

Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2011

I. Call to Order

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:36am with the following in attendance:

John Applegate
Charles Brogan
Dr. Ed Dickinson
Jeff Gewertz
Bob Hotchkiss
Beth Leonardi

Dr. Steven Parrillo
Dr. Scott Resweber
Wayne Riddle
Leo Scaccia
Tammy Whiteman

Guests:

Sadye Sardone, Malvern FC
Nick Campbell, Malvern FC
Emily Michaels, Honey Brook FC
Frank Piscitello, WCU/GFAC
Linda DiBilb, Paoli Hospital
Kerry Larkin, Paoli Hospital

DES:

Harry Moore
Chrissy DePaolantonio
Robert Linnenbaugh

II. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the September 27, 2011 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Report from Dr. Anderson

3.1 PEHSC MAC

The October meeting was cancelled due to multiple conflicts. Leo reported that the VTRs from MAC to the PEHSC Board regarding the 12 lead acquisitions, transmission and receipt and the IV infusion pump requirements by 7/1/13 were tabled to more deeply explore the potential financial impact involved. .

IV. Old Business

4.1 Advanced Airway Data/Med. Assisted Intubation Pilot Proposal

No progress report provided. This item will be removed as a standing agenda item and will be re-addressed when there is more progress.

4.2 CQI Committee Update

Has met once since last MAC. The new chair is Scot Kreger, and there is a potential meeting date in early December. Will remove this item as a standing agenda item and will be re-addressed when there is more progress.

V. New Business

5.1 Regional N-95 Mask Research Study

Sadye Sardone presented the final analysis of her research project, which is now complete. 96 practitioners participated, a lower number than expected. Handouts were provided with a breakdown of data for the parameters that were measured. The study revealed that 64% of practitioners incorrectly donned and/or doffed an N-95 mask, resulting in potential self-contamination. In addition, the study found that additional education is needed related to flu vaccination and hand hygiene. Sadye will work on an educational program.

5.2 SCCEMS Lights and Siren Data

Bob Hotchkiss presented preliminary data on patients who have been transported utilizing lights and siren since the 7/1/11 revision to Statewide Guideline # 123, which was upgraded to Protocol in Chester County. He reported SCCEMS was transporting approx. 75% of patients without L & S prior to 7/1/11, and they are now transporting approx. 90- 95% of their patients non-emergency. Incidentally, they have not transported any pt. from a skilled nursing facility with L&S since 7/1/11. The average time saved when utilizing L&S since 7/1/11 is 2.7 minutes. The largest time saved is on the longer transports. They have also monitored protocol compliance for L&S use, and 84% were compliant. Bob will update again at a future MAC meeting. Services were urged to evaluate their own L&S utilization, and reminded that it is a violation of the vehicle code to utilize the opticom without utilizing the other emergency lighting.

VI. Good of the Order

Leo Scaccia provided an update on the report at last meeting from Berwyn of the failure of the emergency button on the lapel mic. of the new portables. The issue is a software issue, and E.F. Johnson has provided new software that is currently being tested. If it fixes the problem without causing additional issues with the other software, all the new portables will need to be re-programmed. This will not be a quick fix.

Harry Moore reported that while the agenda was light, there were still a lot of good things happening. Paoli Hospital held their 3rd annual Trauma Symposium earlier this month, and CCH held an EMS centric cardiac grand rounds this month that included insight from a cardiac arrest pt. who received therapeutic hypothermia via EMS. The final draft of the Rules and Regs were published in the PA Bulletin on October 29. They are open for final public comment until November 29. Depending on the amount of comments received, they should move forward and hopefully become effective approx. July of 2012. There is a lot of additional Federal and State legislation that effects EMS pending. There continues to be a lot of behind the scenes work on transitioning to the new EMS Educational Standards and implementing the new practitioner levels in PA. The regional EMS training Coordinators meet at least monthly, and are making progress.

The next MAC meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2012.

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 9:36 am.