a list of resources and quantity. Discussion pursued regarding surveying for wheelchair transports.

Naloxone

Ms. Hollinger reported the Medical Advisory Committee wants to increase the participation of naloxone from BLS agencies. The EHSF surveyed EMS agencies with BLS use of naloxone and found the majority of BLS agencies do not participate with naloxone. The EHSF will begin strategizing to educate EMS agencies on the optional program.

NEW BUSINESS

Commendation Program Update

Ms. Hollinger reported there is an increase in requests for recognition of a clinical life save not involving a cardiac arrest. The EHSF discussed the criteria for the clinical save award and proposed expanding the criteria beyond cardiac arrest. Discussion ensued resulting in the creation of a work group to evaluate the commendation award guidelines. Mr. DeLancey, Mr. Dalpiaz, Mr. Nieves, and Mr. Yohn will assist with the working group.

Pediatric Voluntary Recognition Program

Mr. Guerra presented information on the optional pediatric voluntary recognition program through the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council. The EHSF encourages participation from the EMS agencies within the region.

Hospital Resource List

Ms. Hollinger announced Mr. Harig created an IOS application for protocols. He is working to add additional information to display various resources at the receiving facilities within the region. Mr. Melton is working to create a hospital resource list to assist with this project. The completed list will also be posted on the EHSF website in the future.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

State Budget

Ms. Hollinger reported to date there is still not an approved state budget. The EHSF continues to function as usual. If any changes to the EHSF's operations occur, notification will be provided to the EMS agencies.

EHSF Staffing Update

Ms. Hollinger provided the open System Coordinator position was offered and accepted by Tim Melton. Mr. Melton recently started his role with the EHSF office.

Mr. Buchle adjourned the meeting at 1100 hours.

The next Prehospital Operations Committee meeting is scheduled for 07 January 2016 at 1000 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan A. Hollinger
Director of System Operations