



MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 06, 2016 – 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Simone, Chairman, NLVFD
Jim Kindel, Boulder City Fire
Derek Cox, LVFR
Ryan Bezemer, Community Ambulance
Devon Eisma, Mercy Air

August Corrales, JTM
Kim Moore, Henderson Fire
Steve Johnson, MedicWest Ambulance
Steven Carter, AMR
Troy Tuke, CCFD (Alt)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Brandie Green, CSN

Carl Bottorf, Life Guard Int'l

SNHD STAFF PRESENT

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Medical Director
Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor
Judy Tabat, Recording Secretary

John Hammond, EMSTS Manager
Gerald Julian, EMS Field Rep

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Eric Anderson, MD, MW
Monica Manig, HFD
Jim McAllister, LVMS
Tim Gundersen, CSN
Jarrod Johnson, MF&R
Syd Selitzky, HFD
Bryan Bledsoe, DO, MW

Mike Barnum, MD, AMR
Nancy Cassell, CSN
Sarah McCrea, LVFR
Tyler Chairsell, LVFR/CSN
Rick Resnick, MF&R
Tressa Naik, MD, HFD

CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA

The Education Committee convened in Red Rock Conference Room at The Southern Nevada Health District on Wednesday, April 06, 2016. Chairman Frank Simone called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. The Affidavit of Posting was noted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Chairman Simone noted that a quorum was present.

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public on items listed on the Agenda. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Simone asked if anyone wished to address the Committee pertaining to items listed on the Agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Simone stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Education Committee that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Committee member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Minutes Education Committee Meeting, February 03, 2016.

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February 03, 2016 Education Committee meeting. Motion made by Member Corrales, seconded by Member Naik and carried unanimously.

III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION

Education Workshop Report

- Discussion of the Skills Proficiency Record

Chairman Simone referred to the Committee's handouts which included the Draft Skills Proficiency Record that was revised by the Education Workshop and the current Skills Proficiency Record for comparison. He added that many of the changes were made so the skills sheet would be using similar language to the current protocols and procedures.

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the Draft Skills Proficiency Record as written. *Motion made by Member Corrales, seconded by Member Kindel and carried unanimously.*

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/ DISCUSSION ONLY

Mr. Cox informed the Committee that there were a couple of different ways that National Registry (NR) is renewing certifications. The traditional is 72 hours of refreshers or continuing education that meets very specific criteria. Then there is a new formula where they have 60 hours continuing education with a 1/3 of it driven towards quality assurance or continuous quality improvement processes within the regulatory agency. He added that he would like to investigate and possible move towards that type of continuing education. Mr. Hammond stated that quality education is fantastic wherever they get it. He added that they do have requirements based on recertification here locally and they don't require NR after an individual gets certified initially. He asked that they talk offline to discuss the specifics.

Mr. Cox recognized Dr. Slattery and Sarah McCrea in association with Mayor Pro-Tem Ross from the City of Las Vegas for their role in putting on the first Narcan awareness class for the lay person. He stated that last weeks training brought about 45 people who received a certificate in the use of Narcan so they can dispense it without any civil or criminal liability.

Mr. Cox asked for an overview with regard to the protocol survey that was sent out. Mr. Hammond stated that 243 people responded with 34 removed as they were not licensed individuals leaving 209 valid responses which was an 8% response rate. The first question was "How satisfied are you with the overall usefulness of the algorithmic protocol manual". The dissatisfied, which included the very dissatisfied and somewhat dissatisfied, was 47.4%. Neutral was 18.2% and satisfied was 34.4%. The 2nd question was "How satisfied are you with the Educational Pearls component" 14.4% dissatisfied, around 30% were neutral, 56% were satisfied and 1 person left it blank. The 3rd question was "Are there any treatment protocols that you feel are missing from the protocol manual", 28% said yes and in the survey workbook they wrote down the ones they wanted. The 4th question was: "Would you prefer a different format for the protocol manual"; 53% said yes. 45% said no and 2 individuals left it blank. Most of responses said to go back to the old format. Dr. Anderson felt that just the response to go back to the old format implies they were probably people who knew and were familiar with the old format so there is evidence of bias. Mr. Hammond stated that where this Committee wants to go with this information would be up to the community.

There was considerable discussion regarding the algorithmic protocol manual and the decreased pass rate on the protocol exam. Mr. Hammond felt that the pass rate has decreased slightly and felt that it depends on what type of learner the individual is adding that the algorithmic protocol lends itself to practice by using it as a reference Mr. Corrales stated that the protocols are really well written and complimented the group on a job well done. He declared that it is good that there is an Education Committee that understands the learning process and create protocols to apply

to the new paramedic. He felt that they need to train people to better assess the situations and better process the information. The algorithm makes it confusing perhaps to the new learner but in time, if all they are used to is the algorithm then they will easily adapt. He felt it was up to the agencies to find out how they help them adapt to this style of learning. Mr. Cox stated that was the issue at hand, do you go competency on psychomotor or clinical assessment and document competency. Dr. Young stated they face the same issue on the medical side and added that it was a lifelong process. Chairman Simone stated going back to the original question of having a lower pass rate because of the algorithmic protocol manual, he questioned if there are any specific areas, like dosages, procedures, or operations and if it is a certain area then can that be communicated to the education. Mr. Cox questioned if an analysis could be run on the exam. Mr. Hammond stated only on questions but not by category.

Dr. Young noted from an educational standpoint they struggle on how to get the topics that are discussed in Committee out to the field. He stated that the Health District does have a Facebook and Twitter account but with regards to EMS and trauma, they are not doing a good job of putting out meaningful information. He added that he was not saying that everyone needs to get a twitter feed but felt that they could reach a lot of people by doing that. Case presentations are done for the QI Directors Committee which is great but again it stays within the Committee. Obviously there is an issue with peer review but there is no reason we couldn't be putting together other educational matters. He gave an example of taking one page out of the protocol manual with the pearls, summarize it and post it.

Mr. Simone stated that the only problem with blogging is the reliability of the information that is presented. Each agency has an online product like Ninth Brain and they all have message boards. The agencies can do a case of the month which would be formulated where you have validated the information being presented.

Dr. Barnum stated that he was very interested in this form of communication and that he actually has a twitter account and a pod cast that is up and running. He felt this has a ton of potential because information can be put out; it is available to our crews if they've subscribed, they know who it is coming from, and they can do it when they want to. He feels there is a huge potential for it educationally.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment is a period devoted to comments by the general public, if any, and discussions of those comments, about matters relevant to the Committee's jurisdiction will be held. No action may be taken upon a matter raised under this item of this Agenda until the matter itself has been specifically include on an agenda as an item upon which may be taken pursuant to NRS 241.020. All comments are limited to five (5) minutes. Chairman Simone asked if anyone wished to address the Committee. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Simone called for a motion to adjourn; Motion made by Member Tuke seconded by Member Corrales and carried unanimously to adjourn at 09:51 a.m.