



**COUNTY OF EL DORADO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

MINUTES

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting

Date: January 14, 2015

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Location: HHS Sierra Conference Room

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees:

Corey McLeod, Barton ER
Sienna Gabler, Barton ER
Michael Habicht, Marshall
Michele Williams, Marshall ER
Ryan Wagner, Cal Tahoe JPA
Marty Hackett, West Slope JPA
Lavleen Cheema, EMS Agency
Rich Todd, EMS Agency
David Brazzel, EMS Agency
Brian Bresnahan, EMS Agency
Kim Tanner, Zoll

Dennis Carter, AMR
Darren Bakken, Cal Fire
Ken Earle, DSP FPD
Dave Brady, EDH FPD
Greg Schwab, Georgetown FPD
Susan Johnson, Georgetown FPD
Tony Gasporra, Lake Valley FPD
Kim George, SLT FD
Marty Creel, SLT FD
Eric Polan, Reach
Ryan Adams, Rescue FPD

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. Minutes of the 12/10/14 MAC meeting were approved with some minor changes and posted to the [EMS Agency website](#).

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

A. Ebola: The Interim Guidelines by the EMS Authority for the Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) are posted to the El Dorado County EMS Agency website ([click here!](#)). Also, no new cases have been reported.

IV. BASE STATION HOSPITAL REPORTS:

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

- EMS Coordinator: I would like to introduce our new nurse coordinator for EMS, Sienna Gabler, R.N.
- Helipad: Our Helipad is going to be down from January, 15th – 19th. During this time, any Air Ambulance transfers will be transported by ground ambulance,

via Code 3, from the Emergency Department to the Airport to fly out. I would just like to make sure that the agencies are well aware of this.

B. MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER (MMC): (Michael Habicht, M.D., Michele Williams, R.N.)

- Post Exposure: I sent out Post Exposure information to the chiefs through Marty Hackett (West Slope JPA) and have received no responses. Chiefs, can you please respond so we can update the hospital for billing and follow up.
- Mental Health: We had an incident last week regarding a Mental Health transfer to Monterey County. The patient was passing through our county and is a current resident of Monterey County. When we called for the Medics to take the patient, the transport was denied because of the length of time the unit was going to be out of service. I would like to find out what guidelines to follow in this kind of situation for future transfers. Corey McLeod, M.D. (Barton Memorial Hospital) recommended reviewing the CSA contract.
- Flu: We are seeing an increase in Flu. We currently have several cases in the County. Presently, we are filled to capacity. The hospital has been impacted and we have seen a lot of local traffic in the last 3 weeks.

V. EMS AGENCY REPORT: (Richard Todd)

A. TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

- All training opportunities are posted to the EMS Agency website ([click here!](#)). If you have any training opportunities taking place within your agency that you would like posted to the EMS Agency website, please send an email to Richard Todd at: richard.todd@edcgov.us he will get it posted.

B. OTHER INFORMATION:

- Core Measure Data: We're will be working with both JPA's to clean up the Core Measure Data based on the last set of reports.
- EMS Plan Update and CQI Plan: Our EMS and Trauma Plan Update are in the review process at the moment. I anticipate that the review will be completed by the end of next week. Once we have completed the review process, we will send them to the State. Another component that should be accompanying the updates, the EMS Agency CQI Plan, will take another month before it is ready. The CQI Plan will be going to the February CQI Meeting for the final approval.
- Garden Valley: Low Angle Rope Rescue Operations (LARRO) Training January, 26th – 28th.
- Interns: If you have a prospective student paramedic, who is going to Sacramento State or American River College, or a student of a Paramedic Training program (NCTI) and you are bringing them into your system, under Title 22, you are required to inform the EMS Agency. You can find the "Student Intern Application" on the EMS Agency website ([click here!](#)). If you have any question regarding this requirement, please contact the EMS Agency directly.

VI. JPA REPORTS:

A. WEST SLOPE JPA: (Marty Hackett)

- EPCR: Our Finance Committee authorized me to begin a demo program with Image Trend. So, I will be getting that hardware coordinated with various agencies that use EPCR and billing. They have a separate server where we can actually complete mock tags that will go into the system and we could go from start to finish, including billing and CQI. Sacramento County and Consumes Fire has contracted with Image Trend. We have checked out various different products and Image Trend seems to be the leader in the industry. Therefore, we are willing to give them a look and see how well they can perform for us.
- Ebola: We are going to have one of our local firefighter medics, Jacob Poganski, develop a video that will be sent out to the firefighter medics throughout the system. This will be an awareness video on how to don and doff PPE gear. I'm will be meeting with the Systems Status Management Committee to determine the next step. There are different ideas, one might be to establish a special team of people that are trained to a higher degree on how to don and doff the gear. Additionally, this training may be useful in a broader application for Ebola patients, Viral, bacteria, or other patients with special circumstances.

We have all the gear and enough suits to outfit 24 people. We still have the offer from Sac Metro to provide assistance if needed.

- EMS Section meeting: Tomorrow, starting at 9:00 a.m., at Diamond Springs Station 49, the Cal Chiefs EMS section meeting is going to take place. If you would like to attend, you are welcome. Let me know today as it is catered by a vendor. Therefore, lunch will be provided.

B. CAL TAHOE JPA: (Ryan Wagoner)

- EPCR: We had an upgrade that started yesterday with our EPCR program. Kim will be able to talk more about it as she had been working on it all day. Apparently, the back-end of the system went down for some time. It still has some issues that we're working to resolve.

Kim George (SLT FD) stated; the system was basically shut down for about 8 hours of the day and we were hand writing PCR's. When the system updated with the new version, there were few differences but everything seems to be working really well. Two test tags were submitted, out of which one has been deleted and the other one, I haven't had a chance to go back and review. Although, they are very clear and indicate that they are test reports. Billing has been notified as well.

EBOLA: No updates to provide.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. CQI COMMITTEE: (Kim George)

- CQI Plan & Core Measure Data: Rich Todd (EMS Administrator) talked about the CQI plan and Core Measure data.
- Barton Memorial Hospital: Gave their Trauma Report. Barton has been experiencing some CT down time that has presented some challenges.
- Marshall Medical Center: Gave their Trauma Report. Michelle pointed out that the 12 leads are looking better they are not 100% but she's getting more of them, so it's positive.
- Annual Skills Day: Scheduled for January 29th, 2015, at Cameron Park Marshall Education Building, from 9 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Additionally, a flyer was sent out. If you're interested in attending, please contact Michele Williams. Michele can be reached at (530) 626-2770 ext. 2246.
- Billing: Shari Lobato from Billing was invited again. This is the second meeting that she has attended. For this meeting, Shari brought in a billing justification checklist which also included several examples of PCRs. The information was very helpful.
- Focus Study (East Slope): Heparin and Nitroglycerin drips are soon to come. At the moment, we are just waiting for the letter from the State indicating that we have been approved for the Expanded Scope. Before the implementation, we will be doing more training to ensure everyone feels comfortable with the topic.
- Spinal Immobilization Focus Study (East Slope): We will be implementing the policy starting February 1st, 2015 for South Lake Tahoe. I just need to verify with Lake Valley Fire Protection District to make sure they are on board as well. There was some discussion about the topic, but it sounds like we are moving in the right direction.
- Video Intubation: Susan Johnson (Georgetown FPD) talked about the Video Intubation study which was explained very well. The committee is looking forward to more results as they continue with the study.
- Annual Review: There was a discussion to decide if it was going to be a live training or recorded. It was determined that the training will be issued out through Traget Solutions.
- State Trauma Plan Requirements: The plan requires a Trauma Improvement Committee. Next month, we will be including a Trauma Improvement Committee report from both Trauma Centers (Barton and Marshall) during the CQI meeting.
- ANNOUNCEMENT: Medics should still be faxing all Airway or CPR calls. The Advanced Airway CQI form and Cardiac Arrest Incident form should be filled out and faxed to the EMS Agency. The forms are located on the EMS Agency website. ([click here!](#))

B. PAC COMMITTEE: (Brian Bresnahan)

- Spinal Immobilization Policy: As Kim stated, we're going to have a trial implementation on the East Slope starting February 1st, 2015. We are going to make some modifications based on today's discussion for the trial, which will more than likely include going to a C-Collar on a gurney only for patients with neck pain. This policy should provide better comfort for patients. I will be working on drafting this in the next couple of days.
- Pre-existing Vascular Access Device (VAD) Policy and Procedure: The recommendation from the discussion was to remove it. Since, we have Easy IO now, we can always access the patients bone marrow and give medications. I ask for any comments or suggestions to approve this policy. The motion was approved and the policy will be effective July 1st, 2015.
- CVA: It will see some changes and we'll be voting on this at the PAC meeting next month. I will send out a draft.
- Internasal Med. Procedures: There will be a few additions to this policy.
- Gastric Intubation: Changing the name to Gastric Tube Insertion. I like this suggestion by Michelle, thanks, it's a little more clear.
- Routine Medical Care Policy: We will see a draft for approval hopefully in the next meeting.
- Stemi Policy: Discussed the potential changes to the STEMI policy which will be based on the contract requirements with American Heart Association (AHA). We are looking on those to see what is required.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Nothing to report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Nothing to report.

X. SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS:

A. EDC TRAINING OFFICERS: Multi Casualty Incident (MCI) Drill coming up in the Fall. The Training Officers are working with Marty Hackett on the Ebola Training Video for the use of PPE gear. We have a filming contractor that operates at a very reduced rate, and has offered to produce an Ebola Training Video. Also, the LARRO Drill is coming up.

B. CALSTAR: No report

C. CARE FLIGHT: No report.

D. REACH: New base opening in Mather, CA. We're operating a new EC-35 at the Mather location. The location of this aircraft will provide a better opportunity for

service in the local area. Any trainings we can assist with, or demos, we're happy to participate.

E. **AMR:** No report.

F. **CHP:** No report.

G. **SUTTER ROSEVILLE MC:** No report.

H. **U.C. DAVIS MC:** No report.

XI. **NEXT MEETING:** *February 11th, 2015, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.*
HHSA, 3057 Briw Road, Sierra Conference Room.