



Elkhart County EMS QRS Meeting Minutes April 17, 2018

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| Medical Director | <i>Dr. Bailey</i> | Jefferson | <i>Marty Lowe</i> |
| Elkhart EMS Coor | <i>Excused</i> | Middlebury | <i>Dustin McFarland</i> |
| Goshen EMS Coor | <i>Tanya Shields</i> | Nappanee | <i>Jim Sumpter</i> |
| Baugo | <i>Phil Sumpter</i> | New Paris | <i>Sheri Dunlap</i> |
| Bristol | <i>Nik Kantz</i> | Osolo EMS | <i>Robin Martin/Julie Calloway</i> |
| Cleveland | <i>Richard Newman</i> | Osolo Fire | <i>Garrett Frey/Brittany Seabolt</i> |
| Concord | <i>Phil Sumpter</i> | Wakarusa | <i>Brian Maurer</i> |
| Elkhart City | <i>Kristi Sommer</i> | Elk. City Dis. | <i>Absent</i> |
| Elkhart Twp FD | <i>Doug Gadson</i> | Elk. Co. Dis. | <i>Absent</i> |
| Foraker | <i>Devon Ramer</i> | Elkhart ER | <i>Absent</i> |
| Goshen City | <i>Meru Miller</i> | Goshen ER | <i>Absent</i> |
| Harrison | <i>Excused</i> | Physicians | <i>Absent</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 1/16/2018 were approved at 1840
- CPAP trial update: The state has approved forms that was submitted to them to continue with the trail study, anticipates 1 year unless we have enough data that we can end early
- CPAP education form, skill tracking form, patient tracking form (attached): These forms must be used in completing the education of basic providers and training/testing of providers. The tracking form needs to be provided to the EMS coordinators ASAP so those reports can be pulled quickly. You may fax to Tanya on her secured Fax, Bailey was to check with Chris if he had a secured fax. Services will need to go back into the 2017 records and pull those pts that could have benefited from CPAP . It will be up to those that are reviewing the final records to be submitted to determine the reports that meet the exclusion criteria.
- What CPAP device does each service currently carry: Flow Safe II
- CPAP trial agreement form for providers to sign: Bailey highlighted the points of the agreement stating that this agreement is for those services that want to participate. It acknowledges that services will remain for the length of time; if they need to drop out of the study a notice will be provided. It also addresses the responsibility of the services following the protocols set and completing the required education. Also has how the materials and billing will be handled so there is no to very little cost of those participating. This is a copy for any required parties to view prior to signing. We will send out a formal one and will need these back asap so we can begin training.
- How we will handle the mask: The basic service can either purchase the Flow Safe II from a supplier or possible their responding ALS provider. If they cannot purchase notify their coordinator so one can be purchased for you. When the BLS unit uses the mask the ALS unit will replace the mask with one of theirs. The ALS unit will then bill as normal for use of the CPAP mask. And replace their stock as done in the past.
- Services willing to train services: Education must be completed for basic service providers before we begin. Once agreements are signed we can begin education. To help in moving through this quickly, if your ALS department is interested in assisting in education contact your coordinator so we can help arrange. This will help to move us forward.
- Calling closest department: We discussed calling the closest department. It was found in discussion that some departments were lead to believe that dispatch would do this automatically. It is believed that some department have a list at dispatch that were submitted in years past based on contracts, not necessarily he closest department. It is recommended looking into this for your department. It is important to remember that dispatch might be working on various calls from



various computers, you as a department might have to make that request of the closest service.

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

<http://elkhartcountyems.com>

Round Table

- Baugo-nothing
- Bristol-nothing
- Cleveland Twp-nothing
- Concord-nothing
- Elkhart City-concerned with drug shortages, having difficulties with different policies within Beacon for drug supplies
- Elkhart Twp- business as normal, at this time there is no Goshen Fire take over
- Foraker-no
- Goshen-No hostile takeover of EMTD
- Harrison Twp-nothing
- Jefferson Twp-nothing
- Middlebury-nothing
- Nappanee- new ambulance the 1st of May, asked about Nurses getting pics in EGH ER, currently Chris is the only one that can retrieve, working on teaching nurses
- New Paris-nothing
- Osolo EMS-Dr Shafer will be doing a respiratory in-service
- Osolo Fire-Nothing
- Wakarusa- nothing
- Elkhart Hospital- being processed as a Level 3 trauma center, "in process" 3 yr center, There will be an EMT/EMT combines course starting 04/23 being ran by Michelle and Jen Newcomer
- 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, EMT class will begin in August if you have members of your service that are interested please have them contact me asap to get on the list. 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- reminded individuals to evaluate their provider files before we arrive; there are still a few that are needed to be audited. Dr Bailey Spoke of the potential shooting at EGH ER reminded us that we are to stay safe and notify those that are to handle such situations. Dr Bailey encouraged participation at the medical directors' conference in Indy.

- QRS Schedule - Begins at 1830 hrs (airway skills from 1600-1800) Elkhart Health ed Building
 - 04/17/2018
 - 07/10/2018
 - 10/09/2018