

Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2010

I. Call to Order

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:33 am with the following in attendance:

Dr. Larry Anderson	Doug Morrow
Tom Amico	John Pierce
Ed Angiolillo	Adrienne Pohar
John Applegate	Rich Ressel
Dr. Stuart Brilliant	Wayne Riddle
Rich Constantine	Leo Scaccia
Jeff Gewertz	Jamie Shankweiler
Dr. Kevin Kramer	Dr. Bill Shibe
Beth Leonardi	Brian Zimmerman
Dr. Scott McCurley	Adam Zwislewski
Harry Moore	

Guests:

Perry Kurtz – West End Fire Co.
Ken Smithson – Uwchlan Ambulance Corps

II. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 17, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Report from Dr. Anderson

3.1 PEHSC MAC Meeting

Dr. Anderson and Harry Moore participated in the conference call meeting. Topics included: H1N1 update, 2010 Statewide Protocol revision comments (see item 5.1 below), a research study request from Pittsburgh to have EMS obtain pre-hospital lactate levels on trauma patients, and a brief discussion on the future of calcium channel and beta blockers in EMS. Next meeting is scheduled for March.

IV. Discussion Items

4.1 H1N1 Update

Dr. Anderson provided an update on the H1N1 clinics that were held at the GSC. Approx. 150 EMS personnel and 4,000 public were vaccinated here. There is still vaccine available. Services needing additional personnel vaccinated should contact Steve Webb or Betsy Walls (Health Dept.).

4.2 PCR Software Update

Dr. Anderson and Rich Constantine provided an update on the progress of the Council's ePCR Committee. An RFP has been created, and will be distributed in the near future to all PA approved vendors. RFPs received will be scored by the Committee, and the top qualifiers will be asked to offer an in-county demo session.

V. New Business

5.1 2010 Statewide Protocol Revisions

Dr. Anderson reported that this is a revision year for the Statewide BLS and ALS Protocols. The PEHSC MAC will be reviewing recommended revisions at their March meeting. A draft CO Oximetry Protocol and Fire Scene Rehab Protocol have been recommended. Members with recommendations are asked to complete the supplied PEHSC Protocol Revision Form and return it to Harry Moore by March 1. Harry will forward all forms received to PEHSC as a whole.

5.2 OSHA Inspections

Members received a copy of a letter that OSHA sent to a local EMS agency. They apparently are providing some written notice prior to performing un-announced inspections at EMS agencies. They have not been in Chester County yet, but have been to neighboring EMS regions. Additional compliance information is available on the OSHA website.

VI. Good of the Order

6.1 The Chester County Hospital has installed a Philips server to receive EMS 12 lead ECGs from the Philips MRx. CCH is also looking to provide Grand Rounds opportunities for unique EMS cardiac patients transported to CCH. Contact Adrienne Pohar regarding either.

Council President Scaccia introduced the two newly appointed BLS members of MAC: Rich Ressel from Honey Brook Ambulance and Beth Leonardi from Union (Oxford) Fire Co. Ambulance. He also offered a reminder that the annual Awards Banquet is on May 13th, and to date there have been few or no nominations for most of the categories. Please submit worthy nominees ASAP.

Rich Ressel inquired about responses to Lancaster County that are dispatched by Chester County, and the appropriate response mode. Lancaster County uses a "class" dispatch system and we do not. He was asked to contact John Haynes for his opinion.

Dr. Anderson reported that he was involved in discussion between Jennersville Regional Hospital, Bowling Green, and Avondale EMS regarding patient transfers. He reiterated that 911 Psychiatric patients require medical clearance, which can be done at any local ED. If the pt. has no preference, the closest facility is recommended.

Dr. Anderson reviewed the 2009 EMS dispatch data and air ambulance utilization data. A brief discussion followed.

Harry Moore reminded any service who hasn't submitted their 2010 medical command authorizations that they are due in by Friday (1/29). He also asked members to review our current EMS Policies and Procedures. If there are no other significant agenda items in March, we may review those, as they are in need of a thorough review.

Thanks to Minquas for doughnuts this morning.

VII. Adjournment

There being no additional formal business for the committee, a motion was made for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 am.