

**PC EMS COUNCIL – GO TO MEETING
PROTOCOL REVIEW COMMITTEE MINUTES
January 26, 2022 – 8:00 AM**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster is on File.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 08:03 am by Sam Yount. Attendance to the Zoom meeting was verified. Meeting minutes from November 23, 2021 were voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

- A.** Contacting Base Station for AMA/ROR-Tom Lamana/Dr. Hirsig
We are still contacting the Base Station for AMA/ROR. The updated document for AMA/ROR was reviewed. No major changes were done. Concern was voiced that we need to make sure this document follows the protocols. It is a pretty good review of what is happening with AMAs and RORs. Little input is needed from the Base Station, however, there is liability in not contacting the Base Station. The decision making capacity checklist should help in not having ‘incompetent’ patients sign/opt out. The decision making capacity checklist can be added into ePCR/charting so it can be used more. There is a training factor once the document is approved to make sure everyone understands it.

New Business:

- A.** Leaving medications with patients:
Dr. Waffle mentioned that concern has been raised regarding leaving medication with patients. The problem is that only certain individuals can prescribe medications and only certain individuals can administer them. An example is like an Albuterol Inhaler that is left with the patient because it worked. This is considered dispensing medication and is not allowed. A prescription must come from a physician. The Narcan leave at home kits are not impacted by this because it is an over-the-counter medication, however, documentation needs to be done saying that the kit was left, and instructions were given. Not all over the counter medications can be left. Also, you cannot call the Base Station and have the physician prescribe a medication verbally because that would be dispensing like a pharmacy does. You have to be licensed as a dispensary. A memo on this topic will be sent out today.

Unscheduled Business: None at this time.

Announcements:

Norma Pancake announced that the protocols have been sent to the WA State DOH/EMS Office for review. We are looking forward to getting them approved. Please do not call the state to see where they are in the process. This will slow the process. Please be patient.

Next Meeting is scheduled for 30 March 2022.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 8:37 AM.

Scribe: Donna Vitale