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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

MINUTES

DECEMBER 1, 2008

Present: Kent Benedict, Brad Cramer, Celia Barry, Beth Landes, Pete Kushner, Sonya Ruiz, Lawrence Erickson, Sterling Lewis, Priscilla Leighton (add Dan to email), Greg Vandervoort, Scott Vahradian, Hilary Weaver, Lisa Angell, Kira Gelineau

November's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

1. NEW BUSINESS

1. P&P Update – Many changes, meeting directly following PAC today.
2. Trial Discontinuation of Diversion – March, April and May will do a trial suspension of diversion. EMS will meet with both hospitals and AMR to discuss details prior to the trial. Yellow will be acceptable for patients that need scanner (for example) and Code Black for internal disaster, otherwise both hospitals will be Green. Agendize for February PAC.

2. REPORTS

1. EMS Administrator Report- EDAP – hope to review with both hospitals in January and renew for four years. Kent and Celia going to San Francisco tomorrow for meeting with the State and the EMS and EMD associations. AMR contract extension for five years and has a component to take ambulances out of service when they reach mileage limits.
 1. WebPCR Report – Potential for next Monday to be the conversion to the new server so there will be an outage of approximately 4 hours (starting at 9am to 1pm). Plan to implement Firehouse ePCR program 7/1/09.
 2. EMS Administrative Budget Issues – anticipate major cuts in Public Health and county services. – Meet with Brad/Scott – grant funds for things. Limit EMT certs. What do we HAVE to HAVE?
 3. Meeting with Dominican Administration – Trauma, diversion, STEMI, Stroke
 4. Meeting with Watsonville Administration (proposed)

2. EMSIA Report – Scott – Mandatory resuscitation training completed. Kent attended the training and complimented the trainers for the excellent work!
3. AMR Report – Brad – Much work completed on P&P.

3. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES

1. Trauma – Revision of MAP, 1 Hit to T/Cs – The P&P group will be discussing revisions based on data. Review use of transport services shows that for 2007 and 2008 that overtriage rate is about 32% but overtriage for 2 and 3 hit MAPs is 22%. Overtriage rate for 1 hit MAP scored patients is 40 to 50%. For those that are 1 hit MAPs for mechanism only, 2/3 is overtriaged. These patients should be transported to local hospitals. Some single hit MAPs have co-morbid issues – elderly, serious illness, multiple medications, children, altered patients – these will be called in for consultation. This will require focused MAP training for medics and EMTs as well as ED docs.
2. 12 Lead/STEMI Project – Monterey County is also working on this project. In January, work towards acceptance of STEMI policy and will require meeting with both hospitals for approval/acceptance.
3. EMS Stroke Triage/Stroke Center – Similar to STEMI project. Moving towards transporting stroke-identified patients to Dominican. 80% of these patients are already transported to DH but triage criteria will have to be clarified. Kent will share a draft policy once it's developed.
4. Cardiac Arrest Study/Field Resuscitation Changes – Greg reported that the project is current to July for 2008 data. Outcome data for 2007 is available and will be given to Kent.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda for next meeting:

PAC meeting will be on Monday, January 5th, Central Fire at 8:30am

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