



## Elkhart County EMS QRS Meeting Minutes July 11, 2018

Medical Director	<i>Dr. Bailey</i>	Jefferson	<i>Marty Lowe</i>
Elkhart EMS Coor	<i>Chris McFarland</i>	Middlebury	<i>Dustin McFarland</i>
Goshen EMS Coor	<i>Tanya Shields</i>	Nappanee	<i>Jim Sumpter</i>
Baugo	<i>Jon Gonzales/Brian Gonzales</i>	New Paris	<i>Sheri Dunlap/Bill Dunlap</i>
Bristol	<i>Nik Kantz</i>	Osolo EMS	<i>Robin Martin</i>
Cleveland	<i>Richard Newman</i>	Osolo Fire	<i>Absent</i>
Concord	<i>Richard Rockford</i>	Wakarusa	<i>Brian Maurer</i>
Elkhart City	<i>Kristi Sommer/Steve Kamp</i>	Elk. City Dis.	<i>Adam Amsden</i>
Elkhart Twp FD	<i>Doug Gadson</i>	Elk. Co. Dis.	<i>Absent</i>
Foraker	<i>Devon Ramer/Sheldon Ramer</i>	Elkhart ER	<i>Absent</i>
Goshen City	<i>Meru Miller</i>	Goshen ER	<i>Absent</i>
Harrison	<i>Jon Bontrager</i>	Visitor	<i>Mikel Forte</i>

- **Mission Statement**

- **Elkhart County E.M.S.**

- QUALITY REVIEW SYSTEM MISSION STATEMENT**

- *Elkhart County EMS Quality Review System is dedicated to the continuous improvement of patient care by continually striving to improve through innovations, education, communication, safety, information sharing, and quality assurance throughout the EMS community. Every participant will be equally recognized for his/her roles and responsibilities to the quality efforts of the organization.*

- **GOAL**

- *The ultimate goal is to provide the best patient care possible. All who participate in this endeavor will be recognized, respected, and valued for their input to the continuing effort to improve the performance of the organization.*



## **Minutes**

Minutes from 4/17/2018 were approved at 1840

- CPAP trial update: Requested that all departments be completed with training in next few weeks, it was understood that after fair was reasonable. Those that have completed the training and testing can begin to use this skill. Make sure to send in a notice asap to your coordinator if CPAP is used
- Departments were encouraged to begin pulling reports from 2017. These reports should be of a respiratory compliant. Use the checklist to see pt would have qualified for CPAP use.
- Everyone was supplied with a proposed version to the Trauma: Hypoperfusion/Hypovolemia protocol. The proposed version has the addition of wound packing with an additional informative page added; titled bleeding control. Body voted to update current protocols to update to the proposed version
- It was explained that the two supporting hospitals would like to extend their notification window of a stroke patient. Currently EMS providers are asked to call a code stroke within a three hour window of time. The hospitals have asked that this be extended to 6hrs. They have also asked for an additional stroke alert for pts displaying stroke symptoms within a 24 hour window. These pts maybe be eligible for clot removal. Dr Bailey would like for providers to download the "FAST ED" app. On this app there are basic questions to ask and answer to determine if pt is eligible for clot removal. The QRS committee decided to continue to call the code stroke for pts up to 6hrs put and then for those beyond 6hrs less than 24 hrs notify Hospital of stroke pt with length of time. Dr Bailey will notify the hospitals of this change and move forward into protocols if sufficient.
- Dr Bailey requested that Medic services are reading and completing a process to clear their medics prior to him receiving the reports. He is the last step for affiliation clearance.
- Within the TECC course there has been education provided at the EMT basic level for needle decompression and needle crics. It was presented that these individuals would be able to practice these skills in an MCI. Through investigation it was found there was a state emergency law that was in place and has since expired that allowed EMTs to practice what was covered in this course. The state currently has their legal team evaluating the above mentioned emergency law. It was stated in this emergency law, for EMTs to practice such skills, there were multiple documents to be completed along with MD approval. In further investigation it was noted that needle crics are not part of the basic curriculum. Dr Bailey is requesting EMT basics that have participated in this course to not act beyond their



scope of practice already set in the protocols. There are many legal ramifications for going beyond what he has set in the protocols.

- Dr Bailey mentioned that he is still for adding Ketamine to our protocols. Currently the Emergency Physicians group is evaluating the use of Ketamine in the field due to recent incidents in other regions. The group is also looking at the use of Haldol. The group has looked at our protocols and is happy with the use that they have witnessed so far.
- Dr Bailey has been asked to add in Toradol as a non-opioid pain medication. He mentioned the concern for use in elderly pts due to the effects on kidney function but it does work wonderfully for kidney stones specifically.
- It has been requested to have Lidocaine added into the protocols for administration during IO insertion on a conscious pts. Dr Bailey will be adding.
- A copy of the new house bill 1119 Fact Sheet was attached . new bill lists hierarchy of healthcare consent along with a few POST changes.
- Dr Bailey addressed dispatch again and calling of the closest facility. Again asked that departments look at current contracts and instructions for dispatch in how they would like additional services dispatched. It was mentioned by the body again that they have made communication attempts to Dispatch and do not experience any change. New Paris referenced two specific recent examples. It was decided that departments monitor their dispatch for 30 days. Any issues that occur need to be documented and forwarded to their EMS coordinator. The coordinators, with Dr Bailey's help, will address the issues with county dispatch. If not corrected after providing specific examples, they will then take to the county commissioners to seek a resolution.
- Dr Bailey asked for the Fire Chiefs association to forward dates so it can be posted on the Elkhart County Website
- Mikel Forte reminded services the importance of carfentanil policies and training. There was a northern Indiana medic that suffered an exposure that required multiple doses of narcan. House Bill 1180 went into effect on 07/01/2018. EMT basics can administer Epi 1:1000 prefilled syringes. Training must be completed and added into protocols prior to practicing. District 2 is first in the state for turning in EMS reports. The fire side is still experiencing issues, however, this has to do the compatibility of the computer systems. Mental Health training will become a requirement for new and renewal certifications. Watch for further information.

Reminder: universal website for announcements and education opportunities. We will soon just be utilizing this web site for routine announcements instead of flyers

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### **Round Table**

- Baugo-nothing
- Bristol-nothing
- Cleveland Twp-nothing
- Concord-Contact Richard Rochford for information on receiving a 9/11 Pear tree
- Elkhart City-nothing
- Elkhart Twp- Thank you for all help that will be provided at the fair
- Foraker-nothing
- Goshen-8/3 will be a mass shooting @ middle school if would like to view
- Harrison Twp-nothing
- Jefferson Twp-nothing
- Middlebury-nothing
- Nappanee- 7/31 active shooter 6pm @ Northwood, still looking to fill part time medics
- New Paris-nothing
- Osolo EMS-8/26 hosting open house to celebrate 40yrs
- Osolo Fire-Open house last Sunday of September from 1-4pm
- Wakarusa- nothing
- City Dispatch-nothing
- County Dispatch-nothing
- Elkhart Hospital- please leave a piece of equipment in the ER when you need to use a fab key to enter the other floors in EGH. There was a shortage of keys and additional ones have been placed on order.
- Goshen Hospital-there is still a part time position open in the EMS education office looking for a paramedic that will be able to assist in instruction at all levels, Our accreditation visit will be 07/12 and 07/13. Please respond quickly to any communication that you might receive from John Evans concerning needed information for this site visit.
- Dr Bailey- will be adding fentanyl to protocols for continuous sedation. Thanks for help that will be provided at the fair.

- **QRS Schedule - Begins at 1830 hrs (airway skills from 1600-1800) Elkhart Health ed Building**
  - 10/09/2018