MINUTES
BASE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2019
KAISER PERMANENTE - SELMA
8:00 A.M.

ATTENDANCE:
Debbie Becker, R.N. Central California EMS Agency
Ronele Brooks Central California EMS Agency
Kris Chatterton, R.N. Sierra View Medical Center
Dale Dotson Central California EMS Agency
Vince Ellis, R.N. CMC–Clovis
Dan Lynch Central California EMS Agency
Amy Campbell, R.N. Community Regional Medical Center
Steve Melander American Ambulance
Mary Jo Quintero, R.N. Valley Children’s Hospital
Mark Reece American Ambulance
Dave Sanbongi, R.N. Kaweah Delta Medical Center
Cindy Schueler, R.N. American Ambulance
Lieslle Sprague, R.N. Adventist Health- Hanford
Mark Stevens, R.N. SkyLife

Lieslle Sprague called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

I. MINUTES

The Minutes of the November meeting were reviewed and approved as written.

II. QI UPDATE

Debbie Becker and Mato Parker met with Dr. Stroh to review and close a large number of QIs. Letters will be going out. Debbie is making sure the database is up-to-date before she leaves. She will send out a list of open QIs to the PLNs and PLOs. There were some old QIs that were closed because they never came back completed from some of the smaller agencies and hospitals.

Mato will be overseeing Debbie’s responsibilities after she retires. Dan will send out a memo officially making this change and will include Mato’s contact information.

III. STROKE/STEMI UPDATE

Dr. Andrews reviewed the final drafts of the stroke and stemi policies. The policies will be sent out for public comment after the first of the year.

IV. MEDICAL CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

Lieslle gave a report on the Medical Control Committee meeting of November 13, 2019.

The Committee discussed the addition of Ketamine as a pain medication for patients. MCC did not support this.
There was a discussion regarding D10 vs. D50. The agencies have been using D10 due to the D50 shortage. They feel it is easier to use and cheaper to purchase and would like to continue using it. The MCC decided that agencies will be allowed to use either D10 or D50.

There was a discussion on replacing Verapamil with Diltiazem for A-Fib. Since it is not in the scope of practice, we would need to get permission from the State to do a trial study on Diltiazem. It was noted that Verapamil is only used 8-10 times per year, but it works when needed. No changes will be made at this time.

The Committee discussed delays in transport of Non-Traumatic Shock Patients. It was found that many of the delays are patients from SNFs, some of which is due to waiting for paperwork. In order to expedite transport, it was decided that only three items are needed: face sheet/chief complaint, POLST form, and medications/allergies. Other information can be faxed later. This information will be given to Curtis Jack to discuss with the SNFs through the Disaster Committee. Education will also be given to paramedics to get these three pieces of paper and leave.

Dr. Tara Lemoine from VCH gave a presentation on their Inter-Professional Simulation Program. She demonstrated how they educate hospital staff using simulation-based training. This training can be adapted for training prehospital personnel in their own environment. Mary Jo will email contact information for Dr. Lemoine and Kim Bilskey who oversee this program.

Dr. Campagne distributed handouts on airway bundle. She discussed the use of the Bougie device with endotracheal intubation. The Committee will be discussing this more in the future. They are still looking at replacing the King Airway with the I-Gel. Paramedics do not want to get rid of intubation; however, Debbie stated that ET is only being used in codes 20% of the time.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Electronic Transmission of PCRs

Dave Sanbongi reported that KDMC is ready to implement the program, but only American Ambulance and Exeter have signed their contracts. The other providers are concerned about funding. Dan is waiting for approval from the State to use grant funding for the providers. He has already received approval to pay for the first year of the program for the hospitals. RMC has not agreed to participate yet since they are looking at HIE. Dan noted that this is not the same thing, and EMS continues to work with them. There may be some confusion because ESO is calling the system HDE (Health Data Exchange) which is similar to HIE (Health Information Exchange).

Dave stated that a problem was identified during the testing. Paramedics are entering the Medical Records number, which will not send the information into the hospital system. Paramedics need to use either the FIN (Serner) or the account number that is specific to that visit. If a bar scanner is used, there will not be a problem.
KDMC would also like the program to provide EMS arrival to balloon times for stemis. They are working with ESO on this, but they do not want to hold up implementation.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Multi-Casualty Incident

Amy reported on a recent shooting that was a MCI. The system ran very smoothly without any issues. American Ambulance did a very good job and had ambulances and a supervisor on scene very quickly.

VII. FACILITY REPORTS

A. Adventist Health-Hanford

Lieslle reported that AH-Hanford received their letter from Joint Commission accrediting them as a Primary Stroke Center. Debbie noted that the hospital did very well on their survey.

B. Sierra View District Hospital

Kris Chatterton reported that SVDH plans to apply as a Stemi Center in the future. They have a diagnostic cath lab; however, they had a patient come in last weekend who had recently had a stent put in, and they were able to take the patient to the cath lab for intervention.

Kris stated that the Tule River Reservation has a Lucas Automatic Chest Compression Device. It was being used on a patient who was brought in and worked very well.

C. Valley Children’s Hospital

Mary Jo Quintero reported on patients coming in with acute lung injuries due to vaping. She noted this will probably get worse when the vaping is combined with upcoming viruses. Vaping is relatively new so it is unknown what the long-term effects or exposure to secondary smoke may do. Mary Jo will forward information on vaping from a recent presentation by Dr. Sahoria.

D. Central California EMS Agency

This will be Debbie Becker’s last meeting. She will be retiring on Friday. Debbie stated that this has been a great group to work with, and she will miss everyone. Dan reminded the PLNs to stop by the Open House today from 2-4 p.m.

E. SkyLife

This will be Mark Stevens’ last meeting. He will be going per diem at SkyLife.
F. Community Regional Medical Center

Amy Campbell reported that the next tape review is full (45 individuals), and she already has 10 people on the waiting list. She would like to talk to the PLNs after today’s meeting about not allowing people in if they just show and are not on the list.

G. Community Medical Center - Clovis

Vince Ellis reported on a hazmat at the hospital on Sunday. Hospital staff was put through decon. There will be a debriefing of the incident.

CMC-Clovis planned to go on diversion last Saturday because they were not going to have any have water due to construction; however, they were well prepared and did not need to divert any patients.

H. Kaiser Permanente

Kaiser Permanente postponed their strike for a week due to the death of their CEO. There has been no notification of whether or not the strike occurred.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m. The January 1 meeting is cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for February 5, 2020, at Kaiser Permanente – Selma.