

**PC EMS COUNCIL
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 29, 2019 – 10:00 AM**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

Call to Order

Kira Thirkield called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Introductions were made around the room. Meeting minutes from March 27, 2019 were voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Community Healthcare Access Report (Divert) – ~~Mike Newhouse~~ Dr. Waffle

The committee met and discussed where the project was. The charge nurse committee will meet with the steering committee in October. The Alternate receiving center is on hold. The off-campus emergency rooms are on line.

B. TPCHD Update – Cindy Miron

The chicken pox has finished. There has been one pertussis case. There are two cases of measles in Pierce County with no new cases in the first incubation period. June 22nd is when the second incubation period will end. There are suspect cases in Snohomish and King Counties.

C. Hospital Data Information Exchange – ~~Russ McCallion~~ Trish Niel, CHI

CHI Franciscan is going live with the data info exchange.

D. MCI Plan- ~~Russ McCallion/Jeff Moore~~

Cindy Miron said the MCI Plan is on hold. Ryan McGrady said WPFR has been drilling on the 2015 draft version and stated human error should be incorporated into our MCI Plan. The drills on the draft version of the plan had some issues for example the communications on where to keep equipment based on the draft. We still have the 2003 plan with no changes in process. There are no differences in dispatch between fire and private ambulance EMS. The 2015 draft will be brought to the next meeting for discussion. Norma said the WREMS EMS Council MPD Committee is working on a tentative multi-county MCI Plan for the west region.

E. Dispatch Health Project- Dr. Waffle

The DispatchHealth project is being incorporated into the CPFR CARES Program. It will be implemented on June 1, 2019. The protocols have been submitted and approved by the State EMS Office with some changes to some terminology. The state didn't have any issues with the changes and we are pretty much good to go. Cindy Miron asked that if they identify an influenza outbreak, they should still contact TPCHD to make sure they are notified of the outbreak.

F. Scenes of Violence Protocol-~~James Jacques/Russ McCallion/Jeff Moore~~

We are still waiting for approval from the PC Chiefs.

G. Radio Checks-EMS with Hospitals

Discussion occurred regarding how often to test the system. The biggest problem is that some have the 700MHz system and some have the 800MHz system with no funding to upgrade. Norma recommended sending a PCWARN message to all the MSOs to remind them of the test and do a monthly roll call like we do with the schools. The test is more effective if it is done on the same day of each month. We can also keep track of who called in. The decision was made to have the test after the quarterly PC EMS Council meetings at 1:00 PM. The Pierce County Duty Officer or Norma Pancake will do the radio checks.

H. ET3 (Emergency Triage, Treatment & Transport)

Dr. Waffle said Russ was interested if certain groups in the county want to apply together to show regional effort. If applying as a county, who would do the work on the application? This is the first year of a 5-year pilot project running nationwide and impacts our area. One thing is very clear you still have to abide by state law which is very restrictive on transport. There is a telehealth component with dispatch where there is potential for DispatchHealth participation. There is a 45-minute Webinar that explains the details which will be posted on the PCEMS website. Russ will be asked to bring a proposal to the next Ops meeting.

****Keep this on the agenda for the next meeting****

I. Ebola and Other Highly Infectious Disease Transport Plan – plan in process, tabled

New Business:

A. ResQCPR Device use- Joe Koehler

Joe presented the rescue CPR device and asked for it to be approved in Pierce County. The device increases blood return by re-expanding the chest with a lift force of up to 10 kg, and is a FDA approved system for delivering active compression-decompression CPR. The device cost \$1200 each. Neurological returns are high when using this device. It was brought up years ago but was not approved then because the numbers were not substantial enough to approve. Zoll presented the device at a past meeting and is willing to come present again if necessary. A motion was made to add the device to the list of approved equipment. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved. A request was made to receive an update of product information.

Announcements:

Cindy Miron mentioned that there is a big evacuation drill coalition on June 5th simulating 20% of patients from western WA. It will be a 90-minute drill. This drill will test the coordination from a DMCC perspective on absorbing patients from a county perspective.

The committee voted to cancel the July meeting. The next meeting will be on September 25, 2019.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 11:01

Scribe: Donna Vitale