Northwest Community EMS System PBPI Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Topic	Discussion	Actions/Follow-Up
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 0902 hours by Adam.	
New Members & Guests	New guest, Scott Renshaw from Buffalo Grove FD.	
Minutes & Agenda	Motion to approve October '25 minutes made by Tyler, second by Jason. All in favor. Motion granted; minutes approved. No changes or additions to agenda.	
Old Business a. August Screen: Respiratory b. September Screen:	a. August Screen: Respiratory – Adam presented data collected in this screen. He added asthma, which was previously not included in the screen and removed heart failure, as it will have its own screen. 245 incidents in all; most used primary impression is asthma, which was selected for 31.4% of the calls. Of the total calls, 34.5% of them did not utilize capnography. 79.2% of the patients had an improvement in Sp02 with the therapies initiated during the call.	Request to CARS to have the capnography waveform printed on the student version of the PCRs.
Burns	b. September Screen: Burns - total of 87 incidents in all. 26 did not document TBSA (these were mostly smaller burns). Burn center criteria met 8 times, and all were transported to Loyola.	Nichole will look at the outliers from the respiratory screen.
New Business a. Q3 Intubation deep analysis	a. Q3 Intubation Deep analysis – Overall success 71%, patient success 79.8%. We did have a drop this quarter, from Q2, which had an overall success rate of 77%. Some discussion followed, pertaining to a comparison of the ProVu vs King Vision. Many agencies like it, some are still getting used to it, the frequency with which it gets utilized makes it difficult to be proficient with it.	
b. Medical Emergencies – Narcan	 b. Medical Emergencies: Narcan – Adam will compile a screen for this topic and present to the members at next month's meeting. Adam will then send them to agencies to complete. 	
c. Nominations for Chair/Vice-Chair/Screen Coordinator	c. Nominations for Chair/Vice-Chair/Screen Coordinator – December we will have nominations for these positions for 2026. Adam will be taking a break for the first 3-4 months of the year to focus on fire department related duties, so he is looking for help. Tyler had offered to step up and help out in this area.	
Sentinel Events	None.	
CARS Update	They did add the stroke phone number as a validation rule. They are also learning more about the AI tool.	
System Update	IDPH is coming out to do a site survey of our EMS System in July 2026. There is an EMS/Stroke Symposium being held in January by NWCH's neuro group. Flyer to come with specific dates/details. In addition, the system is working to host a capnography seminar in the next few months. More info on that to come as well.	
Region IX QI Committee Update	None.	

Cardiac Arrest Committee Update	They recently sent out the scorecard for the system and each agency. Mostly noticing inconsistencies with documentation. The committee revised the cardiac arrest documentation guide to distribute so those writing arrest calls can have a template for how/what documentation should be documented. The cardiac arrest committee will work with PBPI to come up with a draft and then finalize it and send it to the rest of the system.	
From the floor / Closing remarks	None.	
Adjournment	Next meeting: December 3, 2025 – Motion to adjourn made by Tyler, second by Jason. Meeting adjourned at 0932. Minutes respectfully submitted by: Nichole Junge, BS, RN, Paramedic	