

**EMS Oversight Authority Board Agenda
March 25, 2013
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Lincoln Medical Education Partnership (Classroom 103)**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by April Rimpley.

Roll Call

Denise Dredge called the Roll (see attached).

Notice of Open Meetings Law

The Notice of Open Meetings Law was posted in the room.

Board Approval of Minutes

Kyle Michaelis made a motion to approve the January 28, 2013, minutes as distributed. Pam Randall seconded. The motion passed.

Advisory Committee Report

Jan Shaner shared the DNR information and would like to have finalized by March 2013.

Discussion took place regarding if the DNR is for a hospice patient, you do not need to file the Form with the Sheriff's Department. The hospice nurse will make sure that a DNR is available. DNR Hospice forms are kept for 2 years.

There is no expiration date for the DNR form. Doug Fuller stated we could "recommend" yearly renewal and posting on the refrigerator.

Lindsay Scheer stated we need to be real clear on who can waive the 7-day rule. The 7-day rule only applies to licensed health care facilities. Request a coroner if the patient has not been seen by a physician in 7 days or if there is anything suspicious about the death. Discussion ensued as to what a licensed healthcare facility is. Jan Shaner stated she will obtain an updated list of Licensed Healthcare Facilities.

Pam Randall is working with Saint Elizabeth Public Relations who is drafting advertising for the media and marketing. Jan Shaner will work with Joan Anderson to get information to physician offices for patients.

It was also suggested that perhaps EMSOA could have a website where policies, forms, etc., could be easily accessed by all.

Pam Randall made a motion to approve the DNR Form as submitted today. Kyle Michaelis seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Medical Director Report

- Midwest Medical Gap Analysis
 - Dr. Kruger, Kyle Michaelis and Jan Shaner met with Paul Edwards, Midwest Medical, at their Columbus office. The group found no red flags or problems with their current dispatching system. New dispatchers are going through training. The group did suggest continuing training in a formal, regularly scheduled series.
- Rural Teaching for 2013
 - In 2012, 17 agencies contracted with EMSOA. Dr. Kruger reported he visited all 17 and will do so again in 2013.
 - On October 24, 2013, Dr. Kruger will be lecturing on Pediatric Emergencies and invitations will be sent out.
- RSI Update
 - Lincoln Fire had a 100% success rate in managing the airway on RSI patients during January and February.
 - LFR teaches to the National Registry Level for airway training which is 4 hours annually. Above and beyond that, LFR does additional training on airway management consisting of quarterly RSI training done by the EMS shift supervisors with all of the RSI-certified paramedics. This accounts for an additional 12 hours of annual training for each RSI-certified paramedic. Dr. Bonta is concerned that LFR should provide additional training beyond this.
- Cardiac Arrests within the City
 - What saves lives and what doesn't?
 - See handout from Johnson County EMS (Kansas)
 - Future Agenda item

Midwest Medical Data Presentation

- Calls in/out recorded
 - Robin Beck reported they have 10 incoming lines, 4 workstations, 2 cell phones, batteries/generator, dedicated dispatch server with a back-up server
 - Redundant dispatch locations in Lincoln and Omaha
 - Some of Midwest Medical's Protocols differ and they have a different set of questions asked to make a determination of who to send on a call.
- Vehicle tracking with GPS
 - Helicopter GPS updates every 3 minutes, ETA measure, weather mapping system
 - Units can be dispatched by location, also response times can be monitored. If speeding, alerts are sent.
 - Can monitor where units are
- Dispatch recording
 - All conversations are digitally recorded and encrypted
 - 10 dedicated dispatch lines
 - 2 dedicated 800 lines
- Critical Care paramedics go through critical care class (requirement)
- Flights have stat phones and messaging system

- Need to look at developing a list of meds IV drip
- Transfer Education Packet needs to be updated

Deb Schorr made a motion that we have determined that Midwest Medical is in compliance with the City Ordinance. Pam Randall seconded the motion. The motion passed.

LFR Report

Roger Bonin reported that

- CPAP Data
 - 6 in January, 5 in February
- RSI Data
 - January: Attempted 26 times, successful 15/16 patients
 - February: Attempted 33 times, successful 15/18 patients
- ET Data
 - King Airway: 0 in January, 5 in February
 - No surgical crics in 2 months
- Stroke and Cardiac Alert Data
 - Stroke Alerts
 - January 10
 - February 9
 - Cardiac Alerts
 - No report at this time on pre-hospital setting and cardiac arrests
- QA/QI
 - Quarterly Reviews
 - Moving forward
 - Looking at intubations, # of attempts, rescue attempts, scene times, transport times
 - We will begin to see more detailed QI numbers
- Code 3 Transports
 - Roger stated LFR is not going to change how they respond, but will make decisions on evidence-based practices. LFR rescue responds based on how they are dispatched by Lincoln 911. Lincoln 911 uses PRO QA, a nationally vetted dispatch program that determines what response they should travel. Lindsey can explain more about this but LFR must follow the guidelines.
 - Providers not wearing seatbelts equals putting patients, providers and citizens at risk
 - Need QI data to evaluate – seatbelt use and when; multiple vehicles (fire truck and ambulance speeding through town – risk for all involved)
 - Use of lights and sirens doesn't correlate with patient outcomes
 - LFR goal is to limit the number of Code 3 transports

Management Team Report

The December 2012 and January 2013 financial reports were reviewed. It was questioned if EMSOA could invest in a laptop for Dan Duncan. Roger questioned also if we could invest in a laptop for Tracy Mankin. The Management Team will discuss and present back to the board their decision.

QI Data

- From an EMS perspective, they need to know what happens to the patient after arrival to a facility. What did physician see in the ER? It was questioned if Dan and Tracy can have access to hospital data bases or is it a HIPPA violation?
- Scott Wiebe stated that they squads need prompt automatic feedback on cardiac alerts, stroke alerts and trauma. We need to identify one person at each facility that can provide accurate feedback, lab values, chest x-rays, etc.
- Before the next Board meeting, Dan and Tracy will meet with the Management Team and establish benchmark reporting guidelines.
- QI reporting should be done on a quarterly basis and line up more closely with our meeting dates.
- LFR
 - Tracy Mankins introduced herself. She has been with the City for a little over a year and has been a paramedic since 2007.
 - She has been orienting with Tami Meyers.
 - She reported she is in the process of auditing Code 3 transport refusals.
 - Response times will be reported on a quarterly basis.
 - Tracy will get future QI data/reports to Denise before the next Board meeting so that it can be included in the Agenda packet.
- Contracting Agencies
 - Dan Duncan introduced himself. He has been with the City for 13 years as a paramedic and is the Clinical Coordinator for the EMT Program at SCC.

Roundtable

Expiring terms of current Board members (Kyle and Kara were both expiring in September 2013). Pam Randall made a motion to extend Kara Bivins, MD, and Kyle Michaelis' terms for one more year to serve on the Board. Since these are positions appointed by the Mayor, we may need Mayor's approval for extension. April Rimpley will follow up with Trish Owen. This topic is tabled until the next Board meeting.

Next Meeting

The 2013 Board meetings schedule is as follows:

- June 3 (May meeting), 4:00-6:00 p.m., Bryan West: Conference Center A
- September 23, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Bryan West: Conference Center A
- November 25, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Bryan West: Conference Center A

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

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