

**Northwest Community EMS System
PBPI Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 6, 2023**

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 0904 hours by Jason.	
New Members & Guests	None.	
Minutes & Agenda	Motion to approve November minutes made by Adam, second by Taylor. All in favor. Motion granted; minutes approved. No changes or additions to agenda.	
Old Business a. September Screen – Trauma b. November Screen – IV success rate	<p>a. September Screen – Trauma: Looked at systolic BP of ≤ 110 in patients over 65. 324 Total, 30 did go to a Level 1 TC. At least 100 more of these should have been transported to a Level 1, so we are missing a large percentage of patients that meet these criteria. Additional education is warranted on this topic. Some minor discussion to follow regarding validity rules. It was suggested that it would be helpful if ImageTrend could “flag” calls where only one set of vitals was done on transported patients, where crews were with the patient for longer than 15 minutes. Additional discussion (not related to trauma), included asking if CARS can adjust one of the primary impressions to just say “suicide attempt” instead of “suicide attempt with injury.” A few of these calls were pulled into the trauma screen and don’t necessarily <i>fit</i> the impression because there might not have been an actual injury as a result of the suicide attempt.</p> <p>b. November – IV Success Screen: Data pulled for all of 2023 to date and our overall success rate on IV attempts is 65.6%. Our first attempt success rate is 67.6%. We have the highest success rate at the AC. Further discussion about the remainder of the data points presented in the screen results (catheter size, patient age, patient weight and agency specific success rates).</p> <p>Lengthy discussion focused on trying to get a better understanding of why we continue to have low success rates regarding IVs. This is our second year in a row where we have been 10% below the national average. Some anecdotal feedback is that some medics do not prefer the newer style catheters. Some have stated that for a long time IVs were discouraged unless absolutely necessary, so the skill faded over time. Discussion about redistributing product specific literature/videos for the catheters we utilize.</p>	<p>The documentation issues / suggestions will be brought to the CARS committee.</p>
New Business a. December Screen – Pain Management b. Committee Board Elections – Chair and Vice Chair	<p>a. Pain Management Screen – No specific data elements presented at today’s meeting, due to an IT issue, but Taylor will run the query over the next month and present to the group in January.</p> <p>b. Committee Board Elections: Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair are open. The two nominees for Chair are Adam Sielig and Taylor McIntyre. By a majority vote, Adam has been selected as the next Chair of PBPI. Taylor has accepted the Vice Chair position.</p> <p>2 positions remain open: (1) data coordinator and (2) screen coordinator. If anyone wished to fill these positions, please bring it to the attention of the newly elected board</p>	

CARS Update	There was a validation issue tied to vial signs that has been fixed. Additionally, over the weekend, ImageTrend sustained a significant “bug” that hampered a lot of documentation for patient care. The issue has been resolved, and any reports that remain incomplete can be corrected at this time.	.
Region IX QI Committee Update	No updates.	
System Update	Lights and sirens memo endorsed by all agencies, so it is currently in effect. Additional updates in slide deck that went out.	
Cardiac Arrest Committee Update	Taylor is stepping down as Chair so he can focus on his new role as Vice Chair of PBPI. He discussed some of the latest data the committee has been evaluating. In January the committee will publish a report with their official findings. One data point Connie would like to have reported is what percentage of ROSC was obtained on patients that had CPR initiated. Additionally, she would like the data broken down based on the presenting rhythm (shockable or not).	
From the floor / Closing remarks	A huge thank you to Jason Brizell for his years as Chair of PBPI. He has dedicated countless hours to the quality and improvement of patient care in our system, and his efforts are greatly appreciated.	
Adjournment	Next meeting January 3, 2024 – motion to adjourn by Adam second by Taylor. All in favor, motion granted, meeting adjourned at 1017. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nichole Junge, RN, EMT-P	