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S-SV EMS Regional Medical Control Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 16, 2023

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Dr. Royer called the meeting to order at 9:03 am, all attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes: March 21, 2023

- Dr. Iwai asked about the pain management sub-committee discussion at the March meeting, and why it wasn't reflected in the minutes. This was an oversight and will be added back to the minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee with this addition.

3. Approval of Agenda

- The committee approved the agenda with no changes.

4. Public Comment

- Trauma Symposium at Rideout tomorrow.
- Mercy Medical Center Redding is hosting a trauma run review on Thursday and a STEMI run review on 5/30.

5. Old Business

- Appointment of HEMS voting member representatives for the remainder of the 7/1/2022 – 6/30/2024 term. Nominations received:
 - Corey Collier, REACH
 - Travis Weber, Care Flight
- Jeremy Veldstra motioned to approve the appointment of the above members. Dr. Iwai seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Policy Actions for Final Review & Approval:

- **306 Base/Modified Base Hospital Recording & Maintenance of EMS Patient Care Communications**
 - No changes have been made since the previous meeting.
 - Teri Arrwood motioned to approve the policy as written. Jeremy Veldstra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **405 Emergency Medical Dispatch Programs**
 - No changes have been made since the previous meeting.
 - Dr. Goldsmith motioned to approve the policy as written. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **415 911 Ambulance Response Time Criteria**
 - No changes have been made since the previous meeting.
 - Jeremy Veldstra motioned to approve the policy as written. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **507 Stroke Receiving Center Designation Criteria, Requirements & Responsibilities**
 - No changes have been made since the previous meeting.
 - Cindy Bergstrom motioned to approve the policy as written. Dr. Goldsmith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **605 EMS Documentation**
 - Minor grammatical/formatting changes made since the previous meeting include: Page 1, Item B, line 18, the first word changes from 'An' to 'A'. Page 1, line 3, there are extra spaces around "(PCR)".
 - Teri Arrwood motioned to approve the policy with the changes. Jeremy Veldstra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **840 Medical Control for Transfers Between Acute Care Facilities**
 - No changes have been made since the previous meeting.
 - Dr. Iwai motioned to approve the policy as written. Dr. Goldsmith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

Policy Actions for Initial Review:

- **510 Rapid Re-Triage & Interfacility Transport of STEMI, Stroke & Trauma Patients**
 - This policy was reviewed by the S-SV EMS Trauma and STEMI committees for input.
 - On page 1, under Policy, Item A, line 30, as well as on page 2, line 1, added "from a hospital within the S-SV EMS region".
 - On page 2, Item A, number 3, removed "to SRC first intervention", added "to PCI at the SRC". On line 18, removed "for those patients".
 - On page 2, Item A, number 4, added "Patients with an SRH identified STEMI should be transferred within 45 minutes utilizing the most appropriate transport resources based on patient condition and needs", removed the remaining language.

- **849 Transfer of Care**
 - Page 2, Item 3, lines 14-15 related to patients on a 5150 hold were removed.
 - No other changes were recommended.

- **850 Refusal of EMS Care (includes associated forms)**
 - Page 2, under 'Policy', added Items D and E. Under Procedure, Item A, added item 1.
 - On page 3, Item b, number 1, added "and is refusing EMS care". Added Item C and lines 18-37. Lines 38-39 added "potentially", "including but not limited to".
 - Page 4, lines 2-3 added "are requesting direct MICN or base/modified base hospital physician communication with the patient."
 - Item E is new language.
 - There was discussion regarding this policy and if additional changes were appropriate based on current field practice (including a discussion related to competent individuals). The policy will be reviewed further by Legal Counsel for their input prior to finalization.

- **851 EMS Care of Minor Patients**
 - No policy changes are being recommended.

- **852 Patient Restraint Mechanisms**
 - Under 'Chemical Restraint:', added "Continuous cardiac & EtCO2 monitoring required following administration of Midazolam". Also Added "At the discretion of law enforcement, applied restraint devices may be replaced by EMS restraints if doing so does not threaten the safety of the patient and/or EMS personnel."

- **853 Tasered Patient Care & Transport**
 - On page 1, under 'Policy', Item A, removed 'should not' and added 'may', removed 'unless' and added 'if'.
 - Item F, numbers 4 and 7 new language was added.

- **890 Communication Failure**
 - No policy changes are being recommended.

- **913 Paramedic Accreditation (includes associated forms)**
 - PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy is currently only required for S-SV EMS paramedic re-accreditation. ACLS is not currently required for accreditation or re-accreditation.
 - There have been several recent clinical incidents with different providers that appear to have been exacerbated by paramedic personnel not having this training.
 - S-SV EMS surveyed other California LEMSAs and identified that 65% of LEMSAs currently require paramedics to have/maintain ACLS.
 - S-SV EMS surveyed S-SV EMS authorized ALS providers and identified that 70%-75% of ALS providers currently require their paramedics to have/maintain ACLS.
 - S-SV EMS is proposing that all paramedics be required to have PALS, PEPP, APLS or Handtevy and ACLS to obtain/maintain S-SV EMS paramedic accreditation. These courses are currently provided to paramedic students during their training program.
 - A few ALS providers asked if S-SV EMS would be open to allowing a phase in period for providers that do not currently require their paramedic personnel to have these certifications, which S-SV EMS is agreeable to. Once approved, this requirement would become effective 7/1/2024.

- **915 MICN Authorization/Reauthorization**
 - No changes are being recommended.

- **1106 Mechanical Chest Compression Devices**
 - No changes are being recommended.

7. EMS Aircraft Provider Updates

- Enloe Flightcare – There will be a ventilator course on 6/28, it will be an 8-hour class.
- Careflight – CAMT reaccreditation is in August.

8. Ground EMS Provider Updates

- None.

9. Hospital Provider Updates (roundtable)

- UC Davis – construction continues. The Joint Commission will be there next week.
- Sutter Roseville Medical Center – ACS trauma review will take place this week.

10. EMS Data Updates

- Jeff McManus is getting providers up to date with the EMS Data System transition.

11. EMS Quality Management Updates

- Pre-Hospital Advisory Committee (PAC)
 - There was a lot of discussion regarding pain management and IV acetaminophen being transitioned to the standard scope by the EMSA.
 - It was recommended that the proposed pain management sub-committee be small and include a pharmacist and a pain management specialist. Dr. Iwai offered to participate.

12. S-SV EMS Regional Committee Activities

- **Trauma QI Committee**
 - Mercy Medical Center Redding and St. Elizabeth have been working on Red Box transfer process and gave an update on how they've successfully reduced IFT times.
 - The upcoming change to the Trauma T-1 protocol was discussed.

13. General S-SV EMS Information Updates

- The Regional Training Module has been delayed but should be available soon.
- Brittany Pohley will be creating a new policy manual update video.
- John Poland provided an update on current EMS legislative matters.
- Brittany Pohley will be on Maternity leave for approx. 2 months. Other S-SV EMS staff will temporarily assume her duties.
- S-SV EMS is looking at developing a new mobile application.

14. Medical Director's Report

- Dr. Falck was not present.

15. Next Meeting Date

- July 18, 2023, at 9:00 am.

16. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 am.