

PIERCE COUNTY EMS MPD BASE STATION MINUTES

DRAFT October 17, 2019

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Waffle at 8:05 am. Introductions were made around the room.

Previous meeting minutes were noted as being provided electronically. No vote was done due to a lack of quorum. Dr. Misner requested a change the wording under Unscheduled to: "Dr. Misner raised the issue as to use of ketamine by law enforcement."

Dr. Waffle mentioned that the base station trainings are no longer required for recertification. Educational Sessions are now available, and attendance is encouraged. The dates and times are posted on the PC EMS website. If anyone has ideas on how to make them more enticing, please contact the PCEMS office.

Base Station Reports/Issues:

- A. **Good Sam, Mike Hirsig** – No representative present.
- B. **Madigan Army Health System, Dr. Misner** – They are still doing monthly lectures. Discussion will be held in November regarding common radios in hospitals.
- C. **Mary Bridge, Lila O'Mahony** – They are continuing to do quarterly trainings, now called Educational Sessions. The change has been successful; however, attendance should continue to be encouraged.
- D. **St. Anthony, Karmela Palmer** – No representative present.

'Base Station Meetings Equivalent' Reports/Issues:

- A. **AMR/RM** – No representative present.
- B. **Buckley** – No representative present.
- C. **CPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – They are continuing to train. The last one was yesterday on Psych Illness including a case review and went well.
- D. **EPFR – Dr. Stephen Barnhart** - Although the Base Station trainings were canceled, they are still using the time for training.
- E. **Falck** – No representative present.
- F. **GHFR – Dr. Keith Gates** – They had a training on Abdominal Trauma which went well.
- G. **GFR, Shawn Gregory** – The training for the Base Station is still happening for the 4th quarter.

- H. **KPFR, Dr. John Campbell** – Training has been done on behavioral emergencies.
- I. **OVFR, Dr. Stephen Barnhart** – The time for Base Station trainings will still be used for training in the 4th quarter.
- J. **TFD** – No representative present.
- K. **WPFR, Dr. Steven Friedrich** – Like CPFR, WPFR will be continuing to train during the time set aside for base stations. They had a training on psych illness and provider wellness. Dr. O’Mahony provided some well-done training on pediatrics cases

Dr. Friedrich has been discussing offloading times with St. Claire leadership because the times have been increasing. Further meetings will be occurring to alleviate it.

Discussion was held on the South (Thurston) County divert issue. A suggestion was made to put this on the West Region Council Meeting agenda as a topic, but it may not meet the criteria.

Norma mentioned that we try to keep up with South (Thurston) County divert. She will check with them to see if they would send her a quick email to let her know when they are on divert. That way, she can contact them and find out their plan. A suggestion was made to start up the Divert Committee again and invite Thurston County representatives.

Unfinished Business:

- A. **DispatchHealth/CPFR Project, Dr. Waffle** – The DispatchHealth has been doing in home evaluations for about three months and is going well. Word is starting to really get out about the program. It will be expanded to all of CPFR jurisdiction, but we are not ready to expand it to the whole county yet. So far there has been only one (1) complaint of not receiving pain meds. Eventually we want to do an evaluation of citizen satisfaction. If you hear any concerns about the program, please let Dr. Friedrich know.
- B. **Off Campus MHS ED, Dr. Waffle** – The Off-Campus ED is seeing a substantial number of patients. Two more Off-campus EDs will be opening in the near future: Bonney Lake on December 5, 2019 and South Hill in July 2020.

Discussion was held about transferring mental health patients from the off-campus ER to the hospital. Safety is paramount. There is potential to work with Wellfound Mental Health in the future. The mental health competency checklist may help in the ED. Patients can be transferred under the physician’s guidance. EMS can’t force them to go and we don’t want to put a medic in dangerous circumstances. If there is a legal issue, law enforcement will need to get involved. Dr. Waffle will work with OECD and/or NW Ambulance on mental health transport. We also need to sit down with NW Ambulance and Good Samaritan Hospital and come up with a policy.

New Business:

- A. **Vascular Neck Restraint, Dr. Waffle** – The vascular neck restraint (VNR) maneuver policy memo from Dr. Waffle has been approved by the state as a temporary policy. The policy states that if EMS is contacted to do an evaluation of a patient that has had the VNR applied, the medic will contact the base station and get the decision

and destination of the transport from the base station physician. The liability is up to the Base Station physicians. There is no resulting data collected about the use of VNR. The estimate is about one (1) VNR calls a week in the county. Physicians & EDs are encouraged to let PCEMS know when a case has signs and symptoms and/or is admitted after VNR is performed. A meeting to further discuss the VNR is being scheduled.

- B. Medical Cards update, Dr. Friedrich** – The medical cards are being carried by WPFR. They were given to PC EMS in July to be posted on the website. They are still researching the cost of getting copies printed and laminated. Harborview prints them for about \$11 a set. The copies are currently being printed and laminated in house. They have been used with pretty good success. A training video still needs to be created. Dr. Waffle mentioned that the cards were approved at the last protocol meeting.

Unscheduled:

No Unscheduled Business

Announcements:

No Announcements

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned 8:57 am.