



Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors

MINUTES

St. Anthony's Hospital

May 29, 2013

1130 Hours

ATTENDANCE

Children's Hospital Colorado	Kathleen Adelgais, Maria Mandt
Denver Health Medical Center	Stephanie Haley-Andrews, Jesse Jerome, Marlow Macht, Kevin McVaney, James Robinson
Exempla EMS/Prehospital Services	Jeff Beckman
Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	Michelle Archuleta, Jonyeon Pei
Gilpin Ambulance Authority	Zane Laubkan, Jamie Morgan
HealthONE EMS	Dylan Luyten, Randy Pennington, Patricia Tritt
Mile High Ambulance	Mark Wilcox
Mile High RETAC	Shirley Terry
North Metro Fire	Ross Riley
North Washington Fire Department	Dave Baldwin
Northglenn Ambulance, and	Cathy Teter
South Adams Fire Department	
Porter/Littleton/Parker Adventist Hospitals	Gene Eby, Clancy Meyers, John Riccio
Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, and	Todd Beirne
Rose Medical Center	
Pridemark Paramedic Services	Chris Mullberry
Red, White & Blue Fire District	Zachary Lynch
Regional Medical Liaison Group	Nick Boukas
Sky Ridge Medical Center	Garrett Chism
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority	Bob Marlin
St. Anthony Hospital	DJ Head, Scott Phillips, Gina Soriya, Pete Vellman
Stadium Medical	Tracy Mullins
Summit County Ambulance Service	Marcy Burnett
TMCA, EMS/Trauma Services	Chantel Benish, Erica Douglass, Gilbert Pineda
University Hospital/University of Colorado	Fred Severyn
West Metro Fire Department	Kevin Schmidt
Westminster Fire	Rick Spahn, Tina Takahashi

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Pete Vellman called the meeting to order at 11:50 am.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The group welcomed Dr. Kathleen Adelgais from Children's Hospital and Marcy Burnett from Summit County Ambulance Service.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the March 6, 2013 meeting were approved.

BUSINESS

• Regional Medical Liaison Group Update

- Nick Boukas reported minor changes to protocols to mirror Chapter 2 revisions. This will be distributed for review in the next few weeks.
- Six to ten agencies are needed to provide data on cardiac alerts and time to EKG. Data will be analyzed to provide benchmarks. Nick will work with the medical directors.
- Dr. Dylan Luyten has joined the RML group as replacement for Dr. Heller who resigned due to a recent job change.

• Physician Group Updates

- Dr. Kevin McVaney reported that the waiver for ketamine use in cases of excited delirium will be submitted in a few months. Dr. McVaney emphasized that pre-hospital/EMS will only use ketamine for extremely agitated persons in crisis situations, where safety of the patient and/or medical personnel is at risk.

Denver Health is developing a training video for ketamine. The video will be made available to anyone who wants it.

- MCI Management
 - Bob Marlin reported that RETACs provide EMS counseling and services, leadership and training for MCI management in the field and in the hospital.

There is a committee responsible for devising the regional MCI plan, which outlines standards for terminology, communications, triage symptoms, etc. Bob Marlin and Ross Riley are co-chairs for this committee. Ross explained how the regional plan manual is organized and encouraged the group to come to the committee meetings. There are more resources on the Mile High RETAC website.

- Mile High RETAC distributed their regional plan to members in attendance. Contact Shirley Terry or Ross Riley if you would like a copy.

- Kevin Schmidt reported on the Communication Search Network. Look for the red button at top of the Divert screen. This can help provide transport from a scene and is a way to get help to overwhelmed dispatch centers during an MCI event.
- Chapter 2
Dr. Gene Eby reported that the Chapter 2 rules go into effect in mid-June, voiding about 80% of the current waivers. CPAP was not addressed. Under the medical directors educational standards it shows the current standards and specific training required. The updates are online on the Colorado EMS website.

Dr. Eby also reported that surgical crics were cleared under chapter 2. Waivers are no longer needed by paramedics.

Per Dr. Eby, leave waiverable items to the medical directors and do not include in protocols.

- **Clinical Coordinator Updates – DJ Head**

- DJ confirmed that the Coordinator meetings will now be held quarterly.
- Chantel Benish will send out questions (about 550 questions) to the physicians in the next few weeks. Chantel will remain involved with the protocol assessment committee through the June changes.

- **Other Business**

- Zane Laubkan discussed need for EMS peer review protected from discoverability. Dr. Vellman stated that Colorado peer review statutes protect providers inside hospital walls. Jeff Beckman agreed to take the lead on this and try to get it ready for next legislative session.
- John Riccio asked about dosing for eclampsia and best drugs for vertigo patients. The group agreed to look at narcan and indications at a future date. Circulate ideas via email to Drs. Pineda, Luyten, Eby and Vellman.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Stephanie Andrews is filling the role of EMS Liaison at Denver Health.
- “Stories from the Street” lecture series at Rita Bass, held 12-1p on second Tuesdays. No CME credits available.
- Shirley Terry reported that Mile High RETAC is hosting a legal forum on Sept 26. It is a free, full day program with CEUs available. Send topics of interest to Shirley.
- Dr. Pete Vellman announced that Senate bills 13-220 and 13-111 concerning abuse of children and at-risk adults were signed by the governor. Copies of the bills and the pen

used to sign the bill are to be presented to Tom Candlin in recognition of his work on these bills. Tom was not present at the meeting.

- Dave Baldwin has received a scholarship for a three-week Fellowship at Harvard, providing an opportunity to represent EMS on a national level.
- New member Dr. Kathleen Adalgais encouraged the group to complete an online survey that was sent to select EMS providers on barriers to assessment of vital signs in children in the out of hospital setting.
- Next meeting is on July 3 at St. Anthony Hospital Auditorium A-D. September meeting is on September 4.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 pm.