

Medical Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 31, 2015

I. Call to Order

Dr. Anderson called the meeting to order @ 0830, with the following members in attendance:

Dr. Larry Anderson	Ray Birkmire	Charles Brogan
Rich Constantine	Dr. Aneesha Dhargalkar	Mark Eick
Dr. Alex Fernandez	Howard Gant	Bob Hotchkiss
Dr. Kris Kaulback	Emily McCarthy	Harry Moore
Adrienne Pohar	John Roussis	Leo Scaccia
Heather Staley	Cathleen Vandenbrack	

Guests:

Dr. Patrick Reilly- Penn Medicine Trauma
Steve Hare- Penn Medicine Trauma
Kerry Larkin- Paoli Hospital and Trauma Center
Brian Zimmerman- Radnor EMS
Will Emmons- Medic 91

II. Approval of the Minutes

- 2.1 A motion was made to approve the November 25, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.

III. Report from Dr. Anderson

3.1 PEHSC MAC Update:

Dr. Anderson reported that the State MAC had a Web meeting 1/14/15. Highlights of the meeting- a) Research proposal submitted from UPenn- “Philadelphia Immediate Transport Trauma Trial.” Proposal to Randomize Penetrating Trauma patients into ALS treatment or BLS only and transport. Dr. Patrick Reilly gave a quick update to the MAC as he is one of the primary investigators. Study to start in April. b) Protocol priorities will be: 1) BLS, 2) CCT, 3) AEMT, 4) ALS. All should be in place by 7/1/15. c) BLS protocols have been released and we are waiting for the educational PPT which should be out shortly from the state.

3.2 Regional Director’s Meeting Report:

Harry Moore has been officially named as the Deputy Director for Field Services. He gave an update on current status of the region’s activities.

IV. Old Business

4.1 ALS Dispatch Criteria/EMD cards:

Implementation has occurred as of 12/23/14, with 18 of the EMD cards being changed. As a result of these changes we have seen a significant change in the ratio of BLS/ALS dispatches. Previously year we were at 45%/55% BLS/ALS, and the first 2 months of 2015 we are at 53%/47% BLS/ALS. We still need to continue to look into why there are so many ALS recalls.

V. New Business

5.1 Mission Lifeline: Alex Kuhn

Alex gave a quick update on the AHA Mission Lifeline project. We are constantly looking for ways to improve our recognition of symptoms to cath. lab balloon times. Congratulations to Chester County Medic 91 and Uwchlan Ambulance Corps who received Mission Lifeline EMS agency awards.

5.2 Penn Medicine Trauma Update- Dr. Reilly

Dr. Reilly gave a quick update on Penn Medicine Trauma Center move to the Penn @ Presbyterian campus which opened on 2/4/15. He also gave a quick overview on a new study that PENN, TEMPLE and PFD have proposed and that was approved by the State MAC regarding the hypothesis that “**Immediate transportation in lieu of pre-hospital procedures in penetrating trauma patients will result in improved survival in this patient population**”

Steve Hare- gave a presentation on the new Penn Medicine “Penn Rescue” App for iPhone and Google devices. Has useful info for phone numbers, LZ sites, Trauma centers and Protocols. Input regarding the app can be sent to, Steve.Hare@uphs.upenn.edu

5.3 BLS Protocol Update-

The formal State BLS training has not been released yet but it is anticipated soon. Biggest changes include 1) the REQUIREMENT of all BLS services to carry a Pulse Ox device and 81 mg baby aspirin, 2) the revision of the Spinal Immobilization and Long Board usage, 3) Optional Naloxone use Protocol. Summary handout given on all the changes in BLS Protocols.

CCT Protocols- Draft has been released and State is working on tweaking the 5-6 specific protocol language.

5.4 Kerry Larkin-Paoli Trauma-

Gave a brief overview on the Pelvic Binder Program that they are offering to all ALS Agencies. More information is available on their website.

VI. Good of the Order:

- New ACLS Guidelines to be released 10/15. We do anticipate any significant changes in the new guidelines
- NAEMSP- 2016, Save the Date- Jan 14-16 in San Diego, CA

VII. Adjournment:

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