



McLean County Area EMS System

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Affiliate Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2011

There were 9 people in attendance with 8 agencies represented.

Thank you to Bloomington Fire Department for the use of their meeting room at Station 6.

Kyle Banner of Karl Storz-Endoscopy-America, Inc. was the sponsor for the evening and provided a meal from Famous Daves. Kyle demonstrated the Endoskope and left brochures and price guides.

QA/QI:

- No big issues with Code Red have been reported. They are updating data and will be going around to each agency. They will be exporting more data to the state. Reminder that if there are any issues with Code Red electronic patient care report system, please call the 24/7 support phone number (800-683-9454) at the time of issue discovery.
- NEMSIS reporting deadline is April. 30th. This is a federal requirement.
- New Quality Indicators have been selected for 2011. This quarter EMS will be watching intubations. Please mark all attempts and any documentation of why there was no attempt.

New Business:

- We are diligently working on the policy/procedure/protocol manuals. The Education manual is being worked on at this time also. Region 2 has a committee working on standardizing the protocols for Region 2. McLean County Area EMS System will be able to continue our current protocols by adding to the Region 2 standardized protocols. Policies should be sent to the Medical Directors soon for review. After they review them they will be sent to IDPH for final approval.

Committee Reports:

- *Communications* – a handout of frequently asked questions was distributed regarding the Narrowbanding.
- *Strategic Plan* – ideas and suggestions for your review have been placed on the website.
- *Education* – The EMS System is working on the accreditation process through CoAEMSP. Greg attended a stated Education Committee meeting and they are looking to incorporate the National Scope of Practice. Greg will be attending Town Hall meetings in June to discuss the transition



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plans of the Intermediate level. Looks as if Intermediates and Basic's will be losing a lot of their more advanced skills. Expanded scope of practices can be requested.

- *Hospital relations*- Jan Berlin wanted everyone to know that Loir Pegg is very appreciative of EMS and is thankful for what they do. Carepoint radio work station will be installed in 60-90 days. Jan wanted everyone to know that OSF is installing a lifenet line for 12 lead EKG reporting through a grant they received. Code stemi times have been great. According to the pharmacy there are no drugs that are on backorder at this time.
- *Equipment* - not looking at any new equipment at this time. Medication stock requirements have been decreased to reduce cost for agencies.
- *Hospital Preparedness* - the Hospital Emergency Preparedness Coordinators are continuing to meet regarding an alternative treatment site policy for when Medical control says the system is overwhelmed during Mass Casualty Incidents that would allow EMS to transport "Walking Wounded" patients to walk-in acute care clinic locations. The EMS MCI committee has been working on 3 different phases
 1. Field – MCI policy- use of box cards
 2. Walking wounded – working with several agencies to get MOU's signed for alternate treatment sites.
 3. Long term transfer sites – pandemic situations.

Advocates for EMS Update

- Looking at where EMS should be at the federal level. Greg is involved in working with some groups to develop standards. The committee is leaning towards having EMS report under HSS.

IDPH Update

- HB3255 – looking at fees being assessed
- SB2321 – minimum age for FR 16, there is no set age now.
- HB219- EMS/Fire personnel will be exempt from wearing seat belts in emergency vehicles
- HB1307

EMS Region 2 Update

- A meeting was held with State Representative Don Moffitt and IDPH in mid-January related to the crisis within Rural EMS and the struggles often encountered by these rural agencies. The Region 2 Rural EMS Recruitment/Retention Committee has made several proposals for administrative rule and legislation that would be designed to bring relief to rural EMS agencies. The McLean County Area EMS System is very involved in these discussions and will continue to share updates with the members.



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Agency Updates

No updates at this time.

Next meeting will be on July 27, 2011 at 1800. The meeting sponsor will be Neil Zeid with the location of the meeting to be announced at a later date.