



EL DORADO COUNTY
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting

Date: September 12th, 2018

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Location: HHS Sierra Conference Room

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees:

Sherrie Kelley, West Slope JPA
David Brazzel, EMS Agency
Bryan Pond, CalStar
Aryon Nielsen, EMS Agency
Eileen Flatgard, EMS Agency
Corey McLeod, Barton ER
Curtis Harper, Cal Tahoe JPA
Richard Todd, EMS Agency

Greg Schwab, Georgetown FPD
Karl Pedroni, AMR
Chris Landry, EDH FPD
Cate Neal, Barton ER
Mike Franza, Diamond FPD
Michele Williams, Marshall ER
Debbie Madding, SRMC

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. The minutes of the 6/13/18 MAC meeting were approved with one change and posted to the EMS Agency website.

III. CHAIRMAN REPORT: (David Brazzel, M.D.)

- EMS Website: Local efforts to combat the opioid epidemic in El Dorado County are underway. Personal protection for first responders was addressed as well as symptoms of opioid overdose.
<https://www.edcgov.us/Government/hhsa/pressreleases/Pages/Efforts-to-Combat-Opioid-Abuse-in-El-Dorado-County.aspx>
- Illegal Pesticides: Illegal marijuana grows have been known to use pesticides. The chemical is often pink in color and reducing first responder exposure to eyes, skin, an inhalation is critical. Be cautious of possible pesticide exposure if encountering individuals in these types of locations.
- Canine Transports: Yesterday, the Governor's office signed a pilot project bill (Assembly Bill No. 1776) to allow the transport of law enforcement canines and their handlers to a veterinarian in the event the canine is injured. The pilot project is only being conducted in San Bernardino County.

- Restraint Policy: The restraint policy needs to be adhered to without exception. Recently, a 5150 patient in San Jose was transport without restraints and managed to jump from the back of the ambulance where they were subsequently hit and killed on the roadway. Please adhere to the 5150 restraint policy!
- Airway Demonstrations: A demonstration of the IGEL supraglottic airway was provided at MAC earlier this summer. Cal-Star is using the Air Q airway, and we are looking to have additional vendors provide a demonstration of their airway product later this fall. Additionally, the state is considering a phase out of the King Tubes, so a replacement will need to be identified and purchased.
- Optional Scope Medications: A motion was made and approved at this meeting to apply for optional scope medications (Toradol, Ketamine, and IV Acetaminophen). A training module will be developed and presented to the state. Once approved, these medications will be included in next year's policy and procedure updates.

IV. BASE STATION HOSPITAL REPORTS:

A. BARTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BMH): (Corey McLeod, M.D., Cate Neal, R.N.)

- Cate Neal: Cate is now the permanent EMS/trauma prehospital care coordinator. Welcome back Cate!

B. MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER (MMC): (Michele Williams, R.N.)

- Flu Update: Marshall is gearing up for flu season and is reminding all providers that mandatory masking will begin on November 1, 2018. If providers elect to decline the vaccination, they will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the influenza season whenever having direct patient contact or working in patient care areas. For additional vaccination or masking mandate information, [click here!](#)

V. EMS AGENCY REPORT: (Richard Todd)

- ImageTrend: ImageTrend version 8.8 update was released 8/28/18 and has cleared up some previously reported issues. There is still a glitch with connectivity while medic units are mobile. Please make sure you are posting from a secure location and not in transit so the attachments will attach to the tag being posted.
- Medic Licensure: Paramedics will be able to re-license on line after 10/31/2018. For additional information, [click here!](#)
- Platform Upgrades: For West Slope Transporting ALS Service Agencies, if you are looking to upgrading to an I-PAD or other platform device, please contact Sherri at the JPA.

- PAC: The Paramedic Advisory Committee will start back up in October. Please make sure each district has a representative in attendance.
- Zoll: The supply committee had questions about the electrodes/pads. Please use Zoll products for Zoll monitors.
- Narcan: Narcan has been approved for use by both the EDSO and PVPD. As a public safety entity, they will need Public Safety CPR, first aid, and a Narcan component built into their training program (per title 22). Please contact Rich with any questions you may have at: (530) 621-6505.
- Late ePCR's: If your tag is left in an "In Progress" status or it hasn't been completed, it could incur a penalty for completion status/timely submission. Please ensure all your tags are completed and attachments have been included and posted in order to prevent being assessed a fine. Suzanne and Eileen are sending out daily emails via ImageTrend as reminders.
- ALS Assessment Engines: The ALS engine agreement is not a component of the West Slope JPA Agreement with the County. As such, each Non-transporting ALS agency will need to establish an agreement with the County (EMS Agency). The application for the agreement is located on the EMS Agency website, [click here!](#) Please contact Rich with any questions you may have.

VI. AMBULANCE BILLING: (Eileen Flatgard, Mark Wright)

- Medical Necessity for IFT's: Intermedix (our billing contractor) is specifically asking for the reason the patient is being transferred to another facility, even on higher level of care transports. To support this request, in the narrative section of the ePCR, please include a detail description of the services not provided/available at the transferring hospital but is available at the destination facility.
- Patient Bills: As a reminder, crews and fire personnel should not discuss insurance coverage or any billing information with patients. If a patient has a question about coverage or if a bill will be generated for care, please direct them to Mark Wright at: (530) 642-4810.
- PCS Forms: All PCS forms need to identify the licensure of the medical professional filling out and signing the form. M.D's. and D.O's. are the only two acceptable signatures.

VII. JPA REPORTS:

A. WEST SLOPE JPA: (Sherrie Kelley)

- Supply Committee: The supply committee is looking to reduce costs in purchasing.
- New Medic Units: Two new medics units will soon be rotated into the fleet. El Dorado Hills and Diamond Springs will be receiving the replacement medic units in the near future.

- EPCR Fines: The JPA is working with EMS Agency and the departments to reduce the fines imposed for late ePCR submissions.

B. CAL TAHOE JPA: (Curtis Harper for Ryan Wagoner)

- Barton CCT Staff: The JPA is still in discussion with Barton Hospital to provide an R.N. for CCT transports. Additional information on this topic will be available at future MAC meetings.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. CQI COMMITTEE: (Aryon Nielsen for Christopher Garrigues)

- Sacramento VA Medical Center (Mather): Request to transport patients to Mather VA will be approved as long as the patient is not critical.
- ImageTrend: CQI reviewed the latest ImageTrend updates that took place in August.
- Connectivity on ImageTrend: There was a robust discussion regarding connectivity with ImageTrend when attaching documents. Please make sure you have a strong internet connection while uploading PCS forms, Face Sheets, and EKG strips. Loss of connectivity can prevent attachment of these documents, especially if you are in a moving medic unit transiting Highway 50.
- PAC: PAC will start up again next month, October 10, 2018 @ 8:30 a.m. As mentioned earlier, please have a representative from your department participate.

IX. OLD BUSINESS: EPCR Update (Aryon Nielsen)

- Connectivity: As mentioned earlier, please make sure you have solid internet connectivity when attaching back-up documents (PCS, Face Sheets, and EKG) to the ePCR.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- None to Report:

XI. SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS:

- A. EDC TRAINING OFFICERS**: (Ken Earle) Not present no report provided.
- B. CALSTAR/REACH**: (Bryan Pond): Several teams have been deployed under FEMA to the East Coast to assist with hurricane transports (fixed wing planes).
- C. CALFIRE**: (Greg Schwegler): Not present no report provided.
- D. CARE FLIGHT**: (Markus Dorsey-Hirt): Not present no report provided.
- E. AMR**: (Karl Pedroni): AMR has also sent teams to Virginia and South Carolina to assist hurricane victims and staffing needs at the national command center.

F. **SUTTER ROSEVILLE MC:** (Debbie Madding):

G. **U.C. DAVIS MC:** (David Buettner): Not present no report provided.

H. **STATE PARKS:** (Suzanne Matin): Not present, no report provided.

I. **Mercy Folsom:** (Theresa Franklin-Piercy): Not present, no report provided.

J. **Life Assist:** (Becky Rowe) Not Present, no report provided.

XII. **NEXT MEETING:** ***October 10th, 2018, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*** HHSA, 3057 Briw Road, Sierra Conference Room. *For directions to the HHSA Conference room, [click here!](#)*