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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – UCSD/Mercy Air
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomeroado
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Reilly, M.D., Ian – Scripps La Jolla
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – American Medical Response
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Guests Present

Aker, R.N., Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR
Buckley, M.D., Kevin – Naval Med. Ctr. S.D.
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD
Conover, Bill – Camp Pendleton Fire
DeMarco, T.J. – Palomar College Intern
Denhalter, Joseph – Palomar College Intern
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
Harris, Kellen – Palomar College Intern
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Hudnet, R.N., Carlen – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Klingensmith, Todd – S.D. Co. Paramedics Assoc.
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Miller, Cameron – Palomar College Intern
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue
Patel, Beene – UCSD
Quinn, R.N., Michele – Children's
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Ruiz, Tyler – Palomar College Intern
Rundle, James – Palomar College Intern
Schoenheit, Fred – North County Fire
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Serra, John – UCSD
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern College
Vogt, Chief Rick – San Marcos Fire

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chairperson, brought the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Dr. Glasser thanked Ian Reilly, M.D. for Chairing the last BSPC meeting in his absence.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Michele Grad, M.D., Seconded by Ian Reilly, M.D., to approve the Minutes of July 21, 2009 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

EMS Staff Member Overseas: Rebecca Pate, R.N., serving in the Navy Reserve, has been deployed and is now serving in Afghanistan. Ms. Pate may be away on duty for a year.

Trauma System Anniversary: This year marked the 25th anniversary of the San Diego County Trauma System. The County Board of Supervisors honored trauma staff with a plaque for their work. The Trauma Research and Education Foundation has produced a video about the trauma system in San Diego. The video is approximately 25 minutes in length and is being shown on the County television network.

Flu Updates: As of this date (September 15, 2009), twenty-one San Diego County residents have died from the H1N1 virus. Testing is now limited to hospitalized and fatal cases, there have been 1,179 cases with 262 hospitalized cases. The average age of cases is 25 years old with a range from four months to 89 years.

Pregnant women, health care providers, household contacts, caregivers for children younger than six years of age, persons six months to 24 years of age, and persons 25 to 64 years of age with medical conditions are the order of priority for receiving the H1N1 vaccine. During this pandemic, the State will temporarily authorize an expanded scope of practice to paramedics to facilitate vaccination of their work force.

The County Public Health Department has lecturers available to give presentations on H1N1 if anyone is interested. For suspected cases in the field, Public Health is recommending aerosol precautions with gowns, gloves and N-95 masks.

Dr. Haynes recommended attendees visit the CAHAN (California Health Alert Network) website for up-to-date information.

Capacity Task Force: The Capacity Task Force met and is making some changes to the plan which should be finished soon. A local emergency no longer has to be declared for hospitals to use surge tents.

Stroke: A total of 15 hospitals qualified to receive acute stroke patients as of July 1, 2009. Naval Medical Center San Diego will likely be added to the system in the future. Triage criteria in the treatment guidelines are assessment with the prehospital stroke scale for symptom onset in the previous three hours. Base hospitals may extend the three hour limit to three and-one-half or four hours with the goal administration of the medication as quickly as possible.

Paramedic Program: Recently the National Polytechnic College of Science was approved as a paramedic training program in San Diego County.

Patient Destination Reports: Barbara Stepanski, County EMS, ran a data review which demonstrated a total of 16,000 uses for 2009 out of close to 127,000 calls (about 12%). A continued review over the next month will occur. **ACTION: Place on BSPC agenda for the next BSPC meeting of Tuesday, October 20, 2009.**

Good Samaritan Update: Last year the California Supreme Court ruled that a person could provide first aid at the scene of an accident but rescues, such as pulling a person out of a vehicle was not protected. Went back for re-trial and was split into bills. Neither bill progressed. No changes or new information at this time.

Plavix/Coumadin: Trauma surgeons have varied opinions regarding patients who are on Plavix or Coumadin, that fall down and hit their head or have a minor injury. From a survey that Cheryl Graydon, R.N., Palomar Hospital assisted with, five base hospitals designate these patients as trauma resource patients one way or the other, and a couple pick the best hospitals for them to go to with neuro-surgical back-up, unless they're obviously major trauma. Discussion will continue at MAC (Medical Audit Committee). Ms. Stepanski is reviewing cases to see how many cases there may be in the system, but polling the prehospital triage is difficult because it's not a separate assessment. However, she is working to compile cases by querying various fields and reviewing on a case-by-case basis.

Ginger Ochs, R.N., San Diego Fire Rescue, inquired about the status of blunt trauma pronounced on scene. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will follow-up on that which may be being reviewed by County Counsel.**

IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Cheryl Graydon, R.N.)

The BHNC's are currently compiling data for the Interfacility Transports report and hopefully will be ready for the October, 2009 PAC meeting.

Some BHNC's will be going to CEMSIS (California EMS Information System) training and will become super-users.

Ms. Graydon welcomed suggestions for future reviews.

V. ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)

The National Institute of Health (NIH) will release study review results in late 2009; however, some preliminary results have been shared with San Diego ROC. The two hypertonic saline studies were stopped and there is a push for an observational study which would link the largest prehospital data collection tool to inpatient material with the goal of refining entry criteria for future studies.

In the meantime, the trauma interventional studies planned for ROC are being fleshed out and that includes the Shock Study offered by Dr. Coimbreau with the head injury study with the initial data collected in Dallas.

On the Cardiac Arrest Study, enrollment is continuing and the group is working with one of the agency data collection vendors to test a catchment area in real time. The City of San Diego is enrolling in both studies.

For the ROC Airway Study, the incidence of airway bleeds needs to be reported. Cases are being gathered together for review as it is a unique situation with prehospital, the emergency department and inpatient records to see whether this bleeding is coming from use of the King Airway or whether the bleeding is coming from above the vocal cords. Dr. Davis will continue to work with Dr. Haynes on this.

In the upcoming Cardiac Trials, Amiodarone is being reviewed using the new formulation which would recommend administering it sooner and allow for higher doses. In the Hypothermia Trial, for patients that have a pulse in the field, they will use a bluish-type of device.

Most sites have done CPR-related studies looking at no ventilation CPR; due to previous concerns an additional study of this type is unlikely to go forward.

VI. SHOCK PROTOCOL (S-138) (Judd Glasser, M.D.)

Dr. Glasser brought several questions forward regarding Shock Protocol S-138. He requested a review of fluid bolus amounts in different types of shock at the next protocol revision.

VII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

Wilma Wooten, M.D., County Public Health Officer, spoke at the last Disaster Council meeting regarding H1N1.

Most hospitals will be sending staff to learn more about the Mass Fatality Plan and the Emergency Death Registration System, an electronic system for recording deaths in disasters. This eliminates the physician having to sign off on a death certificate as physicians will be able to sign off electronically.

Many hospitals will be conducting at least a table top drill on Thursday, October 15, 2009.

A larger Golden Guardian drill is scheduled for May, 2010 with a dirty bomb scenario.

San Diego County has applied for additional grant money from the CDC specific to H1N1.

Year Eight HPP (Hospital Preparedness Program) is in its' eight year application process.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego, California.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS