



Brazos Valley Regional Advisory Council
Pre-hospital Committee Meeting
October 29th, 2008
St. Josephs' Hospital Education Center

1. Call to Order
Meeting was called to order at 1745 hrs by Kevin Deramus.
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Minutes
Approval of minutes was motioned by Billy Rice and seconded by Rick Moore
4. Discuss and Act upon revision of CQI Process Improvement Filters:
 - a. Revise
Brief discussion took place concerning the EMS CQI parameters. It was noted that with airway concerns nationwide being looked at in reference to RSI the group felt that it was important to look not only at the "trauma RSI'd" patients but the medical as well. We made minor changes to the bypass parameter in attempts to improve the bypass of patients to the most appropriate facility. The revised CQI parameter will be put on the general membership agenda for approval at the next RAC meeting.
5. Presentation on Regional Implementation of Clinical Induced Hypothermia
 - a. Why, EMS Education and Treatment Modalities, Equipment Required, Facility Participation,

A brief (12 Slide) overview of the logistical needs and need for facility support was presented by Kevin Deramus. This presentation will be made available for all members to view on the BVRAC.COM website. The presentation surrounded equipment needs, financial outlay, as well as by-pass protocols. A continuum of care was also stressed and the most recent monkey survey was displayed.
6. Update on EPR Committee Meeting
 - a. Training to date:
 - i. Washington County
 - ii. Texas A&M
 - iii. The Physicians Center & St. Joes EMS

A summary of the EPRC Committee was given by Mr. Chung. Mr. Chung discussed the budget financial allocations for the next budget year. The details were given and will be available in the minutes for the EPR Committee. Kevin discussed the training that has been available throughout the region and made mention that the most recent one was conducted on Monday and involved St. Joes, The Physicians Center, Robertson County EMS, K&L, etc... Good regional support and participation was noticed. If anyone needs to have an EMS PPE training course at their facility please let Kevin know so arrangements can be made.
7. Update on Regional CPAP Initiative

- a. Provider Update
- b. Training Requirements upon delivery of units
- c. Facility "Circuit Exchange Programs" Update

The LPG grant award was discussed and 100% of the funding that was requested for the Regional CPAP Initiative was awarded by TDSHS. The order has been placed and will be shipped to Washington County EMS and dispersed at the training events. A brief discussion about a regional competency form as well as a regional minimal standard of care document took place. It was agreed since the BVRAC is awarding these CPAP Machines to the hospitals and EMS Providers that a minimal standard competency form would be used RAC wide. Kevin and Donna have put a minimal competency form together as well as a minimal SOC to be implemented into the revised BVRAC Protocols. The circuit exchange program with the College Station Medical Center is up and going. Several providers have already signed the document. St. Joe's pulmonary department (Brad Blevins) is finalizing the documents for the St. Josephs Hospitals and rural hospitals. All Hospitals in the region will have circuit exchange program in place in the near future with exception of one.

8. Discuss DSHS State Deployments from a regional perspective
Tabled and Kevin suggested sending this to the EPR Committee for discussions.
9. Discuss Revisions to Trauma System Plan (TSP) and forward recommendations to BVRAC Board in November
 - a. Helicopter Activation Protocol
 - b. Pre-hospital Protocols
 - c. Pre-hospital Triage & Bypass

Kevin handed out the 2006 revisions of the Helicopter Activation Protocols, pre-hospital triage and by-pass protocols for review. It was made mention that these protocols are well written and few changes will be required but if any were suggested by the group to forward recommendations to Kevin, Donna or John. The Executive Council will be meeting November 19th to finalize the TSP plan and all revisions will be made at that time. All members were invited to attend for input.

It was mentioned by Kevin that there was a need to allow more time for the Pre-hospital Committee. There are several projects and discussion as well as guest speakers that are have been extending the time of this committee for the past three meetings and we continue to slow down the general session due to the fact that we run long. Kevin suggested to Mr. Tuohy that we re-structure the time frames to make more time. The meeting was adjourned.