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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 4, 2008

Present: Kent Benedict, Maureen Sullivan, Rayette Andrews, Lisa Angell, Celia Barry, Beth Landes, Marc Yellin, Sterling Lewis, Lawrence Erickson, Claire Sommargren, Scott Weyland, John Walbridge, Brad Cramer, Hilary Weaver, Scott Vahradian

January's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1. MEC Report on 12-leads and STEMI – Medical Executive Committee met last month to consider pre-hospital 12-lead EKG equipment and to ascertain the hospitals' interest having a STEMI receiving center in Santa Cruz County. The purpose of the STEMI program is to reduce "door to balloon" time and reduce morbidity and mortality. The direction from the meeting was to obtain 12-lead capability for the field. Dominican is interested in early activation of the hospital's cath lab for STEMIs. Would need policies to support inter-facility transports – Ventura County has a policy that could be adapted.

Claire reported on ST SMART program – Results so far indicate that the average "door to balloon" time for study participants was reduced by 36 minutes. The mean time from 911 call to first ECG was 75 minutes less in patients participating in the program than those not enrolled.

Kent mentioned that there is a CDC initiative with funding for CARES – cardiac arrest registry to enhance survival.

2. REPORTS

1. EMS Administrator Report- ED Diversion on Health Improvement Partnership Council agenda for 2/14. AMR rate review continues. Kent and Celia met with Dr. Mickiewicz and Patience Beck to discuss EMS issues of interest to the hospital. Kent and Celia met with the Valley Chiefs to encourage

participation in the Future of EMS and to present the changes in policies/protocols. The State is surveying all EMS agencies for EMSC (Emergency Medical Services for Children) policies/protocols and equipment each system has that is specific to pediatrics.

1. Electronic PCR Report - Vendor presentations Friday and Monday with 4 vendors. Subcommittee meeting shortly after demos to consider demos and feedback. Kent now has access to WebPCR directly.
2. EMSSystem Report –

2. EMSIA Report – Scott –

3. AMR Report – Brad – CPAP order is on hold waiting for funds to be freed up from Homeland Security. Pedi-pack equipment is in and is close to being distributed. Monitor search continues. AMR's billing tag is changing.

3. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES

1. Trauma – Update – Nothing new – Kent and Scott Weyland attended TAC in Santa Clara.
2. Policy & Procedure Committee – No updates
3. CPAP – Initiate when equipment is received and distributed.
4. WestMed/Monterey – There is an average of one patient per day brought to Watsonville Hospital by WestMed medics. Monterey County is encouraging the development of a JPA by fire agencies to consider a public transport model.
5. Medic Recognition – Celia will convene meeting.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

LifeFlight staff is getting signed off on King Airway.

Agenda for next meeting:

The next PAC meeting will be on Monday, March 3 at Central Fire at 8:30am

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