

Medical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2009

I. Call to Order

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:45 am with the following in attendance:

Dr. Larry Anderson	Dr. Ed Dickinson
Ed Angiolillo	Jeff Gewertz
John Applegate	Bob Hotchkiss
Chris Bickings	Dr. Scott McCurley
Dr. Stuart Brilliant	Dr. Steven Parrillo
Rich Constantine	Dr. Ben Usatch

Guests:

Wayne Riddle: PennSTAR Flight
Brian Zimmerman: West End, Phoenixville
Dr. Kris Kaulback and Doug Hughes: Paoli Hospital

II. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 29, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Report from Dr. Anderson

3.1 PEHSC MAC Meeting

Dr. Ben Usatch and Harry Moore attended the meeting. An Emergency Scene Work group has been working together on Fire Scene Rehab guidelines. More to follow next meeting.

At the March meeting, Dr. Kupas looked over things that need to be changed. There were discussions about Regional stroke and STEMI hospitals; there was talk about putting out assessments. PCR's that Dr. Kupas have been obtaining have had an increased use of pain medication for fractures; a decrease in medical command orders; and a decrease in using Lasix.

There is a new online resource from NAEMSP for EMS medical director's training that PA is considering using for the PA credential, more to follow.

IV. Discussion Items

4.1 H1N1 Update

Dr. Anderson discussed what the county's stand point is on the vaccine. There has been talk about vaccines for all EMS providers. Please stay tuned to hear more as it becomes available to Field Services. Any questions, please contact Steve Webb.

V. New Business

5.1 Paoli Trauma Presentation

Dr. Kris Kaulback and Doug Hughes from Paoli Hospital presented a power point presentation about Paoli's Trauma Center application process and timeline. Paoli has applied to be a Level II trauma center. After the presentation, there was a brief discussion and they answered some questions and concerns of some EMS providers.

5.2 Psychiatric Patient Destination Clarification

Dr. Anderson clarified that an EMS provider should go to the closest hospital for medical clearance, and then if cleared, they can be transferred to Brandywine. Do not bypass other hospitals to get to Brandywine Hospital. Brandywine has only opened their adult ward and not the pediatric yet.

VI. Good of the Order

6.1 2010 Medical Command Authorization

Dr. Anderson reminded everyone of the requirements for their 2010 medical command forms. If your credits are not completed by January 1, then you can not work.

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 9:37 am.