

Central Iowa EMS Director's Association
Minutes
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Attendance:

Brian Helland	Clive Fire Department
Matt Klein	Mercy Hospital / Windsor Heights FD
Joel Westendorf	Delaware Township Fire Department
Jerry Whetstone	Altoona Fire Department
Frank Prowant	Ankeny Fire Department
Amanda Luick	Polk County Medical Examiner's Office
Jon Davis	Polk County Emergency Management
John Carter	MMRS / Polk County EMA
Dan Gubbins	Polk City Fire Department
Peg Back	Polk City Fire Department
Katy Hill	Iowa Health
Corey Bakalar	VA Hospital
Keith Royster	VA Hospital
John Kraemer	Johnston Fire Department
Sean McAndrew	Johnston & Grimes Fire Department
Clint Robinson	Waukee Fire Department
Chris Perrin	Mary Greeley Medical Center

Thanks to Johnson Fire Department for hosting – Cactus Bob's was great!

September minutes not available – posted on website. Approval waived.

Meg Nugent presented information about the background of the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative. IHC has grown over the past 8 years and is now involved in education for hospitals and healthcare providers in addition to being a data repository for voluntary reporting. They work closely with the IDPH and they are working to help manage the Paul Coverdell Stroke Program grant that was awarded to Iowa. EMS involvement is being solicited to participate in learning communities to improve the stroke system of care in Iowa. The next learning communities are scheduled for February 28th in Des Moines at the IHA education center 100 East Grand, and May 15th in Davenport at Genesis Medical Center. Areas of focus include clinical assessment/recognition of stroke, data reporting and quality improvement.

Learning communities have been used successfully to promote education and problem solving across multiple healthcare disciplines in the clinical settings. EMS historically has not been involved in these types of multi-disciplinary approaches. The Coverdell grant requires EMS involvement in the process. EMS agencies are encouraged to sign up and participate. More information can be gained through the Iowa Healthcare Collaborative, or through Bureau of EMS field reps. See attached document regarding Coverdell Stroke Learning Communities.

Brian Helland reported briefly on the recent e-mail circulation regarding Iowa vs. Gates and privileged conversations. Nobody had any questions about this issue – it apparently surfaces every few years, but raised no questions. Brian contacted Joe Ferrell from the Bureau of EMS who recommended service

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directors contact their respective attorneys for further clarification on rules for privileged communications.

Treasurers Report: Lori Parsons was absent; account balances are:

Savings	\$16,086.92
Checking	\$ 2,804.28
PayPal	\$ 3,343.32 (refresher registrations)

Training Committee –

Frank Prowant reported on the upcoming National Registry Refresher – basic weekend is January 13 – 15, and the advanced weekend is January 27 – 29. Location will be at Mercy College in Brennan Hall. TJ Carroll is chairing the committee. At last report, over half of the instructors have been confirmed. TJ is making efforts to ensure good speakers, and we have a high physician interest in teaching. Brian reported current registrations are at 59, with 42 registered for the BLS weekend and 38 for the advanced weekend. 37% have paid using PayPal.

Time Critical Diagnosis series at Mercy is scheduled for Monday, December 7th. Time and location are pending – the topic will be stroke.

The training committee continues to work on the round table leadership series. Focus will be on management/leadership issues conducted in a small group, networking format.

Iowa Methodist simulation lab is available for EMS agencies. The training committee is working with Wanda Goranson, simulation lab coordinator, to secure time slots for CIEMSD members to attend. Agencies can contact Wanda directly as well to make arrangements. The Pediatric Outreach department can also make arrangements for on-site pediatric lab simulations. Contact Peds Outreach.

The training committee will look at licensing agreements for the online learning system from SMART Triage and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Operations Committee –

Synergy was published and sent out via US mail. Upcoming projects include implementation of a deadline for SMART triage materials use.

Membership Committee –

NEMSMA membership is active – Brian will send out information to the mailing list on how to access their website. The blog is a good resource.

Communications Committee –

Peg Back reported briefly for Westcom – they are upgrading their radio system and will begin dispatching for Norwalk in December. Peg also received kudos from Brian for her involvement in the patient follow-up system which allows dispatchers to participate in the feedback loop. This is part of a project to look at comparing patient outcomes with the dispatch protocol used.

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Polk County Fire Chief's Association –

Clint Robinson reported from Polk County Fire Chief's Association – lots of time spent on interoperability and radio system upgrades.

IEMSA –

Katy Hill reported the annual conference went very well. They had a normal attendance of ~1100; received good reviews on the new venue, and ran out of vendor space in the new (larger) hall.

Katy encouraged anyone interested in EMS legislation to get on the IEMSA webpage and check the legislative link. There are a lot of EMS related topics, and the IEMSA lobbyist is busy!

Metro Trauma Committee –

EMS providers are encouraged to provide brief radio/phone reports to the receiving trauma center using the MIVT (mechanism, injuries, vitals, treatment) format. Activation of a trauma response is an internal decision made by hospital staff based on hospital policies and procedures. EMS providers are not expected (nor encouraged) to attempt to "activate" a "trauma alert" from the field. If you believe the patient meets trauma criteria to be transferred to a level 1 or level 2 trauma center, then you can certainly include this information in your report, but clearly state your reasons in a brief, concise manner.

This note added – not discussed at the meeting, but included from Metro Trauma minutes:

A reminder was also provided to make sure we continue to use high flow oxygen on all severe or potentially severe trauma patients (those who meet box 1 or box 2 criteria for the out of hospital trauma triage decision protocol). Even though their SpO₂ is normal; even if the receiving hospital takes off the NRB mask on our arrival and replace it with a cannula; we need to be using high flow oxygen until the pt. is delivered to the trauma center.

Metro ED committee – no report

IDPH – no report

Polk County EMA –

Jon Davis reports that EMA is protesting the decision by IDPH regarding the EMS System Development grant. Polk County was not awarded the grant this year because of an incomplete application. Initially, the application from Polk County was one of only 13 received that was complete and met the criteria. Since this number was low, the grant was rescinded and the application modified. On round 2, Polk County's application did not include two letters of support (which had been included in the original application). Because the letters were not included in the second application, it was denied. IDPH did not notify Polk County of the denial until after the appeal period was over. Polk County EMA continues to work through the process to appeal this decision. Brian will write a letter of support of the appeal on behalf of CIEMSD.

Jon also reported that the rehab trailer is complete with the exception of one plug adapter for the HVAC unit. The rehab trailer can be ordered through EMA by contacting respective dispatch centers. EMA staff

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will bring the trailer and provide support / guidance for setting up the tent and use of the rehab supplies.

Polk County Medical Examiner –

Amanda Luick reported that two new investigators have been hired; John Carter and Michelle Morrow. The ME's office is continuing to participate in the patient follow-up via website, and Amanda believes all of the cases are caught up. She also encouraged services to make sure to let the ME office investigator know if the Iowa Donor Network has been called. This helps the two agencies coordinate their efforts.

Hospital Reports:

Mercy – no report

Iowa Health – see attached report from Katy Hill

VA – Corey Bakalar reported the ambulance garage is being demolished for a renovation project at VA. The project will last approximately 1 ½ years. VA has provided signs and maps to the interim ED entrance. Maps are posted on our website. During construction, they will be limited with decon to a mobile facility that can handle only 2 patients at a time. The fixed decon area is involved in the remodel.

VA is leading the next NDMS (National Disaster Medical System) exercise scheduled for April or May of 2013. This exercise will involve multiple patients using air medical transport to the Des Moines airport. Jon Davis is providing information from the recent airport drill to build on those objectives.

Upcoming training:

DMACC is hosting an off site EMT class in Perry.

Polk City Fire Department is hosting an EMT class through the University of Iowa starting January 3rd 2013. Contact Peg Back for information.

Congratulations to Dan Gubbins on the promotion to Fire Chief for Polk City FD. Congratulations to Peg Back on her promotion to Deputy Chief for Polk City FD.

Upcoming fund raiser – Rebecca Slotheer, wife of Roy Slotheer, has been diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer. Delaware Township FD is helping sponsor a chili supper and silent auction fund raiser at Terraced Hills Golf Club on December 15th. See flier for details.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 28th, 2013 at the Altoona Fire Department.