

**Northwest Community EMS System  
Research and Development Committee  
MINUTES March 6, 2019**

| Topic                        | Discussion   | Actions/Follow-Up   |
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| <b>Call To Order</b>         | Meeting called to order at 10:49.  |   |
| <b>New Members</b>           | R&D welcomes Brian Freese from Palatine FD   |   |
| <b>Minutes &amp; Agenda</b>  | Agenda was sent out prior to meeting. No additions to agenda. January minutes updated with suggested changes by R&D. Motion made to approve amended minutes by Doug S seconded by Mike Romano. Amended minutes approved unanimously by R&D committee.  |   |
| <b><u>Old Business</u></b>   |  |   |
| iGEL Airways                 | i-gel education is wrapping up by the agencies. Hospitals will begin stocking PEDs sizes first in June and then through attrition of King Tubes will start stocking iGELS in adult sizes. Some facilities may have already started purchasing Ped sizes for departments but are not required to until the 6 month notification date in June. Agencies are welcome to buy stock individually if they would like to stock their rigs sooner. |   |
| New Cardiac Electrodes       | NWCH has replaced all MEDLINE electrodes w/ Red dots by 3M and have received good feedback. No other system Hospitals are using Medline products.  |   |
| Zoll Ventilator              | In January's meeting R&D unanimously approved Zoll Z ventilator as a me-too item to replace Uni-vent on the Drug & Supply list as optional equipment. Any department looking to carry this item will need to contact Dr. Jordan to insure proper use and training is in place.   |   |
| Drug & Supply List           | Connie explained the new IDPH state rules about equipment and the reasons behind why our drug and supply list must be updated. Connie went line by line w/ R&D committee going over new draft of Drug & Supply list. Each item was discussed and the committee agreed on a few amendments.   | Motion made by Scott to approve the new Drug & Supply list as amended by R&D. Seconded by Brian. Updated Drug & Supply list as amended approved unanimously by R&D.           |
| MedEngine Drug & Supply list | Connie explained the reason behind why our MedEngine Drug & Supply list was in the need of updating. Connie spent an extensive amount of time updating a draft of this document. Connie went line by line through the new draft MedEngine Drug & Supply list w/ R&D committee making suggested changes as we went along.   | Motion made by Doug to approved the draft MedEngine drug & supply list as amended by R&D. Seconded by Mike Romano. Draft MedEngine drug & supply approved unanimously by R&D. |

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| <p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p>Webex Presentation of PulsePoint</p> <p>Slishman Traction Splint</p> | <p>PulsePoint did an online presentation of their CPR app that alerts general public users that are trained in CPR if there is a cardiac arrest in a public setting within a predetermined distance from their location. R&amp;D discussed the pros &amp; cons of purchasing and using the app. The system as a whole had very few public cardiac arrest and even less where CPR was not being performed prior to arrival (PTA).</p> <p>Scott (BGFD) presented the Slishman traction splint as an alternative traction splint. The Slishman traction splint is easier to apply and use relative to our other devices. It also has the added benefit that it doesn't extend past the end of the foot so loading pts into ambulances becomes easier as well.</p> | <p>If departments wanted to implement the PulsePoint app Dr. Jordan stated he would support them but there was no recommendation or stance made by R&amp;D as a committee.</p> <p>Drew Hansen motioned to recommended to Dr. Jordan to approve Slishman traction splint as a me-too item to be added to Drug &amp; Supply list. Seconded by Doug. R&amp;D unanimously approved the recommendation to the medical director for approval of Slishman traction splint as a me-too item.</p> |
| <p><b>Closing/from the floor: information sharing</b></p>   | <p>Next meeting homework; Glucometers, Tube holders (addressing if the current holder can accommodate an iGEL; and portable IV warmers.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Adjournment</b></p>   | <p>Next Meeting – May 1st 2019.<br/>         Motion to adjourn: Ed Rogers. Second: Mike Romano. All in favor. Motion passed.<br/>         Meeting adjourned at 13:45.<br/>         Minutes respectfully submitted by: Drew Hansen</p>  |  |