

**Northwest Association of Provider EMS Coordinators**

**MINUTES**

**April 26, 2012**

Topic	Discussion/Conclusions
<b>Call to Order</b> <b>Previous Minutes</b> <b>Review of Agenda</b>	Call to order at 09:05 by Pete Dyer Minutes approved; Paul Schebel – motion Steve Johnson - second
<b>Treasurer’s Report</b>	Roger Fyke reported a balance of \$8356. Fyke will send out invoices to members during the first week in May.
<b>Meeting Topics</b>	<p><b><u>CARS Committee</u></b>                      Rick Nosek provided the report. The 2012c template will be used for the entire region, and “2012c Patient Contact” should be set by each provider agency to be the default Field Bridge template. The NWCEMSS-FIELD 6-01-2011 template will no longer be available beginning May 1, 2012. There was some discussion on whether a set of screen shots could be created for training, Rick took this under advisement. Image Trend will host a webinar on 4/27 to discuss correcting validity of current runs from the database side. Notification of a plan of action with respect to validity correction will be issued shortly after the webinar. The new Multiple Patient Refusal template is available, however its utility is limited by the IDPH’s position required demographic information for all patients. Work is ongoing at the state level to allow scanning if licenses/IDs to meet these requirements.</p> <p><b><u>Web Site Development:</u></b> work on the website is progressing slowly. Connie Mattera commented that she is aware of the structural problems with information access ease, but that the current plan is to work with American Eagle to negotiate changes. Paying for those changes is a key discussion point. We do own the intellectual property on the site, and could conceivably contract with another vendor.</p> <p><b><u>Advisory Board</u></b>                      Next meeting is in May.</p> <p><b><u>Research and Development</u></b>                      Did not meet. Mattera reiterated that therapeutic hypothermia protocols will roll out June 1, 2012.</p> <p><b><u>Education</u></b>                      Connie Mattera provided an instructional series on con-Ed development. The emphasis of the most recent installment was the importance of new material for learners during con-ed. An anonymous (individual, not agency) needs assessment test will be administered during the 10/2012 con-Ed, as requested by the Education Committee. There was general agreement that some general background questions (e.g., time as a med) be included on the test. Module 3 of the EMT bridge course series should be available shortly. IDPH is in the process of moving to a competency based model vs. an hours based approach for con ed.</p> <p><b><u>PBPI</u></b>                      Susan Wood provided the update. A refusal screening was performed in February; identified deficiency areas included lack of vital signs and no contact with medical control for ALS refusals. Several members of the committee were interested in seeing additional information on the exact types of refusals involved(i.e., no treatment / no transport, treatment / no transport).</p>

	<p>An IV screening is presently underway; an IO screening is scheduled for next month, and a stroke screening is scheduled for the summer. A webinar on defensible documentation is scheduled for 5/31/2012 at the 901 building. Members were encouraged to invite guests who may have an interest. Drew Smith discussed an app product called Dr. First on which he recently was party to a product demonstration of the “Doctor First “app. The product would allow patient medical/drug history to be available real-time. The developer has a current product out that is widely used by physicians to enter prescriptions, and has a plan for bridging information to ImageTrend.</p>
<b>System and State Updates</b>	<p><b><u>System</u></b>  Dr. Ortinau discussed the possibility of considering standardizing equipment within the system to a greater extent to allow for more efficient implementation of capabilities like 12-lead transmission, and to reduce overall costs to providers. He also discussed the potential need to eliminate the “Invalid Assist” run category. The category does not allow the fact that at least an overall impression assessment was performed on the person was performed. The use of prefilled templates will reduce the work of preparing a suitable patient report. Such a change would require a policy change through the Advisory Board.</p> <p>Mattera provided an update on a wide variety of system, state, and national topics included in the “NWC EMSS Report – April 26, 2012” which was distributed to attendees. She also informed the group that all system testing in the EMS Office would be limited to the second, third, and fourth Tuesday of the month from 9am to noon pending the hiring of a replacement part-time administrative assistant.</p> <p><b><u>Emergency Preparedness</u></b>  Dyer informed the committee that a chiefs meeting would take place on 4/27/2012 to discuss changes to the MPI/MCI SOP. He also provided the group with a briefing on the upcoming NATO event in Chicago.</p> <p><b><u>IAFC/IDPH</u></b>  Dyer provided updates on several items provided in a handout to attendees. He also informed the group that the EMS “near miss” database was up and running at: <a href="http://www.emseventreport.org/">www.emseventreport.org/</a> .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Correspondence</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Old Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>New Business</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
<b>Next Meeting Adjournment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting – May 24, 2012; 9:00AM, LC 7&amp;8</li> <li>• With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:20</li> </ul>