

El Paso County EMS Medical Director Committee
December 5, 2019
Summary Notes

Attendance:

Dr. Matt Angelidis	Yes	Dr. Brett Banks	Yes
Dr. Stein Bronsky	Yes	Dr. Jeremy DeWall	Yes
Dr. Sean Donahue	Yes	Dr. David Hakkarinen	Yes
Dr. Tim Hurtado	Yes	Dr. Jessica Walsh	Yes
Dr. David Steinbruner	Yes	Dr. David Listman	No
Dr. Eric Wu	Yes	Dr. Bob Kelly	Yes
Kim Schallenberger	Yes	Jayne McConnellogue	No
Shonee Bullin	Yes	Sam Adams	No
GUESTS:	Dr. Robin Johnson	Mark Warth	Cliff Northam

Kim Schallenberger called the meeting to order at 0802

- Minutes for the November 7th meeting were reviewed and approved by consensus.

Update Region IV Meeting

- Region IV PCC did not meet in November so no update at this time.

CVA Guideline

- Dr. Angelidis has been communicating with both UC Health and Centura Stroke service lines via email to consider updates to the stroke destination guideline.
- Discussion of removing the CSTAT score from the guideline
 - The most recent guideline from the American Stroke Assn has indicated there is not current benefit to having an LVO scale in the prehospital environment
 - Data from the El Paso County system has indicated that there is no benefit to having the CSTAT score within the guideline
 - Destination would be based on “time since last normal” rather than an LVO scale
 - Dr. Hurtado made a motion to remove the CSTAT score from the Stroke Destination Guideline and to not replace it with another score. Dr. Hakkarinen seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Mobile Stroke Unit in the stroke destination guideline
 - Discussion about how the less than 10 minutes is determined
 - Proposal to change “activation criteria” to “request criteria”
 - This change would allow MSTU to determine their time to scene
 - Proposal to change to “4 hours” for consistency with other prehospital guidelines
 - Proposal to put in actual hospital names rather than initials depicting capabilities. This would improve ease of flow for prehospital crews. Field crews only need to know if facility can provide TPA or not.

BHCON Discussion

- Dr. Robin Johnson, medical director for El Paso County Public Health, and Cliff Northam, El Paso County Sheriff’s Office, joined the meeting to discuss the BHCON program in the County
- Discussion regarding “medical clearance” for patients for whom the BHCON is responding

- Consideration of adding a statement to the medical clearance form which releases the responding prehospital agency
- Consideration of using other qualified personnel to provide medical clearance
- Dr. Bronsky provided some examples from across the country where these programs are successful and recommended contacting them for best practices. Dr. DeWall will also provide the form used in Teller County for consideration.
- Dr. Johnson and Cliff Northam will return in February with an update
- Dr. Johnson also informed the group that Fentanyl overdose deaths are on the rise in Colorado. Kim was tasked with asking the state EMTS data office for any relevant numbers regarding the usage of Narcan.

Behavioral/Psychiatric Patient Destinations and the “Zone Master”

- Dr. Angelidis informed the group that there have been informal discussions about how behavioral/psychiatric patients are being distributed around the community.
- The medical directors felt this was a discussion which would be best heard at the Region IV PCC meeting. Kim will add it to the agenda. Dr. Angelidis will invite the appropriate individuals from each of the healthcare systems to the Region IV PCC meeting to represent the issue.

Ketamine Discussion

- Dr. DeWall attended the most recent meeting of the statewide Regional Medical Director Committee.
- A case in the Denver area involving the death of a patient who received ketamine in the prehospital environment was discussed. The medical examiner does not believe the death was due to Ketamine.
- The state medical director, Dr. Beckman, is encouraging anyone who is contacted by the media regarding this case to be referred to his office for a consistent message to the public.
- Dr. DeWall will send the email from Dr. Beckman to all of the local medical directors.

Trauma Destination Guideline Discussion

- Dr. Bronsky presented a draft version of the Trauma Destination Guideline for review by the group.
- The draft version includes a color-coded destination for patients rather than the previous flow chart. Dr. Bronsky stated that he has been working with prehospital providers to come up with a more user friendly format.
- The group liked the new format. Dr. Angelidis and Kim will email the draft document to the Trauma service line representatives for input.
- Kim will bring the draft version to the December Region IV PCC meeting for discussion

Hospital Transfer Data Discussion

- Dr. Angelidis informed the group that he is still working with EPIC in the UC Health system to create an avenue to retrieve the requested data.
- Once successful at UC Health, Dr. Angelidis will work with Centura and offer the same option to them.

EMS and ER Survey Update

- EMS Survey
 - Mark Warth informed the group that 153 people had taken the survey including 11 police officers
 - He provided the link to the survey to the medical directors so they can review the responses
 - Mark will resend the link to encourage more participation

- ER Survey
 - Mark Warth asked the medical directors for questions to include in a survey for the Emergency Department staff
 - Some suggestions were made. Dr. Steinbruner will ask for additional input from physicians.

MCI Plan Planning

- Kim updated the group on the progress of the Region IV PCC MCI committee
- The committee is planning to meet after the next Region IV PCC meeting
- The committee is using the current document to provide updates and changes

Meeting adjourned at 1005