

Regional MAC Meeting
May 27, 2010
Ruby Tuesday's
Mill Hall, PA

Attendance: Clifford Neal, Regional Medical Director
Jim Urban, S MEMSC Staff
Kent Knable, Centre LifeLink EMS
Pat Shoop, Fame EMS
Sandy Foster, MVEMS
Rich Kelley, MNMC ALS
Gerard Banfill, Lock Haven EMS
Ann Banfill, Lock Haven EMS
Megan Lucas, Goodwill Hose Co. Ambulance
Maureen Stetson, Mount Nittany Medical Center-Infection Control, Guest

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

Minutes from the meeting held at Hoss's Steak and Sea House on March 23, 2010 were reviewed and approved on a motion by Rich Kelley with a second by Pat Shoop. Motion passed.

Presentation:

Maureen Stetson, RN, From Mount Nittany Medical Center Infection Control Department gave a presentation on efforts that the hospital is undertaking to reduce the number of infections in patients with IVs. The first step is the use of aseptic technique by the providers and the selection of the site for the IV insertion. Maureen provided literature detailing this. Maureen also elaborated on an initiative the hospital has undertaken by using prepackaged IV start kits containing all the supplies required for venipuncture. The use of a combination topical cleansing solution was also advocated. Committee members and Maureen engaged in some discussion on the topics presented.

Maureen also presented a new type of endo tracheal tube that is being utilized in an effort to reduce ventilation pneumonia for patients that will be intubated for an extended period. Discussion ensued.

Mechanical CPR Discussion:

Kent Knable led a discussion in the use of mechanical CPR. Kent indicated that the use of a mechanical CPR device increases crew safety and studies have shown that the quality of CPR has improved. The use of a mechanical device also decreases the need for additional crew members in the ambulance. ALS service managers that were present also expressed their views of the mechanical CPR device. Kent suggested that the council financially support the mechanical CPR concept and make the mechanical CPR device available in the region. Jim indicated that at present, the device is only approved for use by ALS. Rich Kelley suggested that this might be a worthwhile regional project next year and that it possibly be handled similar to the 12-Lead initiative so that a device is available in each county. Jim said that this

would be looked into, but at present the council is dealing with the narrowbanding project on a regional basis. Dr. Neal stated he would look into the possibility of having this device approved for BLS.

For the Good of the Committee:

-Jim stated that at present, the Council is looking into providing financial assistance to services for pagers to be compatible with the new narrowbanding requirements. The 911 Center Directors have sent out a request to services requesting an inventory of the number and types of pagers. Discussion ensued.

-Lock Haven EMS has submitted a letter of interest to become authorized as an Etomidate unit in the region. All the required paperwork was forwarded to the service manager.

-Lock Haven Hospital has had a change in ER directors, physician groups and Chief Nursing Officer. The CNO mentioned to Jim that the hospital is looking into becoming more active in the MAC. Also, the CNO indicated that the hospital is looking into establishing a Stroke protocol. Jim informed them that there is a state protocol already in place. A meeting with the Lock Haven Hospital officials might need to be arranged.

-Dr. Neal reminded all in attendance that service medical directors cannot contradict or lessen a state protocol. For example, the Trauma/Triage protocol. Service medical directors can exceed the state protocol, but they cannot lessen the protocol. There was an incident where service medical directors were directing their medics to go against state protocol. Dr. Neal indicated that he will address this issue.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be held in Juniata County on August 25, 2010 at 12:00 PM. Location to be announced. The possibility of a conference call will be explored.

Motion by Kent Knable, second by Pat Shoop to adjourn.