

Medical Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 25, 2011

I. Call to Order

In Dr. Anderson's absence, Harry Moore called the meeting to order at 8:39 am with the following in attendance:

Tom Amico	Dr. Kris Kaulback
Ed Angiollilo	Beth Leonardi
John Applegate	Dr. Scott McCurley
Chris Bickings	John Pierce
Dr. Stuart Brilliant	Adrienne Pohar
Rich Constantine	Leo Scaccia
Dr. Ed Dickinson	Jamie Shankweiler
Howard Gant	Dr. William Shibe
Jeff Gewertz	Brian Zimmerman

Guests:

William Hirthler, Union Fire Company

II. Approval of the Minutes

A motion was made to approve the November 23, 2010 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Report from Dr. Anderson

3.1 PEHSC MAC Meeting

Harry reported that he and Dr. Anderson were able to listen in on the conference call held on January 19th. The sole purpose of this meeting was the Protocol revision update. PEHSC sent out the ALS and BLS protocol drafts. Based on multiple comments from this meeting, they will make additional changes and hold a final meeting within the next few weeks. More to follow at our next meeting.

3.1.1 Statewide Protocol Revision Update

Harry reviewed the attached document of the major proposed changes in the BLS and ALS protocols. PEHSC is on schedule for an April 1, 2011 rollout and a July 1, 2011 implementation date.

PEHSC is still working on PTSF level 4 trauma center criteria. Will follow up when they have more to report.

IV. Discussion Items

4.1 PCR Software Update

There will be 2 vendors coming to the GSC for short demonstrations on February 16. EmStat will be here at 4pm and EMSCharts will be here at 6pm. Please get the word out to attend these presentations.

4.2 Medication Assisted Intubation Pilot Proposal

John Pierce will have a draft proposal by the March MAC meeting. He is still compiling data collection and should have more information to the doctors in the next few weeks for approval. More to follow at next meeting...

V. New Business

5.1 Paoli Hospital Trauma Update

Dr. Kris Kaulback provided a presentation on Paoli's first full quarter of trauma center operations. The presentation included their statistics from before they were a trauma center till the present. On request from the group, he will make the presentation available to the members. Harry will email it out to everyone.

5.2 PA POLST Form

Harry reported that EMS providers may start seeing POLST forms. This does NOT change anything for EMS providers. The patient still needs an OOH DNR for EMS to withhold CPR. If a patient ONLY has a POLST form, EMS must still contact medical command to terminate efforts.

5.3 Regional Drug List

Harry reported that there is a possibility of DoH rescinding or modifying the requirement for regional drug lists, and deferring to the statewide drug list. Harry will follow up at the next meeting once there is more information about this.

VI. Good of the Order

Harry distributed to each service that participated, their 2010 Advanced Airway Data. Once the training facility is up and running, he would like to hold regional airway training sessions based on the data collected. Harry did notice that there is poor compliance overall on ET/CO₂ documentation – both initial and serial readings. All ALS providers should be treating that as one of the vital signs obtained at regular intervals and documented.

There was a request from the Radio Room...Please keep portables with you at all times for status checks. Many times dispatchers had to track providers down by calling hospitals or hitting the tones.

Harry noted that his PCR reviews have identified two trends that need corrected: failure to document the medical command physician by either name or #, and failure to properly document paramedic students. Please do not simply write "paramedic student", but rather document them by name and EMT number.

Leo reviewed what will be covered in the OPS meeting immediately following MAC:

- Awards Banquet Committee – PLEASE turn in nomination forms
- Patient Bill of Rights – We should have a standardized commitment
- EMS Advocacy Committee – Will be lead by John Pierce. He will be working on *How to get word out to the public on what we do!*
- CQI Committee – Fred Wurster is chairing and is working on data collection and how to help services turn in data.
- Currently on the last draft revision of the By-Laws.

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 10:11 am.