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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

MINUTES

JANUARY 7, 2008

Present: Kent Benedict, Pete Kushner, Brad Cramer, Maureen Sullivan, Scott Weyland, Rayette Andrews, Lisa Angell, Priscilla Leighton, Celia Barry, Nancy Yellin, Sterling Lewis, Lawrence Erickson, Dennis Kidd, Scott Vahradian, Beth Landes

December's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1. Medic Recognition – Same group will participate.

2. REPORTS

1. EMS Administrator Report-
 1. Electronic PCR Report - Beth put together a report on the products the committee has been reviewing. The Subcommittee will meet and set up a demonstration, potentially after next month's PAC.
 2. EMSSystem Report – EMSSystem now owns Vital Data Technology, one of the companies under consideration for the electronic patient care record system. Dominican now has a laptop dedicated to EMSsystem.
2. EMSIA Report – Scott –
3. AMR Report – Brad – Monitor demonstrations occurring, parts for CPAP all identified, no hiring lately, finishing annual report by end of next week, classes this month for CPAP or burn life support, or rehab medicine. Pediatric fast pack is slated for implementation in spring.

3. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES

1. Trauma – Update – Trauma Audit Committee meeting in Santa Clara next week. One case from Santa Cruz. One hit MAPs are most difficult to decide in the field. Mostly are handled well but there are some issues.
2. Policy & Procedure Committee – Update – Most have been updated on the web except for R-1P and R-2P and will be posted today.
3. CPAP – Initiate in February.
4. WestMed/Monterey – Santa Cruz EMS, Monterey EMS, Watsonville Hospital and WestMed met in December to discuss “border issues”. Most issues seem to have been resolved or at least are not occurring with any frequency.
5. EKG Monitor – 12 Lead EKG – “heads up” to hospital makes a difference in outcome, requires early notification, team to be ready at hospital, tolerance for “false positives”. Medical Executive meeting needed in January with Kent, Celia, Sterling, Marc, Lisa, Rayette, Scott and Brad to discuss 12 leads in the field because it has an impact on future design of the system with hospitals becoming STEMI centers or not. Kent wants Nancy Yellin to attend as well. If anyone has input, please contact one of the members of the Medical Executive group. Jan 15th at 9am at Santa Cruz Fire, group will review the 3 pieces of equipment under consideration (Phillips, Zoll, Medtronic). Kent will meet with cardiologists.
6. Cardiac Arrest Study – Lukas CPR device proposes a date to demonstrate device.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Kudos from Rayette for cardiac saves – one had hypothermic protocol, other was save at Pacific Avenue. However, the quality of documentation on TOC isn’t good.

New paramedic school starting in January at ETS with 25 students.

Dominican waiting for OSHPD to approve second CT scan.

Cal Fire has been using Zoll Auto Pulse in San Mateo County and is happy with device.

EMS could use an intern to assist with data.

LifeFlight can manage two patient loads more easily now. June 5th and 6th is LifeFlight’s symposium.

Agenda for next meeting:

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday, February 4 at Aptos/La Selva Fire at 8:30am

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