

# Northwest Community EMS System Advisory Board Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2018

- I. Call to order - Nathan Gac (09:04)
- II. Approval of minutes; introduction of members/guests
- III. **Reports of standing committees**
  - A. **PBPI: Sepsis / fentanyl data**
    1. New data screen until end of May (2018). Connie M. discussed paramedic skill apprehension of IO procedure administered to conscious patients.
    2. Fentanyl – End of July 2018 data result discussion, patient pain scale reduced from 8.35 to 6.46. These are expected results and meet thresholds.
    3. Cardiac arrest data: Dr. Jordan discussed cardiac arrest data, mechanical CPR device research and committee activities.
    4. Ketamine screen: Continuing to monitor
  - B. **Education Committee (Connie Mattera)**
    1. **EMT class:** Final outcomes S18, current status F18; Presented three year data results, NWC exceeded national average, discussed current status of present /past classes.
    2. **Paramedic class:** See Paramedic Committee full report
      - a. **Final outcomes S18 class:** Presented data of previous classes for comparison.
      - b. **Current status S19 class**
        - (1) Discussed present class updates: Syllabi, student handbook, academic calendar, learning contract, signed agreements, class organization, expectations
        - (2) Data presented relative to patient care contacts and skill revolutions from S18 class. Modifications drafted for the F18-S19 class in light of new CoA Appendix G recommendations to commence in 7-19. Connie explained data findings to Board and requested approval of updated patient contact counts and skill minimums based on the data.
        - (3) **MOTION (Rill-Rogers): Approve proposed changes to student handbook, calendar, syllabi, signed agreements, and minimum required patient care contacts/skill revolutions based on data from past 3-years.** MOTION PASSED unanimously.
        - (4) **Five Paramedic class squad leaders** and one assistant leader entered the meeting. They introduced themselves and engaged in an open question and answer session with Board members relative to how they gained their positions, and how they believe their education program is going so far. Board members were very satisfied with their professionalism and student leadership.
    3. **CE** – Excellent reports (from participants) on recent CE classes: plans for F18 / S19 were discussed
    4. **TNS** – Conducting class now through November (Weds) – calendar on website (Mattera). System paramedics can attend class to make up missed trauma related CE.
    5. **ECRN** – next class scheduled for April/May 2019 (Mattera)
  - C. **CARS – (Rill)**
    1. Problem with Image Trend link & CARES (\$5K to fix)
    2. CARES info inputted, data inputs added (Dr. Jordan)

3. Separate section in Image Trend for data inputs
4. Phone APP in development for new SOPs (HS student intern assisting)
5. Clean up of template in progress

D. **R & D**

1. King Vision went live July 1, 2018; great data so far
2. CPR devices being purchased as options and being deployed after competency measurement
3. New Microdot glucose meters launched Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Drug & Supply list and Procedure manual have been updated (posted to website) and educational materials were prepared and distributed.

IV. **Old Business: Invalid Assist Policy**

- A. Chairman Gac discussed policy update since last advisory meeting
- B. Rogers (Des Plaines) will resend out to the group for revisions and present at November 2018 meeting. Group discussed possible needed changes to policy.

V. **New Business: Waiver Policy (Mattera)**

- A. Discussion on defining variance / waiver policy. A Variance does not have lifetime approval. Each agency must submit a plan as to how they will gain full compliance. May need to consider making a vehicle BLS level if cannot comply/meet ALS parameters. New BLS is “old” ALS standards in many respects based on updated EMS Rules and Scope of Practice documents.
- B. Need ideas/comments for update waiver policy for November 2018 meeting

VI. **System Updates (Mattera)**

- A. **New personnel: Pamela Ross** has joined the EMS Resource Hospital team as a new secretary as Dara transitions to be the Coordinator of the Community Training Center. **Lisa Henson** has been hired as the new EMSC at GOMC. Updates to System Directory and Org chart are posted to the System website.
- B. **System entry updates** are also posted on the website: New: In-station videos on cardiac arrest and use of the Lucas device from Dr. Jordan.
- C. **ECG needs assessment test results** from April are less than acceptable. Reports are being prepared for each chief and will be distributed at the joint Chief/Provider EMSC meeting. The System will spend time reviewing the results and remediating interpretation skills during the October 2018 CE.
- D. **SOP Updates:** The document will be printed on white paper w/colored ink for easier reading based on feedback received from System paramedics.
- E. **Mobile Integrated Health (MIH):** Continue in process of getting approval from all three Village Boards in the pilot and contracts signed.

VII. **National updates**

- A. **EMS Agenda 2050** due out by end of the month. Will influence current and future EMS planning for the next 30 years.
- B. New national EMS Scope of Practice document also due out this fall.

VIII. **State Update (Mattera)**

- A. **New state EMS Rules** were approved by JCAR in July. Implementation timeline expected soon from IDPH.
- B. **State EMS Strategic Plan** under revision. NREMT came to EMS Forum meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup> to provide a report on the implication of transitioning to the NREMT test for initial licensure. Connie presented a draft of the Education/QI Plan section to the State Education Committee meeting in July. No further info on EMS System plan updates since Leslee Stein-Spencer left.

IX. **Adjournment:** Next meeting on November 8, 2018