

MINUTES
MEDICAL CONTROL COMMITTEE
November 9, 2022
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chad Kahwaji, MD
Eric Leveque, MD
Eric Schmitt, MD
Jim Andrews, MD
Julieanna Sahouria-Rukab, MD
Thomas Schilling, MD
Miranda Lewis, MD
Geoff Stroh, MD
Dave Sanbongi, RN
Danielle Campagne, MD

EMS STAFF PRESENT:

Curtis Jack
Dale Dotson
Dan Lynch
Jessica Buehler
Julie Yang
Mato Parker
Matt Myers

OTHERS PRESENT:

Amy Campbell
Kurt Kindig
Lieslle Sprague
Liliana Samano
Delvin Akins
Lisa Epps
Brian Carnes
Nate Wright
Rusty Hotchkiss

The meeting was called to order by Jim Andrews at 10:03 a.m.

I. MINUTES

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

II. REPORTS

A. Quality Improvement

Dr. Geoff Stroh reported during the CQI meeting, they discussed a general issue of helicopters responding to scenes and how much patient resuscitation should be done before loading to prevent delayed transport. After much discussion, it turns out this issue is common. Dr. Andrews asked for more information on this

matter and any other data that pertains to it from CQI, as he feels this will need to go to another committee for review.

Dr. Stroh informed another problem is transport of patients with high-flow nasal cannula. The high-flow cannulas are in short supply; Mato explained it's not the machine but the cannulas. Dan informed they would be utilizing some public health funds to purchase seven or eight devices that are similar to the devices that CCT carries. The machine will maintain the pressure base and not use as much oxygen. The plan is to have the machines deployed to the providers in Fresno County.

B. EMS Agency

1. State

Dan Lynch reported legislation does not start up until after the end of the year. Dan informed that on November 1st the EMS Authority implemented the triage to alternate destinations and community paramedic regulations. Dan stated they have 12 months to ensure that the regulations are met, which they do, for the most part.

Dan reported that the EMS authority is still working on its strategic planning. They plan to have the plans done by the end of the year to start publishing something at the beginning of the next year.

2. Region

Dan reported they are working on the EMS plans. These plans are like an update of what's happening in our system every year. This year they have to submit the STEMI plan, Trauma plan, CQI plan, and Stroke plan; they're all due by the end of November.

3. Disaster

Curtis Jack reported they are closely watching the Uganda Ebola outbreak. Curtis stated they've pulled out old special memos and reviewed them along with the guidance. They're not ready to pull any triggers but have everything in place for an update if necessary. Most of the information would still be relevant. Currently, there are 131 cases in Uganda and confirmed 48 deaths. Travel restrictions exist for anyone who has been in that area. Those returning to the United States are sent through one of the five airports with CDC screen centers. In our four counties, we've had five to date that has been monitored. Curtis stated he wanted to put this matter on everyone's radar to maybe dust off the plans or some of the equipment from the last time.

Curtis informed they've finished with the Fresno Fire MCI drills and are finishing up with American Ambulance training/ CE sessions.

Stroh questioned when disaster drills should begin again—perhaps starting with infectious disease. Curtis responded they are trying to bring

back exercises, but everyone has been so burnt on COVID response mode.

C. Committees

1. Trauma Audit Committee

Mato Parker reported injury preventions are still going on.

VCH has their ACS survey coming up for February 8, 2023.

The annual Trauma symposium is scheduled for May 19th, 2023.

The regional Trauma committee meeting took place, and there was a good turnout.

2. Base Hospital Committee

Dave Sanbongi reported the Base Hospital Committee is had discussed about moving the meeting to every other month. CCEMSA agreed that the committee meeting is moving forward to every other month.

Dave informed they've started tape reviews. Kaweah had theirs completed at the end of October and Sierra View had one this week.

Kaweah completed an active shooter drill. It has been three years since any training was completed.

3. EMS Operations Committee

No report at this time.

4. Disaster Committee

No report at this time.

5. CQI Committee

Dr. Stroh reported himself and Mato will be visiting SNFs and distributing SNF stickers with the intention to speed up turnovers.

The checklist for 571 is completed.

CPAP with no medication had decreased significantly to about 1 per month. Dr. Stroh advised observation shall continue through March and then every other month to obtain sufficient data for review.

Julie Yang has completed the reorganization of the special memos webpage. However, Dr. Stroh reported he'd like to see the "active" memos in an accessible area. Mato informed the webpage can be revised to include an "active" memos area for easy access, with the other information remaining the same.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Mato Parker informed the intubation training module for the field crews has been sent out to all agencies who had requested to bring back intubation to their agency. Mato stated the training is mandatory and is 4 hours long. Most agencies are expected to complete the exercise by the end of November. A memo will follow with a list of approved provider agencies to intubate. Dave Sanbongi asked for a memo with expectations for signing off on intubations and I-gels. There was a discussion about who should sign off on the intubations; Dr. Andrews and Dr. Stroh agreed that we would continue with having the doctors sign off for now and if it gets backed up then RT can take over.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Mato reported Sierra Ambulance is looking into purchasing new laryngoscopes with video feature. Dr. Stroh stated he's in favor, but he'd like a videotape recording feature. Dr. Danielle Campagne stated that if video of intubation is allowed, then bougie should still be allowed.

Dr. Andrews reported Dr. Campagne and himself have been talking about pediatric I-gels. Dr. Campagne explained agencies above and below us use them; it seems like the easy training is ideal if they've been successful. Dan asked Dr. Julieanna Sahouria to refresh them on the problem with obtaining pediatric I-gel. Dr. Sahouria informed the issue was the size. After discussion, Dr. Stroh and Dr. Andrews agreed to add the sizes 2.5, 3, 4, and 5 sizes but would like to see some statistics. Dr. Andrews advised to bring back numbers at the next meeting and discuss if this matter will move forward.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for December 14, 2022.