

MINUTES
BASE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
November 2, 2022
8:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:

Amy Campbell, RN	Community Regional Medical Center
Vince Ellis, RN	Community Regional Medical Center
Joseph Penn, RN	Community Regional Medical Center
Kris Chatterton, RN	Sierra View Medical Center
Jennifer Andersen, RN	Saint Agnes Medical Center
Nichole Row, RN	Saint Agnes Medical Center
Miranda Lewis, MD	Central California EMS Agency
Dan Lynch	Central California EMS Agency
Dale Dotson	Central California EMS Agency
Mato Parker	Central California EMS Agency
Jessica Buehler	Central California EMS Agency
Julie Yang	Central California EMS Agency
Matt Myers	Central California EMS Agency (Dispatch)
Mary Jo Quintero, RN	Valley Children's Hospital
Kurt Kindig, EMTP	American Ambulance
Jamie Martin	American Ambulance (Communications)
Lieslle Sprague, RN	Adventist Health- Hanford
Joelina Moniz, RN	Adventist Health- Tulare
Elizabeth Sanchez, RN	Adventist Health- Tulare
Reza Beheshti	Kaiser
Lisa Epps, RN	Skylife- Air Methods
Dave Sanbongi, RN	Kaweah

Dave Sanbongi called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

Dan questioned the group if they'd like to have the minutes posted on the website as soon as it's completed, which would be about a week from the meeting, or wait for the committee to approve, which may take about two months. The committee agreed to have the minutes posted on the website as soon as it's completed.

II. QI UPDATE

Mato Parker reported he and Dr. Stroh would be meeting.

Mato stated the only agencies he has yet to hear from regarding Endotracheal Intubation are Coalinga Fire, Exeter, and Kingsburg. As for American Ambulance- Fresno and Kings, they will not be moving forward with intubation.

Jennifer Anderson informed she is working on submitting a QI regarding a non-emergent ambulance response to a critical patient. Mato Parker advised to submit the QI, and he will investigate it.

III. STROKE/STEMI UPDATE

Mato Parker reported the Central Valley Stroke collaborators will be meeting this month.

Mato informed a marketing company had approached him. They have been setting up California Stroke conferences throughout the state. In addition, they have been working with local EMS agencies to create online Stroke webinars and seminars, which are about five hours long. They are issuing CE for EMS personnel and registered nurses. They ask for a prerecording of some Stroke topic and ask the Stroke coordinator or the EMS medical director to do a presentation. More information is to follow.

Mato added in a side conversation with Dr. Campagne and Dr. Lewis, they had Scott at American look up how many patients end up going to their ED with Stroke related or Stroke protocols. Kurt Kindig informed he believed they pulled patients who were having primary provider impression of Stroke or CVA and not just the one that went there because the question is how many don't go there might go there if things change. Mato included one of the concerns is that CRMC is interested in upgrading their TJC designation to Thrombectomy-Capable which will make them the highest level, which could be a concern as they may be getting a lot more patients.

Mato reported Sara from Clovis Community is still working through the process of Clovis becoming a STEMI designation.

Dan added they are working on agreements as they will put them in place for STEMI centers at some point.

IV. MEDICAL CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

Dave Sanbongi thanked Amy Campbell for covering at the last meeting.

Dave stated Dan Lynch reported on some disciplinary action on some personnel and discussed some legislations.

Dan informed there's an alternate destination and community paramedic program, but the State has separated the two. The regulation got approved on October 31st and went into effect on November 1st as an emergency regulation. They usually will have to wait until January 1st.

Dave added that Curtis discussed the Ebola outbreak in Africa. There is an outbreak in Africa, and it is spreading quicker in the region than expected. There's a lot of containment as there is a lot of stuff happening in Africa to keep it within the area. Dan added that they are putting everyone on notice as they will start down the Ebola path again. This was dealt with eight years ago; everyone is currently in standby mode. Dan added that four people who returned from Africa were in Fresno County and were monitored. Two are off-monitoring, and the other two are still being observed. The State hasn't put out too much, and Curtis is on vacation, so hopefully, upon his return, there's more guidance.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elizabeth Sanchez reported Tulare Hospital has all its pieces in place for the business plan, and she plans on finalizing and submitting it by the end of the week to obtain Base Hospital Certification.
- B. Jennifer Andersen reported the repaving to the roads at SAMC began on Monday, 10/31/22 and should be completely done tomorrow.
- C. Dan Lynch reported they have been talking to the hospitals about building up their capability for pediatric patients as they expect a more extensive flu season, RSV, and potentially a COVID surge in the middle of that.

VII. FACILITY REPORTS

A. Valley Children's Hospital

Mary Jo Quintero reported RSV spiked early. The cold and rain make RSV a lot more potent and spread much more quickly, averaging double the number of patients they usually see.

Mary Jo informed one of their biggest concerns is transporting children from one hospital to another. They have limited EMS resources, so they have a Webex scheduled for November 16th, and scantrons will be distributed. Mary Jo advised they'll be offering CE to go along with this. The end game is to devise a plan for the Central Valley.

Mary Jo thanked everyone for their help last night as they were in a general diversion, close status. There was a power outage that affected Northern Fresno and Southern Madera County. VCH's power went off for less than two minutes, but it felt forever. There was a lightning strike at their plant services, which caused a small fire. The fire was extinguished very quickly. That affected the way that it switched from one grid to another. They thought they were on the generator but were not; it was just the grid switching.

VCH is having an evacuation drill on Monday and finalized its evacuation plan along with the job action sheets.

Dave asked Mary Jo to discuss the pediatric surge, which is taking place this Thursday. Mary Jo informed rappon is putting on a tabletop which has been okayed for all the EP programs to count as their community drill. All the hospitals that have been in their coalition are going to be participating.

B. Adventist Health – Hanford

Lieslle Sprague reported they have one MICN who has completed all the requirements, and she'll be answering the radio and another following up shortly.

Lieslle informed Jennifer Sheldon their new ED Director is moving into her role and is doing fantastic.

C. Adventist Health- Tulare

Elizabeth Sanchez reported she had nothing more to add other than Adventist Health- Tulare is working on becoming a base hospital.

D. Saint Agnes

Jennifer Andersen reported all their MICNs had completed the requirements. They are slowly submitting their applications, so hopefully, they can get on the radio and their own soon.

E. Sierra View Medical Center

Kris Chatterton reported they are busy. They completed their first tape review in almost three years, which went very well.

F. Kaiser Permanente

Reza Beheshti reported they are starting their expansion project soon. Construction is to begin within the next couple of weeks and will get heavier as they progress through the different stages of this expansion. There are expected closures of their patient and staff parking lots. Reza stated notification would be sent out regarding any potential closures or rerouting of the EMS entry, etcetera.

Reza informed last night with the power outage; their EMS radio went out with smoke coming out of it. They're working on a replacement and waiting to receive updates from their communications folks.

G. Skyline- Air Methods

Lisa Epps had no report.

H. Kaweah Health Medical Center

Dave Sanbongi reported they had their tape review, which went well. They had a disaster drill on the 25th, and Dave informed it was a learning experience.

I. Community Regional Medical Center

Amy Campbell reported by the end of November, they'll start to scan real-time Imagetrend PCRs into their EMR.

Amy thanked American Ambulance and Fresno Fire for their ongoing MCI training over the last two weeks.

J. Clovis Community Medical Center

No report.

K. American Ambulance

Kurt Kindig reported there a lot of MCI training with another two weeks before they're done.

L. EMS Agency

Dan Lynch reported with the MCI training and disaster drills at the EMCC last week in Tulare; they did encourage all the agencies to do some CE days to go back and look at their MCI processes and do some exercises.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 a.m. The next meeting will be held on December 7, 2022.