

**PC EMS COUNCIL  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
March 27, 2019 – 10:00**

**Attendance:**

Membership Attendance Roster on File.

**Call to Order**

Russ McCallion called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Introductions were made around the room. Previous meeting minutes were provided, voted on, and accepted as written.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. Community Healthcare Access Report (Divert) – Mike Newhouse**

Nothing new to report.

**B. TPCHD Update – ~~Cindy Miron~~ Malynda Green**

Flu is on the rise. Hospitals are at 100% capacity or over.

**C. Hospital Data Information Exchange – Russ McCallion**

Trish Niehl said they are reevaluating it, building and testing. Closing the run sheet right away is important. Tim Lookabaugh said there have been some problems with the info being sent and/or arriving. Zoll and ESO are the platforms being used. Dr. Waffle suggested that it would be more efficient if everyone uses one platform.

**D. MCI Plan- Russ McCallion/Jeff Moore**

Cindy hasn't planned another meeting. The last one was cancelled due to the snow.

**E. Dispatch Health Project- Dr. Waffle**

We are using the CARES Plan. There is a 2-hour window for arrival. EMS will evaluate the patient and if eligible they will be referred to CARES and DispatchHealth will follow up. There is a meeting next week.

**F. Scenes of Violence Protocol-James Jacques/Russ McCallion/Jeff Moore**

Enacted as a tri-county policy. The plan lays out how we interact with law enforcement and is intended to bring LE and EMS together. Joe Bouchard announced an upcoming drill to test how the plan works. EMS is primarily going to support LE.

**G. Radio Checks-EMS with Hospitals**

Dr. Misner talked about the 800MHz radio program to communicate with hospitals. He asked if there was a way for him to communicate with Pierce County Hospitals. Financing it has been a big problem and they can't get the contract approved. Russ asked if there were actions that the Ops committee could take.

Russ suggested that Dr. Misner reach out to SS 991 to resolve their issue. Also, he thinks once a year testing is adequate. Discussion followed.

Dr. Waffle asked if we should test out the HEAR System (E.g. 1 time monthly) to make sure its functional.

Calvin Johnson said quarterly would be more appropriate.

\*\*\*\*\*Russ asked that this be added to New Business for the next Ops meeting\*\*\*\*\*

**H. Ebola and Other Highly Infectious Disease Transport Plan – plan in process, tabled**

### **New Business:**

Russ brought up for discussion whether EMS will participate in the ET3 Project (Emergency Triage, Treatment and Transport). We will need a State endorsement to deviate from the RCW and WAC regarding taking lower acuity patients to urgent care or alternative care.

Dr. Waffle said that this is only the start. We need to reach out to the hospital systems to help get their urgent (alternative) care facilities on board. Much discussion followed.

Russ asked the group, "can we work together and pursue this?" Mike Newhouse said the next meeting with Community HealthCare is on 4/1/2019.

Dr Waffle said that the hospitals are willing to have patients go to urgent care, but the problem is that they are widely disparate in the care that they can provide. It's a process to go through, working with the laws.

Russ asked if we could get a pilot program in place.

The question was raised, are we applying individually or as an EMS group? Dr. Waffle responded that if we present a county-wide application that would carry more weight. We need all EMS and hospital agencies on board. It requires an integration of health care into one plan.

Russ noted that we meet again in May and asked if we should set aside some time in June for a special meeting. Dr. Waffle asked Russ if this is something he could take to the Fire Chief's Association.

### **Unscheduled Business:**

None

### **Announcements:**

- A. Dr. Waffle reported that Trina Tran from Good Samaritan's Off Campus ER is hosting their Grand Opening on April 13.
- B. Malynda Green announced that Matt Simmons is having a Table Top Exercise on April 25 from 9:00-2:00 and wants to know if PC EMS is willing to participate

**Adjournment:** Meeting Adjourned @ 11:01am.