

Medical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 24, 2015

I. Call to Order

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order @ 0835, with the following members in attendance:

Dr. Larry Anderson
Chris Bickings
Brad Cosgrove
Dr. Anne Klimke
Harry Moore
John Roussis

John Applegate
Charles Brogan
Bob Hotchkiss
Emily McCarthy
Dr. Steve Parrillo
Leo Scaccia

Guy Barber
Rich Constantine
Dr. Kris Kaulback
Dr. Scott McCurley
Adrienne Pohar

Guests:

Brian Zimmerman - Radnor EMS

II. Approval of the Minutes

2.1 A motion was made to approve the September 29, 2015 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Report from Dr. Anderson

3.1 **PEHSC MAC Update:** Dr. Anderson reported on State PEHSC MAC meeting 11/11/15 in Harrisburg. Several items were discussed: 1) EMS for Children Project continuing to work on improving EMS care and transport of Children. Specifically they are looking at devices and means of safe transport for newborns and their mothers after delivery. Several devices are being looked at. 2) State Rep. Will Tallman has encouraged the state EMS Officials make a change in the scope of practice to allow EMTs to perform blood glucose measuring devices and to administer IM glucagon. MAC reviewed and recommended approval for blood glucose monitoring devices by EMTs as an optional skill that would require additional training by the agency medical director. MAC did not support a recommendation on glucagon administration. 3) Pennsylvania's Physician General continues to express concern that the EMS community has not given the pre-hospital use of naloxone its full support. BEMS was unable to provide statistics for # of BLS agencies that are using naloxone. MAC supports the use of naloxone by BLS services. 4) 2015 AHA Guidelines reviewed vs. our current protocols. Any changes required will be done in for the next revision cycle. 5) All ALS level agency medical directors should have a separate DEA registration for each EMS agency they provide medical direction for.

3.2 **Regional Director's Meeting Report:**

Harry Moore gave an update on Regional and State activities. Little to report as there has not been a state budget approved, activity is limited.

IV. Old Business

4.1 **Policy updates:** Policies approved by the MAC were sent forward to the EMS Council, Inc. where they were approved.

- 4.2 CQI Report:** The new CQI plan was presented to the EMS Council, Inc. Council where approval is pending

V. New Business

- 5.1 BLS Naloxone/ALS Recall:** Discussion regarding the use of Naloxone by BLS who then recall ALS. The group felt that if the patient was AAOx3 post naloxone and had there are no other significant clinical findings, then this would be a safe practice. BLS use of Naloxone and patient refusal requires medical command approval.
- 5.2 IALS:** Congratulations to Good Fellowship as the first BLS agency in PA to upgrade their license to the IALS level. As ALS agencies with active AEMTs, Malvern and Uwchlan may also provide IALS level service. At this time there will be no changes to the ALS/BLS type codes for dispatch.

VI. Good of the Order

- 6.1 Coroner's Office/EMS interface:** A representative from the Coroner's office will be at the January MAC to provide an overview of their responsibilities and discuss interaction with EMS.
- 6.2 PFESI Dinner Awards:** Congratulations to Steve Webb, Jon Kromer, and Beau Crowding who received service awards at the PA Fire & Emergency Services Institute Banquet in Harrisburg last week.
- 6.3 Active Shooter Preparedness:** DES coordinated a full scale active shooter exercise at Collegium Charter School in October, which went well, but uncovered some gaps in our readiness. Additional training and equipment for EMS personnel is a funding priority for the SE PA Regional Task Force – to be addressed in the Spring.
- 6.4 Etomidate:** Minquas EMS has completed the required Etomidate training and is seeking regional approval to begin use. Dr. Neubert provided a letter of support. In polling the group, no one was opposed, approval granted.
- 6.5 EMS Board/Council, Inc.:** John Applegate announced that there are openings on the EMS Council, Inc. for new members and folks are encouraged to apply. Contact the Council President Keith Johnson or any other Board member if interested. The next Board/Council meeting will be Thursday 12/3 @ Station 87.
- 6.6 Tactical Village:** If you have not seen it or trained at the facility you are encouraged to do so. We now have a state of the art facility for Police/Fire/EMS training.
- 6.7 NAEMSP meeting/conference 2016:** Date: Jan 14-16 in San Diego, CA

VIII Adjournment:

There being no additional formal business for the committee, a motion was made for adjournment. The motion was seconded and approved.