

Medical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
November 23, 2010

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:37 am with the following in attendance:

Tom Amico	Dr. Kris Kaulback
Ed Angiollilo	Beth Leonardi
John Applegate	Harry Moore
Dr. Dudley Backup	Dr. Steven Parrillo
Chris Bickings	John Pierce
Dr. Stuart Brilliant	Rich Ressel
Rich Constantine	Dr. Scott Resweber
Dr. Ed Dickinson	Wayne Riddle
Howard Gant	Leo Scaccia
Jeff Gewertz	Brian Zimmerman

Guests:

Lisa Eckenrode, Paoli Hospital Trauma Program  
Tabatha Burkholder, Honey Brook Fire Company

**II. Approval of the Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the September 28, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

**III. Report from Dr. Anderson**

**3.1 PEHSC MAC/Regional Director's Meeting**

Dr. Anderson reviewed the handout *'2010 Statewide Protocol Revision DRAFT Update'*. He briefly went over each BLS and ALS protocol update from the October PEHSC MAC meeting. The January PEHSC MAC meeting will be the final review for comments.

Dr. Anderson reported that the Maryland state Medical Director spoke about air ambulance utilization and changes made to their policies after their fatal crash to decrease unnecessary flights.

**IV. Discussion Items**

**4.1 EMS PCR Software Update**

Frank Piscitello has contacted the 2 vendors (EMScharts and EMStat) and will try to set up an informational session right after Thanksgiving. Once we have a date and time, we will send out notices.

**4.2 Coroner's Issues**

The Coroner's Office would prefer a more standardized flow of information from EMS. After reviewing a draft standardized interface form, Leo Scaccia offered to follow up with Dave Garver and present it to the EMS Council for discussion at the January Meeting. More to follow...

#### **4.3 EMS Type Codes / EMS Medication Instructions**

Harry Moore attended the DES Quality meeting to review the EMS incidents that were discussed in detail at the September MAC meeting regarding EMD medication administration. After reviewing all of the calls and discussing them, the changes that were suggested by MAC were sent to APCO in order to update the EMD cards. It is a long process and Dr. Anderson will keep everyone updated. If anyone is interested, John Haynes would attend the January meeting for more questions. Harry also clarified questions related to the unconscious person and unresponsive person type codes.

Chris Bickings questioned why we have a BLS Airway Obstruction type code, and a brief discussion ensued.

### **V. New Business**

#### **5.1 Paoli Trauma Center Update**

Dr. Kris Kaulback provided an overview of the trauma center's first 2 months. He reviewed Paoli's internal trauma activation criteria and noted there are some differences between them and the EMS protocol levels. He would like to educate more on centralize language between EMS providers and in house staff. More will follow on that...

Lisa Eckenrode is Paoli's EMS Liaison. Lisa would like to meet with all the EMS Services and talk to the providers and see how their experience or interaction was with the Trauma Center and staff.

Dr. Kaulback clarified a pediatric question that was asked. Paoli will not admit anyone under the age of 16 but will take care of them and then transfer out to another facility.

#### **5.2 Sedation Assisted Intubation Protocol**

John Pierce asked everyone if there is any interest in adding this protocol at the regional level. After a lengthy discussion, Dr. Ed Dickinson proposed to write a 'good' protocol and propose a regional 'pilot' study including medical directors. Dr. Anderson needs to inquire about getting data from the state about Etomidate. A sub- committee would be formed with the following members who volunteered: Dr. Ed Dickinson, Rich Constantine, John Applegate, Leo Scaccia, Jeff Gewertz, and John Pierce. Will verify with Main Line Health regarding utilizing their IRB for review of any potential study.

#### **5.3 CHF Protocol**

Dr. Parrillo inquired if the ALS providers are still getting orders from ER Doctors for Morphine and/or Lasix in CHF patients. It reportedly does not happen routinely.

### **V. Good of the Order**

Please take a copy of all the 2011 Meeting Dates.

Leo Scaccia reported a few things from the EMS Council side:

- There is still a need to do CQI at a BLS level. They should be completed based on our contract with Department of Health. There was a suggestion to have 'BLS CQI' be a sub-committee off of OPS.
- Would like to have a kick off meeting to talk about different ideas and funding for the banquet. He would like to have a 'Banquet/Awards Committee' formed to take on these tasks by December 1, 2010. Go back to your service and ask providers to help out.
- Develop a new committee for 'Political Action Committee'
- Sayde Sardone from Malvern Fire Company has received all her approvals for her PPE research study in the county.
- Leo has been designated as the point person for equipment / projects for Chester County providers when there is money available from the task force. Any and all ideas, please contact him by December 5.

John Pierce reported on the voice radio project and new Fire/EMS paging system that things are moving forward. The new technology with resolve audio and coverage issues. With the paging part, is there a need for voice and text? EMS requested a *'Regional Operational Channel'*. More to follow...

Harry Moore reminded everyone that ALL medical command forms are due! All ALS providers should have credits approved by turning in their status report.

There was a request to address the issue of Fire or Police Officers requesting a helicopter. If this is still a problem, Leo offered to bring this back to the President of the Fire Chief's Association.

The next meeting is January 25, 2011...See everyone then!

## **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 10:00 am.