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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

MINUTES

May 5, 2014

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Minutes from April OK.

1. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Field EKGs to Watsonville Hospital – options – 1) transmit all EKGs to Dominican and let them decide if patient should go to WCH or not. 2) take all STEMIs to DH (current system), but what to do with “questionable EKGs” from WCH catchment area. Two best solutions – negotiate lower rate for EKG transmission to WCH, or communicate with base station and transport to the local hospital. Scott will call Lifenet to see if can renegotiate.
- B.

2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Trauma – Data report and update – Includes inter-facility transfers from first hospital to final destination.
- B. Deployment – Brief report on the new deployment – holding low priority calls when ambulances are busy so that can respond to time-life-dependent calls. SNFs responses.
- C. SEPSIS (not on agenda) – Dominican Sepsis protocol – EMS – 1) early suspicion or diagnosis of sepsis in the field, 2) aggressive fluid resuscitation – current practice is give lots of fluids when BP is low. Medics may be identifying the sepsis patients now but not giving the aggressive fluids. Kent will look for EMS sepsis protocols from other EMS agencies. Scott is training medics on sepsis in June. Anthony D is looking at protocol.

May 13th at 10am at the County Board of Supervisors for EMS celebration!

Roundtable –

Rayette – Rural Metro – Radios in DH not going well – need to replace them, could use the cell phones instead,

LifeFlight's 30th anniversary on Saturday May 10th from 9am to 2pm. Medical school is having "Health Matters" event.

How is modified c-spine policy being applied to pediatrics? Same for any age. Lucille Packard Hospital has different policy on pediatric c-spine where all should be c-spine.

Michael Baulch continued – Tac Med event.

CALSTAR may ask for patients to be on a backboard to expedite transport.

Marc – Tac Med – for next PAC will make report. Santa Cruz City wants medical oversight, SO doesn't. Also met with SO forensics chief for training module for evidence preservation. Trauma – slowed down at DH – are still looking for Trauma Director. Trauma task force hasn't met with last few months. BHC – call outs to facility and transports. Have seen patients coming in by taxi from BHC even though are under 5150. Are now refusing to take any intoxicated patient, and must be BA of under legal limit. Meetings with psych facility - have maxed out what will be achieved. Pediatric category still a problem. Marc still waiting to hear back from DH admin regarding progress.

Next meeting is June 2nd at Central Fire

Agenda June – Tac Med, Sepsis,