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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

MINUTES

MAY 5, 2008

Present: Priscilla Leighton, Rayette Andrews, Brenda Brenner, Kris Hurst, Brad Cramer, Scott Vahradian, Beth Landes, Lisa Angell, Scott Weyland, Maureen Sullivan, Sterling Lewis, Kent Benedict, Celia Barry, Marc Yellin, Greg Vandervoort, Hilary Weaver, Claire Sommargren

April's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1. Next month's PAC will be devoted to a dialogue about diversions and 1 hit MAP patients.

2. REPORTS

1. EMS Administrator Report-The Save A Friend campaign provided a progress report - presentations are well received. Dominican placed a large notice in the latest edition of Focus on Health for Save A Friend and it is generating calls for the program. Stroke Day will be Thursday, May 8th, from 9am to 3pm with nurses present from 9am to 12noon at the Education Center at Dominican Hospital. The medic recognition/EMS week event will be on Tuesday, May 20th at 10:15am at the Board of Supervisors.
1. Electronic PCR Report – Firehouse hasn't responded to request for cost. Thursday, May 15th at 10am there will be a test of WebPCR's performance on a virtual server. 12 users will be logging on to for one hour to test the impact on the server. A committee is needed to make decisions about "if/then" types of patient care record auto-population. Beth's excellent work was acknowledged.
2. EMSIA Report – Scott – Training – The training for April was on burns, May is environmental heat and cold emergencies, fire rehab, in-house on CPAP in June, go live with CPAP on July 1st. The plan is to train for the pediatric fast pack in July and August for release September 1st. Respiratory emergencies

training will occur with CPAP. Zoll monitors will be field-tested July and August. It is anticipated that new monitors will be purchased at the end of the year for implementation in January/February. Cables for 3 lead capability are needed as of June 1st.

3. AMR Report – Brad – Anticipate several new employees.

3. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES

1. Trauma – at next month's PAC, will discuss two issues: destination for zero and one hit MAPs - about 50% overtriage for patients with zero and one MAP hits. Admissions from zero hits – 36 patients sent to DH were admitted – tool failed in “falls” category. Look at the tool; spend time on evaluation by medics.
2. Policy & Procedure Committee – Update covered in updates on CPAP and 12 Lead/STEMI.
3. CPAP – Brad and Scott will be working on the CPAP training and will coordinate with the doctors' groups and MICNs at the two hospitals.
4. 12 Lead/STEMI Project – Propose to have a second Medical Executive Committee with invited guests to continue to move this project forward. Not every system with 12 Lead/STEMI programs has designated STEMI receiving hospitals.
5. Cardiac Arrest Study – AMR and EMSIA have had a presentation by Lukas to propose a demonstration project in Santa Cruz County. Mechanical CPR research is based on research that has shown that CPR without ventilations does positively impact patient outcome. Cardiac arrest study continues for 2nd year of data.
6. King Tube/EZ IO Audit – Alameda and Contra Costa Counties are also using the King Tube and have success rates very similar to those of Santa Cruz County (93% in Santa Cruz County). EZ IO is also successful 97% of the time. EZ IO is primarily used on cardiac arrest patients.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Hula's restaurant in downtown Santa Cruz, Mondays in May 4:30pm to 7:30pm the restaurant will donate funds to the County's child health insurance program.

Agenda for next meeting: Trauma

PAC meeting will be on Monday, June 2nd at Aptos/La Selva Fire at 8:30am

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