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MINUTES
January 27, 2023
10:00 a.m.
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Attendance:

Member Roll Call:
Dr. Edwards-chair, Dr. Fales, Lisa Martin, Betsy McDavid, Dr. Noel, Dr. Paul, Dr. Wise.

Absent: Dr. Domeier, Lynn Weber, Deb Wagner.

MCA Representatives:
Damon Gorelick, DEMCA; Lance Corey, Kent County EMS; Gary Proctor, West Bloomfield Fire Department; Kevin Snell, Oxford Fire Department; John Theut, Oakland County MCA; Bonnie Kincaid, Oakland County MCA; Katrina Rushford, Marquette-Alger MCA; Dr. Gedaliah Cooper, Oakland County MCA.

Guests:
Thomas Johnson, Sparrow; Mike Bentley, Kalamazoo County MCA; Angela Madden, MAAS; Bill Priese, Tri-County MCA; Kevin Henderson, Washtenaw Livingston MCA, Bruce Trevithick, Genesee County MCA; Carol Robinet, Superior Ambulance, Rachel Latunski, Sparrow, Dr. William Pau, Dr. Kent Yaney, Sparrow.

Bureau Staff:
Krisy Kuhl, Nicole Babb, Doug Burke, Kallie Piette, Anthony Pantaleo, Derek Flory, Damon Obiden, Emily Baker.

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Dr. Edwards.

Agenda and Minutes:
Motion to approve the agenda the minutes from 12/16/2022 (Paul, Wise). Approved.

MCA Protocols/Bylaws:

1. **DETROIT EAST MCA**
   a. 14.02-Staffing-During-COVID-Pandemic-11.12.22-EMERGENCY PROTOCOL-**Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved. Wise abstained.**
   b. COVID-19-Treat-in-Place EMERGENCY PROTOCOL **Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved. Wise abstained.**

c. Air Q3® 7-9b-**Motion to approve for use in patients 14 and above by EMT and paramedic, contingent upon review of the initial and ongoing training plan and the QI plan and providing sufficient evidence of prehospital use by other agencies outside of Michigan (Fales, Noel). Approved. Wise abstained.**

i. Damon Gorelick went over the protocol request for the group.

1. 14-02-Detroit Fire is still using the staffing protocol. Krisy advised DEMCA will need to notify the department every 60 days while keeping this protocol in use.
2. Treat in place-They think they will eventually revamp this and make it a permanent protocol. Medical control was discussed. This one will also require notice every 60 days.
3. AirQ3 ® Damon advised this is being used in other states for EMS. The smallest size was discussed. Dr. Fales discussed concerns. He spoke about limiting this to paramedics. Dr. Noel discussed they are using the i-gel ® in the hospital, and she has not seen much on this one for EMS use. Damon advised they would be willing to make changes. **Dr. Fales said he would like to see the training program for initial and ongoing training and a QI plan with a plan to present back to QATF.** Straps were discussed and Damon is under the understanding the device comes with a strap. Dr. Fales said he would support contingent on training and QI plan. Pediatric being done by weight was discussed. Dr. Noel suggested keeping it age based for airway. What to information to obtain from other agencies using this device was discussed so Damon knows what to gather.

2. MARQUETTE-ALGER MCA

a. Emergency Staffing 8-33-**Motion to enact 14-02 instead, with notice every 60 days (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- Katrina Rushford went over the protocol request for the group. Krisy advised this will require notice from the MCA each 60 days. This can only be an emergency protocol because it hinges on the non-enforcement memo. Emily Baker advised this may change. Katrina said she can use 14-02 and renew each 60 days if that would be better and asked for guidance. Derek said he would anticipate many other MCAs looking at this and submitting requests. Krisy advised to take the last version of 14.02 and put the MCA at the top and keep it as an emergency. It won't need to come back to the QATF but will need to advise every 60 days. How the staffing protocol came to be phased out and Krisy addressed.

3. OAKLAND COUNTY MCA

- John Theut went over the protocols for the group.

a. 8.1 Agency and EMS Personnel Criteria for Participation-**Previously approved, no action taken.**

b. 8.2 ALS to BLS Transfer of Care **Previously approved, no action taken.**

c. 8.4 Alternative EMS Response Team-**Previously approved, no action taken.**

d. 8.21 Medical Control and Participating Hospital Policy-**Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

e. 8.21.1 Hospital Letter of Compliance-**Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

f. 8.22 Mutual Aid Policy-**Motion to approve contingent upon department legal review, and making the change below (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- **a. Emily Baker advised of service area issues with this protocol, and this has to be reviewed by legal prior to final department approval**. She also asked how regular call volume is determined and John addressed. **Action item: change 5% reference to annual call volume.**

g. 8.23 New or Upgraded EMS Agency Policy**-Motion to approve with changes and pending legal review (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- a. **Action item: replace certification with expiration date in 1b under "List of Paperwork". Action item: In #5 add "requirements" to the end of the last sentence and "signed by a GSA representative" and add "submitted annually" to the second to the last sentence.** Geographic service area was discussed. **Action item: Clean up spacing on 6 and 7. #6 add if applicable.**

h. 8.23.1 Appendix A New and Upgraded EMS Agency Application-**Motion to approve contingent upon department legal review (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- a. **This needs to be run by legal prior to the department's final approval.** Lisa Martin advised HEMS requires this provision, as well.

i. 8.24 Patient Prioritization-**Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- a. Lisa asked about gray and John addressed why they aren't using it.

j. 8.29 Rerouting Policy-**Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

k. 8.31 Scene Patient Management-**Motion to approve with change (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- **a. Action items: Change note to read "EMS Providers shall not allow". Remove quotations around call jumping. Add definition of call jumping. Change to "will be reviewed by the PSRO" rather than OCMCA. Change policy to protocol under "ECF".**

l. 8.37 Tactical EMS Protocol-**Motion to approve (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- a. This is new for the system and comes from Tri-County MCA's protocol.

m. 8.51 Transfer of Patient Care to Receiving Facility-**Motion to approve with changes (Paul, Martin). Approved.**

- **a. Action items: In the second point of number 6a, add patient signature recommendation, add "if asked" to the first bullet. Change "continues" to "continue" at the end of the second point under 6. Remove asterisk on the word "recommended". Remove comma after "hospital team lead" in the same point under 6.**

4. Region 6 – WMRMCC

a. Pediatric Interfacility High Flow Nasal Oxygen (HFNO) 8.59**-Motion to approve (Paul, Wise). Approved.**

b. BLS Transport Utilization 8.XX-**Motion to approve (Paul, Wise). Approved.**

c. Use of Basic Life Support Ambulances for 911 Responses 8.XX-**Motion to approve (Paul, Wise). Approved.**
    - Lance Corey went over the protocols for the group. Krisy asked for WMRMCC to send the approval letters from all the MCA in the future.

State Protocols/Bylaws:

I. COVID-19

II. State Protocol Revisions-All protocols have gone out for public comment. This is FINAL REVIEW/APPROVAL so they may be released to MCAs to begin their committee review and adoption.

a. Section 2 and 3 questions – Dr. Fill, JCMCA – **Not Discussed Today.**
    i. Spinal Assessment 2-8: Strike significant in line 2b?
    ii. Excited Delirium 3-6: Why was midazolam dose reduced to 5 mg IM?

b. State Protocols packet for review and vote
    i. Pediatric Medication Emergency Dosing and Intervention Cards 4-1-**Motion to approve (Wise, Paul) Approved.**
    ii. Pediatric Respiratory Distress, Failure, or Arrest 4-5-**Motion to approve (Wise, Paul) Approved.**
    iii. Pediatric Fever 4-6-**Motion to approve (Paul, Wise). Approved.**
    iv. Pediatric Seizures 4-7-**Motion to approve (Paul, Wise). Approved.**
    v. Pediatric Crashing Patient 4-9-**Motion to approve (Paul, Wise). Approved.**
    vi. Pediatric Cardiac Arrest – General 6-1-**Motion to approve (Noel, Paul) Approved.**
    vii. Pediatric Tachycardia – 6-3-**Motion to approve (Noel, Paul) Approved.**
        - Refusal of Care; Adult and Minor 7-19-**Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.** Discussed. This should go to legal, possibly. This one is not ready.
    viii. Transport of Adult Ventilator-Dependent Patient 7-27
    ix. Transport Destination and Diversion 8-3
    x. Responsibilities of the Participants in the MCA System
    xi. Evidentiary Blood Draw (MCA Optional) 8-28
    xii. Safe Transportation of Children 4-8-**Motion to approve (Wise, Paul) Approved.**
    xiii. Dead on Scene and Termination of Resuscitation 7-6-**Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**
    xiv. Electrical Therapy 7-8-**Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**
        - Dr. Fales spoke about double sequential defibrillation. Krisy asked if she would have to go through all the cardiac arrest protocols. **Dr. Fales suggested saying defibrillate per Electrical Therapy protocol.**
    xv. Helmet Removal 7-10-**Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**
    xvi. Impedance Threshold Device 7-11 waiting on confirmation from Fales
    xvii. Patient Restraint 7-16-**Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**
    xviii. Tourniquet Application 7-22-**Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**

xix. Vascular Access and IV Fluid Therapy 7-23**-Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**
xx. Interfacility High Flow Nasal Oxygen 7-26
xxi. Left Ventricular Assist Device 7-28**-Motion to approve (Noel, Wise). Approved.**
xxii. Evidentiary Blood Draw Protocol 8-28

c. Additional QATF meeting in February? Yes, February 13, 2023, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
   i. **Fales to work on Electrical Therapy protocol**.

Motion to adjourn 3:27 p.m. (Paul, Martin). Adjourned.