

EMAC MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MINUTES 7.5.11

- I. GOAL 1: ATTENDANCE-Chief Bixler visited the meeting
 - a. Carl Kaufman – Marion County Fire Rescue
 - b. Dennis Ward – US Lifesaving Ass’n SE Region
 - c. **Error! Reference source not found.** – UM/JMH Ryder Trauma Center
 - d. Benjamin Faber – St. Cloud FL Fire Rescue
 - e. Dianna Chapman – Lake Sumter EMS
 - f. Christine Crato – Naples Community Hospital
 - g. Cherie Wilson Watson – Naples Community Hospital
 - h. Diane Kesslik – Independent
 - i. Melanie Delaney – Century Ambulance
 - j. Harry Collins – Alachua County Fire Rescue
 - k. Julie Downey – Davie Fire Rescue
 - l. Bill Azzinaro – Miami Beach Fire Department
 - m. Kathy Schrank – City of Miami Fire Rescue
 - n. David Meurer – ShandsCair/Gainesville FR
 - o. John Scott – TGH Aeromed
 - p. Les Williams – Collier EMS
 - q. Kathy Koch - TGH Aeromed
 - r. Barbara Uzenoff – Hillsborough Co Trauma Agency
 - s. Mike Patterson – Putnam Co Fire/EMS
 - t. Lenora Leddy – St Johns Co Fire Rescue
 - u. David Summers – St Mary’s Trauma Center
 - v. Dave Dyal – Stuart Fire Rescue
 - w. Jason Kimbel – L Fagan Ambulance
 - x. Bob Smallacombe – Palm Beach Co Fire Rescue
 - y. Trenda McPherson – FDOT
 - z. Julie Bacon – EMSC
 - aa. Cory Richter – Indian River Co Fire Rescue
 - bb. Patty Byers – UM/JMH Ryder Trauma Center/FCOT

- II. 6.1 Status of Dispatch System Effectiveness
 - a. July 2010 mandatory certification of PSTs with minimum training 132 hours and exam as of October 2010
 - b. SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF MVC ALERT SYSTEM CDC STUDY
-Carl Schulman MD, PhD: Dr. Schulman gave a presentation on a CDC study in which the BMW crash notification system will predict crash severity and this information can be transmitted verbally or electronically to PSAPs. The grant is trying to determine the effectiveness and accuracy of this system.

- III. 6.2 Call response times – data will need to be supplied as best as possible by EMSTARS

IV. 6.3 EMSTARS DATA

-Offload times are still a problem; some EMS Agencies are charging hospitals for delayed offload times.

-EM Systems has had funding continued and Rhonda White has formed steering committee to increase implementation across the state for daily use and use for coordination of mass casualty situations. There is a desire for increased involvement of EMS community representation in this process

V. 6.4 Outcome measures:

-EMRC is gathering data for these outcome measures for benchmarking current standards. The committee feels that for better or worse we need data for baseline standards, understanding data limitations. In that way, improvement in outcomes and data can be accomplished. Dr. Nelson informed us that the data for airway is soon to be ready for release. The delay has been due to the fact that the questions asked in the measures are not exactly answerable by the data available, so data analysis had to be done to determine what meaningful information could be gleaned.

-top 3 challenges for pedi and neonatal pre-hospital systems were discussed. Julie Bacon offered what she felt to be the top 2 and more would be forthcoming based on the survey they have sent out to their constituency. One important challenge that was discussed was transport destination, as some EDs, hospitals and Emergency Centers are not equipped for children and neonates. A second issue proposed was the issue regarding appropriate restraint devices for the transport of children and neonates.

VI. 6.5 Improvement in EMS System processes – Quality managers and EMRC looking at data regarding transport decisions

VII. 6.6 Standardization of QI/QA: the Quality Managers group has developed 2 templates, one for customer service and one for quality improvement. They will provide this committee with these for review.

VIII. 6.7 Performance indicators can be developed following benchmark data which will be provided by EMRC

IX. 6.8 Ocean Lifeguard data has been acquired from the Life Guards and submitted in previous minutes. They have not yet achieved mandatory USLA certification, but 69% of agencies require certification on a voluntary basis.

X. 9.1 medical error rate in Florida: Dr. Nelson (EMRC) feels that failure to recognize improper intubation is an important measure to meet this measure.

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Trauma Triage –task force is addressing
- b. Mass Casualty Triage – SACCO triage method will be reviewed at FCOT at 1pm tomorrow in Salon VII

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Drs. Meurer and Schrank discussed concern regarding the new legislation that arose from HB 7095 re pain medication dispensing and storage - there is concern that this will effect administration and storage of narcotics by EMS Agencies for daily practice and mass casualty caches. Respectfully submitted

Patricia M. Byers, MD, FACS
Chair