

AMBULANCE OPERATIONS

MINUTES

Thursday, December 14, 2023

10:00 a.m.

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Members:

Monty Nye-chair, Bill Forbush, Jason MacDonald, Angela Madden, Ralph Ortiz, Brian Scribner, Eric Snidersich, Brandon Whipple, Jeff White.

Absent: Jason Bestard, Aaron Sogge, Chris Stoecklein, Daryll Yarger.

Guests: Ken Cummings, Patrick Bridges, Kevin Wilkinson.

BETP Staff: Babb, Flory, Mishra, Kuhl, Baker, Forbush, Frascone, Biliti, Kerr, Rudzki.

1. **Call to Order**
 - The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Monty Nye.
2. **Roll Call:** see above. **There is a quorum today.**
3. **Approval of Agenda**
 - Motion to approve (Whipple, MacDonald). **Approved.**
4. **Approval of Minutes**
 - Motion to approve (Ortiz, Whipple). **Approved.**
1. **Old Business**
 - a. Provider roles on agency rosters
 - Pediatric champion and non-clinical driver roles have been added.
 - b. Personal CO Detectors - Ralph Ortiz
 - Ralph showed the one they use. This has previously been discussed but will not be added as a required item.
2. **New Business**
 - a. Equipment checklist review with proposed equipment changes based on [protocol](#).
 - CPAP- Adult and small adult sizes on BLS, LALS and ALS vehicles. **Protocol 7-5.**
 - **Motion to approve (Forbush, Ortiz). Motion FAILS.**
 - **ROLL CALL VOTE**
 - **YES: Forbush, Ortiz, Whipple.**
 - **No: MacDonald, Madden, Scribner, Snidersich, White.**
 - **Turned down based on small size.**
 - CPAP – Kuhl: This is part of the state protocol suite. If they are choosing not to adopt the state protocol, it would be a state approved MCA protocol that goes through QATF. At the moment, there are no protocols on the books that have tried to alter this protocol.

- Snidersich: Mercury medical CPAP is what they use, and they come in small and large. Cost is an issue and small are rarely used.
- Kuhl: There is no requirement to carry pediatric sizes.
- Baker: Manufacturer specifications to be used.
- Kuhl: Care for all.
- White: Is there any data that indicates people have not received CPAP due to lack of the small size mask? Krisy said it is almost impossible to track a negative. There aren't resources to go through every narrative in a report. The use of CPAP can be documented. QATF based decisions on best practices, in addition to data.
- Bill Forbush: Good of the patient is the primary goal. He commended QATF. We can't use size of the agency anymore than the size of the patient. Cost and agency size shouldn't get us off track.
- MacDonald: Certainly want the population to be served but there are caveats. What we are hearing today is that some agencies are not using a small mask. Krisy said if the agency could show they haven't used them, it would be a start of a conversation.
- Scribner: No one has small CPAP, and no one has ever not received CPAP for it. MacDonald agrees.
- Waveform capnography (attached to the monitor or independent). LALS and ALS mandatory. MCA optional for BLS vehicles. **Protocol 7-9.**
- **Motion to approve (Forbush, Ortiz). Motion carries.**
 - **Roll call vote:**
 - **Yes: Forbush, Ortiz, Whipple, MacDonald, Scribner, Snidersich.**
 - **No: Madden, White.**
 - White: What is the cost? What is the case for the device?
 - Kuhl: Discussed how it works.
 - Bill Forbush: 1500-1700 dollars.
 - White: If MCA wants BLS vehicles to have these, it will cost agency \$1500 per truck.
 - Kuhl: Some protocols are BLS optional, and a roster must be maintained and discussed.
 - Bill Forbush: If it is medically necessary, why would it be optional anywhere?
- Nasal cannula capnography device for waveform capnography. Discuss for use with medication and what sizes. LALS and ALS vehicles. **Protocol 7-24.**
- **Motion to approve (Forbush, no second). MOTION TO APPROVE WITH NO VOTE.**
- **Motion to oppose (MacDonald, White). Motion carries.**
 - **Roll call vote.**
 - **Yes: MacDonald, Madden, Scribner, Snidersich, White, Whipple.**
 - **No: Forbush. Ortiz.**

- Kuhl: Every time you see this in the protocol, it is worded quite vaguely with “if available”. It has a place, it is extremely useful, and we could have been much clearer on this one.
- Flory: Would there be multiple sizes? Krisy wouldn’t think that would be a requirement at this stage but would have to go to the higher ups.
- MacDonald: Data needed to inform decision. He said he thinks that we can’t put a price on a life is not true and discussed. Doing what is most beneficial for the greatest number of patients. We have to be smart with the dollars we have.
- Ortiz: Surprised this is even here and ALS agencies aren’t using this already. Medstar does not.
- Wilkinson: No data to support better outcomes.
- How to vote: Kuhl suggested individually. Monty said these are based on the released protocols. This is almost irrelevant. This one out of the whole list seems to be a possibility of being voted down.
- Baker: Discussed QATF rationale.
- Forbush: Looking at cost is wrong direction. Doesn’t understand how we can oppose.
- MacDonald says we need data.
- Forbush: How can we study if not implemented across the board.
- Capnometry(Colorimetric or numeric). Mandatory for BLS vehicles & MFRs that have i-gel[®]. **Protocol 7-24.**
- **Motion to support (Ortiz, Forbush). Motion carries.**
 - **Discussion: None.**
- Et tubes compatible with MI MEDIC cards. All tubes must be cuffed.
- **Motion to support (Forbush, Ortiz). Motion carries.**
 - **Discussion: None.**
- Paper bags. **Protocol 2-15.**
- **Motion to support (Forbush, Ortiz).**
 - **Discussion:**
 - **Ortiz: Appropriate size for clothing.**
- Supraglottic airway per MCA selection. **Protocol 7-9.**
 - **Kuhl: Clarification – Krisy discussed the chart and how to use it.**
 - **White**
 - **Motion to approve (Forbush, Snidersich). Motion carries.**
 - **Discussion: None.**
- Impendence threshold device. MCA optional. **Protocol 7-11.**
- **Motion to approve (Forbush, Ortiz). Motion carries.**
 - **Discussion: None.**
- Active compression-decompression device. MCA optional. **Protocol 7-30.**
 - **Kuhl discussed. Only one MCA is using this.**
 - **Motion to support (Forbush, White). Motion carries.**
 - **Discussion: None.**
- Cricothyroidotomy will be MCA optional. **Protocol 7-9.**
- **Motion to approve (Forbush, Ortiz). Motion carries.**
 - **Discussion: None.**

- 14-gauge needles for pleural decompression at least 3.5 inches in length or MCA approved commercial device. ALS vehicles. **Protocol 7-18.**
- **Motion to support (Ortiz, Forbush). Motion carries.**
 - Derek started the discussion and asked how the group would like to proceed with the description. Monty said there was a letter that went out. Sabrina advised this had gone to EMSCC in March and was tabled and never brought back up. This is to review what was already approved plus the new items.
 - Jeff White: Issues with agencies in multiple MCAs and how will that translate in an inspection. Issues with small CPAPs. Medical director has never used. Nasal cannula capnography device is unclear on when they would be required to use it and is it local vs state. North American rescue dart is 3.25 inches long.
 - Group started at the top and went through the list.
 - Kuhl discussed commercial devices.

b. Other proposed changes

- Replace “Long spine Immobilization device” with “extrication device on non-transport vehicles”.
 - The group discussed. Emily advised the intent is to extricate them in supine position and listed some devices that would work.
 - ~~Motion to object to the language as it exists, and it should include the language proposed by Director Bergquist (White, MacDonald).~~
Withdrawn.
 - **Discussion:** Agency concerns? Ortiz likes the idea but doesn’t want inspectors to interpret differently in different places. As long as it means the same thing to all the inspectors, it works. Jeff White is hopeful Emily’s language would take out the ambiguity.
 - **Motion withdrawn and object to language as written and department to come up with language. (White, Forbush). Approved.**
- Remove short board (KED).
 - **Motion to support (White, Forbush). Approved.**
- Change language from “means to defibrillate pediatric patients” to “means to appropriately defibrillate pediatric and infant patients (device, pads and product indications must support defibrillation of all pediatric patients).”
 - **Motion to approve (Forbush, White). Approved.**
- Change “defibrillation pads (2 sets)” to “2 sets of adult pads (or combination pads when applicable to the device)” and “1 set of pediatric pads (when required by device for pediatric use)”.
 - **Motion to approve (White, Forbush). Approved.**
- Add “The life support agency name is displayed prominently on the left and right side of the vehicle.” Rule 2184
 - Jeff White: Advised he would vote no, doesn’t know what “prominently” means. Derek advised this in the administrative rules. The issue is the new vehicles quite frequently are not lettered. Jeff

White said he would like to leave it as it was. Emily showed the administrative rule in question.

- Ortiz: Is this enforced by the state whether is on the list or not? Derek addressed. It makes it easier to have it on the checklist.
- Angela asked if it was possible to add "Other items as required by administrative rule". Discussion ensued.
- **Motion to support (Forbush, Ortiz). Motion fails.**
 - **ROLL CALL VOTE:**
 - **YES: Forbush, Ortiz, Whipple.**
 - **No: MacDonald, Madden, Scribner, Snidersich, White.**

- Clarify the different size of gloves needed.
 - Discussion: recommend various sizes.
- **Motion to have at least three sizes available (Snidersich, Forbush). Approved.**

c. Policies

- Inspection of accredited agencies
 - **Move to table (White). Approved.**
 - Jeff White: We all have day jobs, as well. He would vote no today until has time to discuss with stakeholders.
- Vehicle Inspection
 - Jeff White: What is recourse? Derek addressed.
 - **Motion to support (Forbush, NO second). Motion fails.**
- Vehicle addition
 - Ortiz: Has this been a problem for the agencies?
 - **No motion, no action taken.**

3. **Additional Items from Attendees**

a. **None.**

4. **Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 (MacDonald, Forbush).**

5. **Next Meeting: TBD**

a. **Schedule before EMSCC.**