

**PC EMS COUNCIL – GO TO MEETING
PROTOCOL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 27, 2021 – 8:00 AM**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster is on File.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 08:00 am by Sam Yount. Attendance to the Go-To-Meeting was verified by roll call. Meeting minutes from September 30, 2020 were voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Protocol Update

The protocol update is in progress. Norma will be taking the request for printing to the council tomorrow and will then move forward.

New Business:

A. Chair/Vice Chair elections

Sam Yount and Dr. Gates were elected by unanimous vote to be the Chair and Vice Chair for the next year.

B. Trauma Triage Tool Update request-Dr. Waffle/Dr. Ferrer

Dr. Waffle said that from time to time there is a common problem with transporting trauma transports to a non-designated trauma receiving facility in Tacoma on off dates. Both facilities are willing to take minor trauma patients. He would like to propose that we add language to Step 3: "Transport to the non-designated Tacoma trauma center (TG/SJ) is allowed with receiving facility approval." We are trying to keep the designated facility from getting overwhelmed by minor transports. Dr. Waffle will contact the ED Directors at Tacoma General and St. Joseph Hospitals to verify that they are willing to do this before the change is taken to the Council for approval then sent to the state. Dr. Waffle made a motion to approve the modified trauma triage tool. Brad Dyson seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote.

The Trauma Triage tool will be sent to the West Region EMS Council to be changes in the strategic plan, then forwarded to Washington DOH EMS Steering Committee for final approval.

Unscheduled Business:

Protocol Changes to STEMI and Ketamine:

Dr. Friedrich mentioned that he sent a couple of protocol changes a couple of months ago to Norma & Dr. Waffle regarding STEMI and Ketamine. The changes for Ketamine were in regards to increase in monitoring. The main intent for the STEMI changes was put together to establish the definition and to clearly define what STEMI is based on elevation and also address some of the things that are considered STEMI equivalents by some sources, but also to remind the transport

provider to be looking at things that could be a STEMI. Both CHI Franciscan and Multicare have had input into this. Dr. Waffle made a motion to accept these changes with the provision that the formatting will be changed to fit the content of the current protocols. Dr. Gates seconded the motion. The motion was approved by vote.

Protocol App:

Norma reminded people to use the protocol app because we are going to be sending an update to the app. As people are coming on board, please have them use the app. The app is not being carried in the apple nor google stores. You must go through the Acid Remap website to access it. Norma mentioned that the instructions will be posted to the EMS website for personnel to use.

Announcements: Next Meeting is scheduled for March 31, 2021.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @8:55 AM.

Scribe: Donna Vitale