

**Northwest Community EMS System**  
**Monthly Minutes for CARS Committee**  
**December 12, 2018**

- I. **Meeting called to order at 0904.**
- II. **Approved minutes from 11/14/2018.**
- III. Open Issues
  - A. Social Media CARS extension/App update - loading the app on to a tablet to test it out. Bug with pdf zoom centering on the screen needs to be resolved. Discussion whether to have the .pdf come up as portrait or landscape format by default. This is making a hyperlink for each drug to a specific drug table/facts/dosing for each page. Also brought up making the app fully accessible offline to avoid internet connectivity issues. Connie is going to move forward with this formatting and will make a mock up for us to consider before May education. May education, June 1 2019 roll out.
- IV. Printing Update - Student printout. Everything mirrors each other now, should only have three buttons (unless your agency has put in more). Paramedic student assessment printout is now the same as standard print out. Connie commended CARS because of our documentation of assessment.
- V. Provider impressions and symptoms lists. Sennett found the list, but no progress otherwise. Klein and Sennett will be scheduling a meeting over the next couple of weeks in order to take care of this.
- VI. New business
  - A. Destination team alert activation
    1. Only affects two region 8 hospitals that are going to be using e-bridge. Wanted to be able to differentiate a voice alert and a text/digital alert. There is a risk/benefit analysis going on to decide how much time away from patient care. This is through Carepoint. Different tones for different alerts (interhospital vs ALS transport).
    2. Essentially, you would enter basic demographic info of patient and take a pic of their driver's license in order to preregister patient for CT scan, etc.
    3. Dr. Jordan does not like the idea of the e-bridge. He thinks that putting the responsibility on the paramedics to get license/insurance info is a lot. He also likes the face-to-face transfer of care reports that we currently give. He thinks that if we stop doing this and switch to e-bridge is more helping the hospital than the paramedics.

4. An example of how this could work would be if there were a mass casualty incident in Mt. Prospect and the paramedic or B/C sent the message to NWCH saying that they have approximately 25 pts. NWCH could send messages to surrounding hospitals asking how many red, yellow, green beds available and then move forward from there before the first phone call is ever made.
- B. Continuous compressions validation error without ventilations
    1. Police officer or bystander does compressions w/o ventilations, and since the first 6-8 minutes of a cardiac arrest. The way it is set up makes it appear that the type of compressions is referring to the pre-EMS compressor. Klein will be moving down the drop down menu and relabeling to "Type of EMS CPR" that was causing the issue previously because it appeared to relate to "Bystander CPR type." "who did CPR and how was it done"
  - C. Narcan questions activation -
    1. Klein activated these questions last night. Brizzell from PBPI wants it to continue to be documented as the medication power tool for "prior to EMS arrival."
    2. Documentation of prior to arrival was discussed at length, with a validity and legality of documentation brought up. If a drug is given by a non-medical professional EMS needs to document this clearly in the narrative, because if you use the medication power tool is used the timestamp is left blank and causes a validity error. Sennett will remove the requirement for a timestamp very soon.
    3. All of this will be taught in an upcoming ConEd and a system memo will be sent.
  - D. MEND exam details
    1. Massive, long-winded conversation about how to implement this and in what way to document it.
  - E. New intubation - Discussion about how to consolidate intubation options, include iGel (which is coming Q1 2019).
  - F. Charter and elections 2019
    1. Plan to take care of this in January 2019. Markus Rill will no longer be with us as VP (thanks for your service). Vice chair seat will need to be filled. Email myself or Klein if you would like to
- VII. Regional Administrator/Liaison - Patrick Sennett Update
1. New VP of Fire/EMS for Image Trend, who is a former Illinois paramedic, so this bodes well for our future and making progress.

**Meeting adjourned at 1137**

