

PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION MINUTES
October 18, 2018

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:30 am. Introductions were made around the room.

Previous meeting minutes were noted as being provided electronically and were approved as written.

Base Station Reports/Issues:

- A. Good Sam, ~~Karrie Austin~~** – Karrie was not present, but Norma announced that their Base Station this month was not attended so they are rescheduling it next month on November 6.
- B. Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** – Dr. Misner reported that they discussed emergency childbirth. He also added that they resolved their radio communication issues. They are still working on Tacoma Trauma Trust.
- C. Mary Bridge, Cynde Rivers** – Their December Base Station is on the 17th so they can host a breakfast. They have a new physician added to their department who is their child abuse department director. She is a well-known speaker on child trafficking.
They have been dealing with some issues surrounding CCS; the program is going well, but they are understaffed. They are hearing from medics that they don't know of the CCS program. So Cynde asked how to resolve this issue and to get out the information that will provide education. Cynde made herself available to come to any Base Stations and talk about CCS services. Dr. Waffle suggested sending out the information to each agency to be included in their Base Station topic. Cynde added that in some instances, the medics believed that Mary Bridge refused the patient. But this is not the case, they simply recommended that CCS could handle the issue and that they did not need transport to the ER.
- D. St. Anthony, Karmela Palmer** – Their last Base Station was last week on pediatrics. There is no real important information to share.

'Base Station Meetings Equivalent' Reports/Issues:

- A. AMR/RM, ~~Kevin Heindel~~** – Dr. Ken Elam joined the meeting by means of a conference call. He talked about a case of elder abuse. The paramedic wanted to transport the patient to the hospital but was directed to go to hospice and hospice refused the patient. Norma requested the PCR for review.

- B. Buckley, Dr. Jeff Morse** – No representative present.
- C. CPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – Their Base Station was yesterday about pediatric trauma. They've dealt with substantial trauma to kids falling out of windows. Cynde added that Mary Bridge has a Window Fall Prevention Program. There was also discussion on the issue of reporting child abuse. Who do your report to: the hospital, LE? Sometimes the message does not get through to CPS. Dr. Friedrich said that they are going to start pushing to make the reports directly to CPS. Don't assume that because you speak with the hospital or LE that they will report it to CPS. Dr. Waffle said that "it's a gut feeling" so you must report it to CPS if it's not urgent. Pierce County CPS is primarily a follow up agency, so if there is immediate danger, it should be reported directly to LE. Cynde advised documenting everything. Even if you get a voice mail at CPS, make the phone call and document it. Dr. Friedrich said they are doing a lot of education on making the right call, getting the patient to the right services. Norma advised that this is an Ops issue. Dr. Waffle added that calling 911 is overused because it's a short call and a free transport.

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- D. EPFR, Dr. Stephen Barnhart** – Not present. Russ said they had two Base Stations in October and an upcoming one in December. They talked about opiate use and response. LE was present because they are carrying Narcan kits. Dr. Waffle checked with the State on the issue of EMS leaving Narcan kits for patients that refuse transport. He clarified that distributing Narcan is not an EMS responsibility. EMS's job is to treat on the spot, not leave behind medication at the home or site of their response. Russ said it is amazing that you can buy Narcan OTC and told the story of the woman named Carlita who distributes Narcan around a 20-mile radius in his agency's jurisdiction. Dan reiterated that Narcan is not a tool for "treat and release" and that EMS's job is to treat and transport. Dr. Waffle concluded saying, as MPD he can't support leaving Narcan, but as a physician he thinks it's a good idea. That is why it's available OTC.
- E. Falck, Scott Jones** – No representative present.
- F. GHFR, Paul Stark and Gary Battaglia** – They did a PALS course in their Base Station last month. Norma asked if they taught umbilical catheterization for neonates. The answer was no. Cynde clarified that umbilical catheterization is not supported any longer. If it is that urgent, use intraosseous. Umbilical cath is too risky. Dr. Waffle concluded saying that it is used so infrequently, that the skill set is not practiced or retained.
- G. GFR, Matt Waltrip** – No representative present.
- H. KPFR, Allister Stone** – No representative present.
- I. OVFR** – Kevin McGlaulin introduced himself as the new representative for Orting. He said Dr. Barnhart did their Base Station on Pediatric trauma and child abuse.
- J. TFD, Dr. Gerecht** – No representative present.

K. WPFR, Dr. Friedrich – Their Base Station was about pediatric trauma. He also highlighted an educational opportunity they had three days ago. CPFR hosted a cadaver lab. It's possible another could take place at WPFR next year. Dan added that the lab provided incredible training and that 122 people attended. Dr. Friedrich concluded saying that it was a bad summer for pediatric trauma and abuse.

Unfinished Business:

a. Free-Standing EDs, Dr. Waffle – We are still waiting for input of the protocol issues and experience with free-standing EDs.

New Business:

Dr. Waffle informed the group of his discussion with CHI Franciscan regarding getting our paramedics into the ERs. St Jo's is already taking TCC students. They are trying to include more paramedics. There is a meeting scheduled this month to talk about this issue. They are willing to add paramedics, but they have a commitment first to TCC. Dr. Waffle offered them MPD liability.

Dr. Misner said they recently did an AAR regarding a person who was shot, bled out and died. He asked if anyone else had a trauma arrest.

Unscheduled:

Jodie Leer gave an update of the RCC saying the State is 30-40 days behind schedule. The goal of RCC is to minimize ED visits. The Parkland site is in the planning phase. Jodie said she plans to travel around to the Base Stations to inform them of the RCC and what it does.

Norma asked Jodie to be sure we have their correct numbers in our protocol book

Announcements:

Cynde offered to make herself available to talk to agencies about difficult pediatric cases. The question was raised about Karrie's old position and who is replacing her. No one really knows.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 9:33 am.