



Denver Metro EMS Medical Directors

MINUTES

January 9, 2013

1130 Hours

St. Anthony Hospital

ATTENDANCE

Action Care Ambulance	Jen Falkenburg
Children's Hospital Colorado	Ashley Balakas, Jason Kotas
Denver Health Medical Center	Jesse Jerome, Marlow Macht, Kevin McVaney
EMS Association of Colorado	Howard Paul
Exempla EMS/Prehospital Services	Jeff Beckman, Ron Quaife
Exempla St. Joseph Hospital	T.K. Kennedy
Foothills RETAC	Linda Underbrink
Gilpin Ambulance Authority	Jamie Morgan
HealthONE EMS	Dylan Luyten
Littleton Fire Rescue	Michael Simon
Mile High RETAC	Shirley Terry
North Metro Fire	Ross Riley
North Suburban Medical Center	Josh Heller
North Washington Fire Department	Dave Baldwin
Porter/Littleton/Parker Adventist Hospitals	Gene Eby, Lee Meyer, Clancy Meyers, John Riccio, Brian Sobeck
Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital, and Rose Medical Center	Todd Beirne
Red, White & Blue Fire District	Zachary Lynch
Regional Medical Liaison Group	Nick Boukas
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority	Bob Marlin
St. Anthony Hospital	Scott Phillips, Gina Soriya, Pete Vellman
Summit County Ambulance Service	Kimberly Campbell, Jeanne Power
TMCA, EMS/Trauma Services	Erica Douglass
West Metro Fire Department	Kevin Schmidt

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Pete Vellman called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The group welcomed Jeanne Power, Summit County Ambulance; Howard Paul, EMS Association of Colorado and Mike Simon, Littleton Fire.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the November 7, 2012 meeting were approved.

BUSINESS

- **Regional Medical Liaison Group Update – Nick Boukas**

Minor revisions are being made to the protocols and will be published to the website before the weekend. Training centers now have a tab on website. If you have submitted information, check the website.

The minutes from these DMEMSMD meetings will also be posted on the website going forward.

At the March meeting Dr. Dave Ross will speak about his study regarding alternative approaches to treating and transporting intoxicated patients. Nick will try to post Dr. Ross' paper on the website prior to the meeting.

The RML group discussed a concern about divert advisory language in their earlier meeting.

- **Peer Review Legislation Update – Howard Paul**

There was a meeting with hospital lobbyists this morning. A draft needs to be presented before legislation can be considered. If we wait until next year to introduce the peer review legislation, it is recommended to start working on it in June. Rep. Leroy Garcia is our champion in the Legislature. Trial lawyers are the primary opponents of this legislation.

Other Updates:

- Rep. Garcia is introducing House Bill 13-1063 dealing with Critical Care paramedics.
- Sen. Ballmer of Centennial is sponsoring a bill to add EMS to the statute that gives confidentiality.
- Sen. Irene Aguilar is sponsoring bill (see attached) that gives Good Samaritan immunity to bystanders (clinic / street clinic) administering Narcan and provides for the ability for family members to administer at home.
- Other bills: Currently EMTs are not mandatory reporters of child abuse or adults at risk. A committee met about this to discuss why Colorado should have mandatory reporting and to add EMS and clergy to the list of mandatory reporters.

- **Protocol Updates – Dylan Luyten**

Dr. Vellman stated that the physician group discussion was focused on protocols and turned over the floor to Dylan Luyten.

Dr. Luyten reported few protocol changes this time including changes made to the Opioid dosing protocol in order to get dosing and administration as consistent as possible. Fentanyl starting dose and increments was discussed. A standard dosing protocol for morphine was created as well.

There have been requests on the website for a quick reference guide on acts allowed. Nick and Dylan put together a document for EMT to use as guideline. This can be downloaded from the website. A PowerPoint training module will be posted for incorporation into training.

Scott Phillips posed a question on cardiac protocol and use of mechanical CPR devices. It was recommended that a statement be added under chest compressions to use manufacturer's instructions when using mechanical devices.

There was a discussion about whether protocol updates are happening at the right intervals. It was agreed that at this time, there isn't a need to change the six-month time frame. Dr. Vellman encouraged use of the website rather than printing out protocols to ensure use of the current version.

- **Clinical Coordinator Updates – Scott Phillips**

Scott shared that agencies are reporting bedbug infestations in patients and their homes.

- **RETAC Updates**

Bob Marlin and Ross Riley are co-chairs for NCI, formed by two RETACS joining together. The goal is to make this a representative group. Anyone representing field agencies is encouraged to attend.

Shirley Terry is writing an RFP for a grant to develop a training DVD. There is a grant workshop on Thursday 1/17 at Rita Bass. Shirley passed out a handout about the AED registry. University Hospital has provided some funding. Kevin McVaney reported that Dr. Camilla Sasson has been trying to organize statewide participation in the CARES network. Shirley is collecting letters of support for this from RETACs. Contact Shirley for Dr. Sasson's contact info.

Shirley is working on getting speakers for the safety summit on Oct 8-11. One day will focus on QA. Escaping violent encounters and pediatric related topics are on the agenda. Send other topics of interest to Shirley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next DMEMSMD meeting is Wednesday, March 6.
(St. Anthony Hospital Conference Rooms E, F, G)
- Due to scheduling constraints, the May meeting is on May 29.
- July meeting is on July 3.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.