

**Northwest Community EMS System
PBPI Approved Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 5, 2023**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 0905 hours by Jason.	
New Members & Guests	2 new members: Jim Callahan – Lt with Barrington/Countryside and Oliver Mayapis – Wood Dale FD	
Minutes & Agenda	Motion to approve February minutes made by Brad, second by Pete. All in favor, motion granted; minutes approved. No additions to agenda.	
Old Business a. March Screen (Stroke)	a. March Screen (Stroke) - Looked at Jan 22 – Dec 22 (one calendar year). We pulled calls where primary impression was some version of stroke, or they answered the question of “possible stroke” with yes. Total of 2113 incidents. This is up 892 calls from the previous year (most likely from the inclusion of the answer of yes to possible stroke). 844 of these calls did not have “stroke/tia” of primary or secondary impression. Further results presented to the group. Much discussion about how we continue to fall short on our posterior stroke patients. We do a great job identifying those patients that meet positive Cincinnati criteria, but outside of those parameters, we are missing the other strokes. The LKW is such an important factor due to treatment options – TNK is the latest treatment option, but the window of opportunity to give it is precise, so it is imperative to know when their stroke symptoms began. There is some additional agency information to dissipate in the screen results.	
New Business a. 2023 PBPI Charter Update b. 2023 PBPI Plan c. April screen d. 2023 Q1 Intubations	<p>a. 2023 PBPI Charter update -- not much updated from the previous year. Motion to approve the charter, version 2, made by Adam, second by Taylor. All in favor, motion granted, charter approved.</p> <p>b. 2023 PBPI Plan – There is a big movement to have quality measures in EMS. Many updates to the Plan reflect guidelines from the new national EMS quality alliance (NEMSQA) program that has formed. Their goal is to provide quality assurance and performance improvement. They have come up with 11 screens (data points) that EMS should be measuring routinely. However, it is not enough to just report the data. We need to have an action plan, with follow up measurement, and then a proposed contingency if the plan is not working. The state will hold the system accountable for this, so it is now a part of our PBPI plan. Motion to approve the plan with the new changes, made by Brad, second by Oliver. All in favor, motion granted, plan approved.</p> <p>c. April Screen – Cardiac (Wide complex tachycardia w/pulse and Bradycardia) – the focus will be primarily on pulling calls with 2 sets of vitals and an ECG rhythm and any ectopy seen with the inclusions of sinus bradycardia, ventricular tachycardia (with pulse) and wide complex tachycardia. One point of interest is to see what we selected for primary impression. Some discussion on how they will capture this patient population from the screen parameters. Additional discussion about the points of the screen and what data elements we will be looking at. Mostly care related items are what we are aiming to evaluate.</p>	

	<p>d. 2023 Q1 Intubation Incident Review – We had each agency coordinator look at their intubations for 2022 to scrub the data and get back to PBPI on more accurate intubation data. We are going to look at each quarter individually. Each PBPI rep will have until April 15th to look at their intubation numbers and report back to PBPI so we get accurate data.</p> <p>*Sentinel Events Review – 4 incidents that came back as a sentinel event for this year (to date). All 4 were likely mis-documented, based on the narrative for each incident. The agency’s coordinators will be notified to make appropriate changes to their PCRs.</p>	Committee members will have until April 15 th to submit their agencies Q1 intubation data.
CARS Update	None.	
Cardiac Arrest Committee	Timed airway data finalized. All of this year’s reports pulled; gained a lot of awareness about how many different ways a cardiac arrest can be documented. They are working on developing education on how to properly document a CA, in an effort to get more streamlined and consistent documentation/data.	
System Updates	Chiefs all approved the price increase for the new mobile app, so that will be available soon! Procedure manual is also getting many updates, and should be available on the app shortly as well. There is a slide deck available on the system website, which includes all the system updates. The most accurate and up-to-date information is all available on the home page of www.nwcemss.org .	
From the floor / Closing remarks	A thanks from Connie to those agencies that are hosting students right now.	
Adjournment	<p>Next meeting May 3, 2023 – motion to adjourn by Brad second by Oliver. All in favor, motion granted, meeting adjourned at 1030.</p> <p>Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nichole Junge, RN, EMT-P</p>	