



Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council
Pre-hospital Committee Meeting
August 27th, 2008
St. Josephs' Hospital Education Center

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes
Meeting notes from previous committee meetings were approved.
4. Discussion on request to add a CQI Process Improvement Filter to Pre-hospital Parameters vs collection of data elements of regional projects:

Kevin spoke about the interest that was made from Rick Moore of somehow tracking either through CQI or some parameters CPAP since it was a "regional concept". Kevin spoke about the possibility of presenting data outcomes and certain data points at one of our BVRAC Symposiums. A data set (sample) was passed around to gather input on what data points we'd like to track and if the group thought this was a worthwhile effort. Brenda made a comment about how we'd track this information. This will be a discussion item in future agendas. Due to time restraints of this busy meeting schedule.

5. Discussion on Needs Assessment for BVRAC Surplus Item

- a. allocations

Kevin commented on the previous surplus allocations from the BVRAC Surplus funding. All equipment was received and invoiced with exception of a Medtronic AED and an Alaris Pump. They are ordered and should be in any day. Kevin brought equipment to the meeting to distribute afterwards.

6. Update on EPRC Meeting

- a. STL Course

Kevin updated the group on the EPR Meetings :Strike Team Leader Course is being offered and paid for by TETAF and some other organizations. Kevin proposed to the EPR Committee that we use some of our training funds for the travel expenses of this course at yesterday's meetings. It was approved...so you are really out nothing here if you decide to send someone

- b. Expenditures for Regional PPE We were granted approximately \$80k (\$76k to be more exact) Kevin mentioned that the training was a mandate and we (EMS Providers) need to not drop the ball on this.

- c. Training for EMS PPE

Washington County Sponsored Training (8-5-08) Kevin discussed the previously scheduled training over 25 EMS employees were trained The second training date (centrally located) was set up for Texas A&M (Matthew Rushing) and was open and free to everyone. The Date was set for Sept 4th, 2008 at 6pm and directions were passed out by Matthew Rushing.

- i. Remember must train 80% of departmental staff

7. Update on Regional CPAP Initiative

- a. **LPG Request Update** Kevin thanked everyone that assisted with the regional CPAP initiative project. Although the contract is not officially out we were notified by the DSHS that we received the largest single sum of LPG fund in the state. Kevin mentioned that this entire project is a testament to what we can do within the RAC and Prehospital Committee when we focus on patient care. This project will absolutely affect patient care in the region and will absolutely save healthcare dollars in the downstream effect.
- b. **Potential Impact of Patient Care** The potential benefit to the hospitals and more important to the patients are overwhelming. This could be the single biggest effect on patient care that has occurred since the inception of the RAC. Just our department alone 30% of our volume is respiratory distress....this could impact several thousand patients a year...
- c. **Facility Update:** Kevin mentioned - 100% of the EMS providers signed up to be on board with this regional approach to the treatment of CHF patients. Discussion was made about the formation of a "minimal standard" competency form and training requirement. This was discussed along the lines of a regional protocol. However, the group decided this was not what we intend to do. We intend on assuring training and usage on certain patient criteria. The committee does not feel like taking the decision on and medical direction away from local physicians is the intent.
Facility update was provided by Donna, Brenda, and Rick...It appears that CSMC is just a few weeks from implementing their circuit exchange program which is vital for the programs success. Donna and Brenda mentioned that SJRHC is moving forward as well and Brenda made not that the smaller St. Joes hospitals will be implementing CPAP into their ED's as well. Kevin mentioned that this was exceptional news and extremely glad to hear the smaller ED would be participating. It appears that the rural ED's in the St. Joes system will fall under the umbrella of the St. Joes circuit exchange program. The only outlying hospital at that time not participating in the circuit exchange program would be Trinity.

8. Discussion on new regional projects:

- a. **STEMI Workgroup**
 - i. Donna Gomez, Amy Plotts, Rick Moore, Matthew Rushing, Andrew Davis, Kevin Deramus,
 - ii. Current Treatment Standard
 - iii. 8-6-08 Planned Transmission Meeting Cancelled

A presentation was made and food provided by Medtronic Physio Control over data transmission.

- b. **Post Resuscitation Induced Hypothermia Treatment**
 - i. Dr. Kovar and MCHD presented their data on post resuscitation induced hypothermia. The prehospital committee will be pushing this forward into the region over the next few months.

9. Discussion on organized approach (regionally) to State Deployment Missions:

Tabled for next meeting due to time...

- 10. GETAC Update covered in general session...
- 11. TETAF – EMS Update covered in general session
- 12. Open Forum:
- 13. Adjourn: