

**Northwest Community EMS System
Chiefs/Administrators Meeting
MINUTES – March 15, 2019**

Topic	Discussion/conclusions
Call to order	Meeting called to order at 8:30 AM. Minutes approved as written. Tina Hayes was introduced as the new Buffalo Grove PEMSC.
Advisory Board/Paramedic Program Advisory Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scott Motisi was elected as the new Chair. The new Board member listing is posted to the website. • Three policies were approved. Preceptors, Variances, and Alternate response vehicles. Discussion ensued relative to the Alternate Response policy. Connie has an e-mail from Leslee Stein-Spencer affirming that waivers cannot be granted for multiple years and supporting the assertion that ALS means the ability to do a 12 lead ECG. Chiefs voted to affirm policy unanimously. • All System policies will need to be updated based on National, State, and SOP changes. • The 2019 System EMS Strategic plan will need to incorporate the recently adopted Agenda 2050 provisions, thus it will have a completely new look. Connie will draft as soon as time permits.
PBPI Committee Connie Mattera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screen results on naloxone were presented; National ESO EMS Index will be used as a benchmark. • Stroke screen results revealed that stroke alerts are not being called on all eligible patients. Dr. Jordan shared his position that he would rather have the alert called in, even if there has been an error in EMS impression, than not putting the receiving hospital on notice that a possible patient with stroke is coming in. • Cardiac arrest focus group report; CARES registry download update given by Dr. Jordan.
CARS Committee Jim Klein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on stroke documentation options for the new BEFAST screen. • App for SOP for android is operational and can be found on Google play. A high school student created this app. It is the System's intent to recognize him for his excellent work. An app for Apple products is still pending. • Two participants will attend the Image Trend conference in July and they have been registered.
Education Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead instructor tutorial was provided by Connie: Changing landscape of EMS and EMS education. • EMT class report: Current status S19 was given. Curriculum change pending at Harper College to divide EMS 110 into 3 separate classes that must be passed and taken in succession like the paramedic program. • Paramedic class report: Great results so far. Starting Field internship. CoA annual report due today. Seminar hours open to licensed medics wishing to challenge the NREMT exam. • CE: Plan for spring and fall based on QI results, member feedback, and need to reinforce new SOP provisions. REMINDER: SOP rollout in May is mandatory per the Mandatory Review Policy. Connie will send out specific instructions. Make ups will be scheduled in June. CE reconciliation and completion deadline for Academic year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 is due July 31, 2019. • MIH Community Paramedic – Education was completed in January. Awaiting contract revision prior to announcing a go-live date. • ECRN: Next class scheduled for March 20 –May 15, 2019. Auditors are welcome to make up missed CE. • TNS: Fall class (Aug. 28 to Nov. 13, 2019) is full with 36 students.
R & D Committee Ed Rogers Dr. Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pulse Point webex was presented. The System has a neutral position on this technology. There are no data to show improved patient outcomes and it is very expensive. We will not advance it as a System initiative nor provide funding at this time but will approve any of our members who wish to use it within their jurisdictions at their own expense. • Updates to System Drug and Supply list were approved (posted to website). • M9 Draft policy was approved • Procedure manual is in the process of being updated based on these updates and pending changes to the SOPs.
System news Connie Mattera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated Directory has been posted. • A new Provider Agency (A-Tec) has applied to join the System. They will be employing a body of System members that recently worked for Rescue 8, who has withdrawn from the System due to redirected business priorities on the south side.

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State/National News Connie Mattera	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• System plan update agreements are due March 20, 2019.• A meeting took place with the Chief from Barrington Countryside, 3 chiefs from the NIMC EMSS, the NIMC EMS Coordinator and Connie to open discussions as to how we could align practices and partner even more effectively as neighboring Systems. One possibility would be to have a pooled preceptor agreement with their paramedic program, which would allow their students to do some field internship time in our System where call volumes would help them complete the patient care contact requirements more quickly. The Chiefs endorse this concept.• National updates: Agenda 2050; EMS 3.0; Scope of practice model – Illinois expanded scope document; ET3 model was discussed. More information will be shared as it becomes available.
Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 17, 2019, at 8:30 AM in rooms LC 3 & 4.