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SOUTHWEST REGIONAL EMS COMMITTEE
Air Medical Group Holdings Offices
West Plains, MO
April 29, 2016

Members Present

Bob Patterson, Chair (absent)
Susan Crum
Mark Alexander
Jack Bates
Jeff Hawkins

Appointment

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Guests

Lisa Hutchison
Mary Ann Huff
Shannon Johnson
Rachel Stone
Gwendolyn Woods
Eddie Delp
Jeff Ward
Jack Davis, Jr.
Sonny Saxton
Chris Mattes
Matthew Aumiller
Lana Martin
Grace Potter
Clara Applegate

TCD Subcommittee: Met at 1100, prior to the Regular Meeting.

Lunch Presentation

A lunch presentation entitled “Stroke Mimics” was presented by Dr. Clara Applegate, MD from Ozarks Medical Center. Thank you to Air Evac for providing today’s lunch.

Call to Order

Mark Alexander, chairing in lieu of Bob Patterson, called the Regular Meeting to order at 1249. Welcome and introductions were made.

Establish Quorum/ Review Agenda

Inadequate number in order to establish a quorum. No noted additions to the agenda.

Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

Review of the February 26, 2016 meeting minutes. Noted that Mary Ann Huff needs added to those attending.

HDE Presentation – Chris French

Via conference call, Chris French from Health Data Exchange (HDE) of Austin, Texas, gave a presentation on his EPPR company. This product is a documentation system for prehospital and fire. The health data exchange provides interoperability by *connecting* various EPCR’s and EHR systems. Provides outcome data for EMS and hospitals receive patient info electronically almost immediately. Is a one year agreement – a hospital has a fee and an EMS agency has a fee. Is a tiered model depending on the number of EMS runs per year (< 10,000 EMS runs per year = \$12,000 per year; < 2,500 EMS runs = \$500 per year). Ability to push data to registries – not yet (MO registries are in Image Trend).

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Developing regional reports for SW Missouri area hospitals who participate in the ACTION registry – Gwendolyn Woods, ACS Manager, American Heart Association:

The new ACS manager for Missouri and Kansas, Gwendolyn Woods, was introduced. Gwendolyn will be working with the ACTION registry along with the STEMI coordinators. There are quarterly and yearly reports – “Mission Lifeline Reports”. Gwendolyn indicated that she can help with bringing on hospitals and collecting regional data.

Old Business:

TCD Update and Report from Subcommittees

- **STEMI** (Mary Ann Huff) – Networking and sharing of issues at TCD meeting today. Indicated that taking on the ESO would answer a ton of information. Site visits for STEMI centers have begun. Cape Girardeau and northwest areas now completed; in Central region now; our region by the fall.
- **Stroke** (Grace Potter) – the HDE would be a great time-saver for stroke due to issue of chasing down EMS trip tickets. Discussion on the volume involved if we went to the HDE.

Legislative/SAC Update – Mark Alexander

- Several EMS initiatives; good chance of EMS bills passing
- The MHA TCD changes tagged onto the EMS Omnibus bill; fifteen smaller bills lumped into one large bill
- 911 bill – hard to say on whether it will pass. One Senator threatening a filibuster.
- Controversy over the military regulation (challenging the EMT-P exam). Comment period with the Secretary of State; Governor wants the bill passed.
 - LODD bill now lumped into the Omnibus bill
 - Helipad bill moved into the Omnibus bill

SAC Air Subcommittee Update – Susan Crum

- Air ambulance group actively involved in and supportive of the hospital helipad legislation
- No meeting in April due to SAC not meeting

Southwest HealthCare Coalition Update – no report

Medical Director Update:

At the Joplin meeting, it was decided to have 2 co-Medical Directors, Drs. Matt Brandt and Tom Lewis. Mark made note that the statute doesn't allow for this. In lieu of this, suggested having regional Medical Directors meet as a group for networking and protocol development. The state of Kansas is doing something similar.

Other Business:

Regional Education Offerings/Other Announcements

- Decisions in Trauma (Cox Trauma Services) is May 13, 2016
- Dr. Tom Steele conference is next week. The pre-conference to this will be on ultrasounds.
- AHA TCD conference will be 9/28/16 at the Holiday Inn, St. Louis.

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Next Meeting Date: June 24, 2016 at Mercy, Springfield.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 1404.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Crum, RN, BSN, CCRN