

**PC EMS COUNCIL
CQI COMMITTEE MINUTES
May 29, 2019 – 11:00**

Attendance:

Membership Attendance Roster on File

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Ryan McGrady at 11:02 am. Introductions were made around the room. Minutes from March 27, 2019 were voted on and accepted as written.

Unfinished Business:

A. Standing Stroke Updates (Cardiac Update will be in September)

Franciscan HS:

Gena Kreiner presented the update from CHI Franciscan. All departments saw better data. Kudos to Tacoma Fire. 75-80% were complete. There are still some issues with documentation. Last Known Well exact times are needed to ascertain best treatment. Please submit run reports too.

Multicare HS:

Phyllis Smith presented a stroke case review for Multicare HS. The LAMS/Stroke Severity Score was not in the report. The patient recovered and is doing well but the score is important. It makes it difficult to assess the patient without it. Data from Tacoma General reports that less than 50% reported the LAMS score. The charge nurses are asking for it as well. If unsure about getting the LAMS score information, then do BEFAST.

Stroke Updates Lessons Learned:

- Document the actual clock time of LNW on ePCR.
- Give LAMS/SSS in verbal report to ED as well as document it on the ePCR.

New Business:

A. CARES / JAWS data – Jenny Shin, CARES Coordinator

Jenny Shin gave a presentation on the CARES Program. CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) is a tool used to help make informed decisions using the data. The information can also be used for QA/QI, grant funding opportunities and levy approvals. This tool gives the big picture and casts a wide net. In 2018: 1,239 EMS agencies and 1412 hospitals contributed data showing there were 81, 864 non-traumatic CARES cases. This is the closest thing to having a national effort. National reports are located on the website. They will have a team come October 14-16, 2019 to improve the Pierce County data. Current Pierce County Agencies are: CPFR, EPFR, Gig Harbor Fire, Graham Fire, Orting Valley FR, Tacoma Fire, WPFR. Contact Jenny Shin jenny.shin@kingcounty.gov if your agency wants to get involved. Jenny will come back to the September meeting to present specific Pierce County numbers to compare.

CARES Lessons Learned:

- PAD- EMS needs to urge the public to use AEDs to improve survival rate.
- Implement Dispatcher Assisted CPR.
- Implement High Performance CPR

Presentation: AMR

Jared Rodrigues presented the case. The patient lost control of a vehicle which was an old restored roadster with no airbags. This was a step 1 trauma with starred windshield and the steering wheel was damaged with the patient's neck. He was not pinned in and they were able to get him out using a backboard. Riverside Fire and EPFR arrived on scene. There were no big changes in the patient's vital signs, but he was complaining about his right hip hurting. He was transported to St. Joseph Hospital.

The time from reporting the incident to arrival was 13 minutes. From scene to St. Joseph Hospital was 8 minutes. When they got there, he was conscious with fairly good vitals. As he was having some breathing issues the decision was made to intubate him. The patient survived. He has a target for discharge this week. Neurologically, he got better during his stay. His mental status is good too.

Lessons learned:

- With a broken steering wheel, always assess the anterior neck by visual and palpation. Alert the hospital of a potential difficult airway if a fractured larynx is suspected, so they can be prepared for it. Reassess, reassess, reassess.
- Obtain the patient's emergency contact person's information as soon as possible without compromising patient care, this may prove invaluable later to gain patient history.
- Sometimes being conservative is better for patients- do what is right for the patient at the right time.

Unscheduled Business:

Norma announced that protocol updates will be released on June 1, 2019 to include Stroke, Spinal Motion Restriction and Sepsis. Both the large version and the pocket protocol size will be posted on the PC EMS Website.

Announcements:

The committee voted to cancel the July meeting. The next meeting will be on September 25, 2019

Adjournment:

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:11 PM.

Scribe: Donna Vitale, PC EMS Office