

MINUTES
REGION II RPAB
April 10, 2008

Physicians present: Dr.s Marriott, McIntosh, Pickett, Royer, Woods.

Regular contributors/guest present: SPM David Gerstner, Dayton MMRS, EMS Coordinators; Evans, Kuntz, Long.

Call to order: 0832

Introductions: Those in attendance identified themselves and their positions.

Discussion of Old Business:

ED Backboard Removal Protocol; Brian Kuntz reported that this will begin May 1.

Trauma Triage Guidelines; there was discussion regarding penetrating neck wounds not addressed in the current guidelines. We will need to coordinate with SORTS as well as GMVEMSC in order to revise the guidelines according to the state model which will soon include geriatric guidelines.

Rerouting; still awaiting the consultants report.

New DNR; rules are still being formulated by the state.

New Business:

Patient Care Plan; there was brief discussion regarding EMS "superutilizers", and the possible need to an act patients specific care plans. There have been few, if any, such plans enacted in this region to the knowledge of the attendees.

ET confirmation; BAAM., Qualitative end tidal CO2 in arrest; Dr. Hawk submitted a letter regarding changes that he felt should be made to the GMVEMSC standing orders. He advised against listing the BAAM. as a primary confirmation device. This was based on a recent Careflight QI finding. In addition, he further advised that use of a qualitative end title CO2 detector is appropriate in cardiac arrest with acknowledged limitations.

Medical Director Contacts; there has been an effort by the Division of EMS to create a list of medical director's for each department within each region. This would be extremely helpful in creating a list of e-mail contacts for medical directors in which to disseminate important information from the RPAB.

Open Forum:

MMRS/RMRS; Mr. Gerstner reported that there will be a CHEMPACK exercise May 1, 2008. This will involve a scenario at Central State University. Greene Memorial Hospital will receive victims, and other hospitals will be involved in the movement of a mock Chempack. Communications will be emphasized including use of 866-559-LERP.

Also, there will be an exercise of the Dayton Main Post Office Bio-Detection System (BDS) on May 8, 2008. A unified policy has been developed by Public Health of Dayton and Montgomery County. Miami Valley Hospital will be involved in release of the U. S. Postal Service pharmaceutical cache. There has been discussion that postal patrons that were doing business in the facility during a certain time frame may also be given prophylaxis. SPM Gerstner also discussed the use of START Triage area flu pandemic. His concerns include the lack of validation of this triage algorithm in any situation other than a trauma related MCI. In addition, use of the black category for palliative care patients has been questioned. Alternatively, a blue category has been suggested.

GMVEMSC Report;

Standing Orders; decision are being made regarding corrections and revisions for this year. It is likely that only essential revisions will be made in anticipation of a broader revision in one to two years.

QI; audit results from over the last two months were reviewed. No significant issues.

Drug Bag Exchange Program; WMD drugs have been will be updated.

House Keeping:

Vendors; it was generally agreed that we should not have vendors providing items gratis including refreshments, or otherwise participating in meetings unless they were providing necessary background information regarding a product or drug used in the pre-hospital arena. The question arose when the Chair was asked to allow a vender to supply a complementary breakfast for a Region 2 RPAB meeting.

Membership: Currently there is one vacancy on the Region 2 RPAB.

Announcements: the WSU EMS/Sports Medicine Symposium and Practical will be held June 14th.

Note: This RPAB currently does not provide medical direction for any organizations

Adjourned: 10:15

Next meeting; August 14, 2008