

Regional MAC Meeting
March 23, 2010
Hoss's Steak and Sea House
Lewistown, PA

Attendance: Clifford Neal, Regional Medical Director
Jim Urban, S MEMSC Staff
Kent Knable, Centre LifeLink EMS
Rhoda Yoder, Lewistown Medic 29
Deborah Hopkins, Lewistown Medic 29
Pat Shoop, Fame EMS

Dr. Neal called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

Minutes from the meeting held at Damons on November 25, 2009 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Kent Knable with a second by Rhoda Yoder. Motion passed.

State MAC:

Dr. Neal gave a report from the State MAC meeting.

-The State MAC is in the process of reviewing the use of Racemic Epi (1:1000) for use in Croup and Bronchiolitis.

-The use of CO Oximetry is still in the works. There is a question on the accuracy of the readings from some of the devices. The use of this in Firefighter rehab is being explored..

-PEHSC has approved the proposed Firefighter Rehab Protocol.

CPAP for BLS:

Jim reported that there have been three (3) CPAP incidents since the last meeting. Upon review of the incidents, there appears to be problems with two of the incidents when CPAP was used. The incidents will be reviewed by the QI Committee. The data reports were provided to the MAC committee. It appears from the reports, that the CPAP protocol was not followed. The MAC will await a response from the QI Committee. Dr. Neal suggested that a review of the CPAP protocol might be warranted and BLS units need to become comfortable speaking with medical command.

EMS Act Update

The DRAFT Rules and Regulations for Chapters 1-5 were reviewed by Dr. Neal. The majority dealt with the increased involvement of the medical director in the activities of the EMS agency. All EMS agencies will need to secure an agency medical director. The addition of a certification for PreHospital Physician Extender (Physicians Assistant) was mentioned. The requirements for PreHospital Physicians and PreHospital RNs was reviewed as well as the coned requirements for each. It is expected that the new Rules and Regs will be ready around February 2012. Jim mentioned that the Draft Rules and Regs for

Chapters 1-5 are posted on the Council website. Everyone was encouraged to download a copy, review the draft and forward any comments or suggestions to the Council office so they can be forwarded to the Bureau.

AED Reauthorization:

Dr. Neal suggested a letter be forwarded to AED units advising them that providers with their service be reauthorized in use of the AED every two (2) years with their CPR recertification instead of every year. All were in agreement.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held in Clinton County on May 26, 2010 at 12:00 PM. Location to be announced.