

MAC MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 27, 2008

CENTRAL JUNIATA EMS

ATTENDANCE:

Clifford Neal, DO, Regional Medical Director

Jim Urban, S MEMSC

Jason Snyder, Port Royal EMS

Sandra Fay Foster, Moshannon Valley EMS

Patrick Shoop, Fame EMS

Greg Rupert, Life Lion

Dave Young, CJEMS

Jolene Walker, CJEMS

Welcome and Introductions...

Dr. Neal opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Motion by Jason Snyder, second by Sandy Foster to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Life Lion presentation...

Dr. Neal introduced Greg Rupert from Life Lion to the group. Greg provided a short presentation on the use of Therapeutic Hypothermia to those in attendance.

Greg provided literature on the use of Therapeutic Hypothermia in a few cases to the group. Greg indicated that Life Lion has a 1.5 hour con-ed program dealing with this subject. The program has been approved for 1.5 con-ed credits through the Bureau. Any service interested may contact him at (717) 531-7029 or e-mail at grupert@hmc.psu.edu to schedule a program.

Temperature Monitoring Study...

The new probes and software for the temperature monitoring study have been received. There has been some difficulty with the software for the data. The software problem is in the process of being corrected. When the software problem has been rectified, the next stage of the study will commence.

Revised ALS & BLS Protocols...

Dr. Neal provided an overview of the revised ALS & BLS Protocols that are **effective November 1, 2008.**

The protocols are available for download on the Department of Health website.

We are presently discussing the possibility of having a ***Regional Protocol Update*** as well as a ***Skills Update*** class before the protocols become effective.

The consensus of those in attendance was that a regional update be held rather than individual updates. There will be more information forthcoming.

Jim will check to see if a CD/Powerpoint presentation is available for the new protocols.

CPAP FOR BLS...

The new protocols will allow BLS units the **OPTION** of utilizing CPAP at the BLS level. If a service opts to use CPAP, the unit must adhere to the following program requirements:

1. A Medical Director
2. An additional specialized training module
3. CPAP equipment with pressure measurement device and Pulse Ox
4. QI for every use

Regional STEMI protocol...

Pat Shoop inquired if there was any progress in the development of a regional STEMI protocol. Pat was advised that the transport of patients with the need for specialized treatments are addressed in the new protocols.

Pat related an issue regarding transport of a STEMI patient to Dr. Neal. Dr. Neal said he will look into it.

Change of meeting time...

Dr. Neal asked if the time of the meeting should be changed back to noon due to lack of physician involvement. Discussion followed. The consensus was to notify the members and get the input of the committee members as to which they prefer.

There being no further business, motion by Pat Shoop and second by Jason Snyder to adjourn. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held in Centre County on **November 26, 2008 at a site and time to be determined.**