

El Paso County EMS Medical Director Committee

March 5, 2020

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. Bob Kelly	No
Dr. Eric Wu	Yes	Jayme McConnellogue	Yes
Kim Schallenberger	Yes	Sam Adams	Yes
		Mark Warth	Yes
GUESTS:	Lisa Meyer UCH		

Jayme McConnellogue called the meeting to order at 0800

Minutes from February approved by consensus.

Bylaw updates

- Reviewed and approved for Jayme and Kim to stay in their respective positions within the committee at the February meeting.
- Kim presented draft language to update the paramedic positions. The appointments will be for two years each but will expire in alternate years to maintain consistency. Kim will revise language and forward to group for review. Final approval will take place at the April meeting.

COVID-19

- Update: Local, regional, state, national guidelines
  - Successive containment and quarantine
- Creation of non-transport protocols-Bronsky is gathering information from other agencies and regions.
- Tiered response and how to limit personnel/apparatus contact.
- Education to hospitals on how to receive walk in's versus EMS transport
- Determine guidelines for EMS-
  - Response change-what do we do about appropriate response?
  - Leave in place
  - Leave with remote monitoring devise
  - If transport to hospital is done, how are providers being protected?
  - How is this communicated to other agencies?
  - Shortage of PPE
    - What PPE can be reused?
  - Prolonged contact with virus has been determined to be 3 min within 6 ft
    - No tube intubations, use iGel's only.
- Discussion on swabbing for flu/full respiratory viral swabs/panels
- Current screening questions-Medical Priority Dispatch (MPD) centrally controlled by the 911 authority.

- Updating screening questions as needed, new round was just implemented yesterday
- Teller County
  - DeWall-tiered response has been developed using Delta, Bravo, Echo with one-person response.
    - Green-stays home
    - Yellow-sick but doesn't need transport
    - Red-super sick and in possible need of ICU care.
  - Information will be provided to the committee regarding next steps. Establishing teledoc for patients that do not need to go to the hospital.
- Discussion about alternate care site for patients. Kim provided information about equipment put in place with OEM. Jayme will contact Jim Reid.

#### AHA STEMI Guideline (Bronsky)

Lisa Meyer UCH-

- Presented and discussed AHA article on algorithm
- EMS crews submitting info through Pulsara having unclear EKG's attached need to have notation in Pulsara why information is missing to clarify what patient needs and avoid delay in care.
  - Registration will be communicated with that driver license info can be sent over Pulsara
  - Education to crews from the service line how important specific patient information is to the hospitals.
  - Registration and pre-registration of patients being labeled as Doe's should include Trauma and STEMI patients to avoid delay in care and appropriate identification will be attached when obtained.
- Physicians or spokesperson for physician should be included in CQI mtgs.
- Lisa will talk to the cardiology department to see who would be like to be involved with Pulsara decisions
- Upper left box of the algorithm-accreditation requirement for UC certification

#### MSTU Stroke Activation (Angelidis)

- Discussion and concern on guideline change to follow MSTU and Denver regarding extended window of response. **This is a potential study to consider adding ??? to the MSTU resource.**
  - Compare time on scene from last year to this year.
  - Wu & Hurtado – concern with VAN portion and delay/harm of care to patient
- Angelidis will research to see if other hospitals/agencies are using VAN in the algorithm.

#### Public Health Event Levels (DeWall)

- Provided and educated on graph which is being used in situations similar to Keystone and the outbreak of Mumps.
  - Committee was in complete agreement to implement chart
  - Jeremy will send out updated chart and information to the Medical Directors and forwarded to the crews.

#### Other

- Grand view is not taking psych patient by ambulance but continue with walk-ins
  - April – May monitor psych patients and divert status.

Meeting Adjourned at 1005