



Blue Ridge Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc.

Regional Medical Direction Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 23rd, 2016; 6:30 pm

BREMS Suite 19

Members Present:

Mary Kathryn Allen	BREMS
Jennifer Kersey	BREMS
Sean Regan	BREMS
Guest Ethan Regan	Troop 45
Dr. Marilyn McLeod, MD	Regional OMD; LFD, Campbell Co. Public Safety, and Amherst Co. agencies
Dr. George Wortley	Big Island

The OMD meeting began at 6:30 pm in BREMS Suite 19.

The meeting minutes were reviewed from June 2016.

Dr. McLeod made mention that those minutes were revised due to misrepresentation by Dr. Chester. The corrections have been made.

MK discussed a draft she has made for SOPs for the OMD Committee. These were presented at the meeting and will be distributed to those not in attendance.

Dr. McLeod questioned if a quorum was mentioned and the verbiage states that the meetings will be held with the OMD representatives who are able to attend.

MK stated that she has spoken with both Dr. Ausband and Dr. Cohen in regards to the Protocol Approval Form. Both will sign agreeing to current protocol release.

MK gave an update for drug box logistical exchange in September, as well as the applicable changes to the boxes.

Dr. McLeod questioned the administration time “administer over 20 minutes”. To BREMS staff knowledge, nowhere does it state that. The protocol, medication index and training material were checked and no such time frame was noted. So Dr. McLeod would check with the individual who inquired initially.

Sean presented the Quick Clot protocol. Dr. McLeod requested that one change be made. And that was to change the “place gauze” to “pack gauze”.

MK showed the committee the new Medication Formulary. There were no suggestions or additions.

MK discussed that it had been mentioned to her that there should be a rationale from the OMDs provided to the localities as to why they feel the protocol changes should be made. The OMDs present agreed and stated they would submit rationale.

Jenn asked about the current Toradol dosage and parameters for administration. Dr. McLeod and Dr. Wortley clarified what contraindications should be considered. Jenn will add to the training presentation.

Dr. Wortley also pointed out that if the vial states “ketorolac” then that is how the protocol should be written, with the trade name listed second. MK and Jenn will update the protocols and the medication index to reflect the request.

Dr. McLeod stated that she would like the pulseless V-fib/V-tach protocol to change from 20 minutes of ACLS to 40 minutes of ACLS.

MK enlightened the committee on the CPR initiatives being planned now by LGH and Dr. Baker. There was discussion on certain criteria such as rhythm changes and how that data is important to determine survivability. Dr. McLeod requested that the OMDs be included on this by Dr. Baker. She stated that our data is what will be used; therefore the OMDs have a vital role in the decisions that are made there.

MK enlightened the committee on the “Termination of Death in the Field” box that is in LGH MedComm. This box is supposed to be there to collect EMS PPCRs for deaths that were called in the field by a MD via on-line medical control. The MD that calls the death needs a run report to be able to review prior to signing the death certificate. The box should be secure and providers will be advised to make sure everyone understands the concept.

MK asked the committee to formulate a plan for 2017 Skills Review. The committee suggested the following topics:

- Pain Management
- Traumatic injury with hemorrhage to include Quick Clot
- Cardiogenic Shock to include Norepinephrine/Levophed
- HIPAA/Ethics

Sean mentioned the agencies having to purchase Lactated Ringers. And asked does the LR need to be listed anywhere else in the protocol. Jenn asked for discussion on NSF versus LR in regards to hypercholremic metabolic acidosis. There was discussion on this. Dr. Wortley agreed that there have been situations with extended scene times, etc. where great amounts of fluids could be used or needed. Dr. McLeod states that she feels that it is a possibility but rare. However, the providers will have a choice of fluids to use and to

use critical thinking skills. When asked, Sean states that the localities will have an initial buy in of LR, and then subsequent LR can be replaced at LGH.

Jenn inquired about D5W being used to mix Levophed. Dr. McLeod confirmed that it does need to be mixed with D5W and not NSF. This will be communicated in the training.

Sean inquired as to the need for brown bags for the Levophed (due to degradation of the drug in light). Nadine from the pharmacy will be contacted to add this to the drug boxes.

There was discussion on Dr. Wortley's retirement next year, as well as a discussion on finding new OMDs. Some suggestions were made by both OMDs. MK will follow up with the Board on this.

With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Submitted by,

Jenn Kersey,
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