

Prehospital Steering Committee

8-20-8

April Meeting minutes approved.

Present: D. Longfellow, VVAC, Joe Moore CIFD, Bill Boler, SFD, Mike Casson, CFD, Michael Van Dyke, MRFD

Old business

CPAP: Discussed roll out briefly. Handouts distributed.

Discussed ongoing annual training, CCR implementation and distributed handouts.

Rosettas are apparently working for EKG transmission. EMSCOM is working for sending this. User education continues.

New Protocols:

Plan to post with PDF format on websites and distribute in paperless form. Reviewed the powerpoint protocol revision document. This included:

Discussion of decentralized agency QI review. It is appropriate for all calls to be submitted to VVMC for selected reviews and for reviewers at agencies to be practicing at the level of the care provided (IE Medic calls reviewed by medic).

New business:

Law enforcement blood draws. Chief Moore presented information about a case when recent law enforcement agencies demand blood draw from EMS personnel. The law (ARS 28-1388) seems to state that if blood is drawn, the law enforcement agencies can get some. So, in field draws, if they are doing it, the police can get some. On the other hand, since we don't routinely do field labs for trauma, this will be unusual for the usual situation that requires blood draws in the field, since we usually do those for cardiac patients. The police can't mandate a blood draw for their purposes. We will disseminate this information to the EMS personnel and discuss it at the next PHC meeting as well. Law enforcement agencies have protocols and ways to get their own sample with appropriate permissions. Thanks to Chief Moore for taking the lead on researching this situation which arises periodically.

Group was interested in construction update for December meeting on VVMC hospital update.

Next meeting will be December 16.

Meetings moving to Tuesdays, will send a new schedule out soon.

Respectfully,

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