Meeting Minutes

Regional Medial Advisory Committee

Quarterly Meeting –March 15, 2019 - 1400

Roll Call: J. Urban (SMEMSC);Dr R . McLeod (SMEMSC);Dr. D. Kupas(Danville); R. Kelley (Mt. Nittany); Dr. K. Botti (Mt. Nittany); D. Schoenwetter (Geisinger); E. Gailey (MNMC); K. Shoop (SMEMSC-CARES); Dr. Clifford Neal (Cenre LifeLink); Kent Knable (Centre LifeLink)

Meeting was called to order at 14:05 by Dr. McLeod at the Red Maple room at Toftrees Resort.

An introduction of members in attendance was conducted.

***NEW BUSINESS:***

***REPORT FROM STATE MAC:*** Dr. McLeod along with Dr. Kupas provided a report from the State MAC meeting. The updated protocols are not completed yet. The release date is hopefully end of July with implementation in September or October. Dr. Kupas indicated that there are not a lot of changes in his release. In the BLS, the addition of nebulizers is added. Before use, the providers will need to take an extra training module similar to the module for the glucometers.

Dr. Kupas expanded on the changes in the Scope of Practice and the effect on the protocols.

EMR: Addition of C-collar application and simple splinting

EMT-addition of BSG, CPAP, pulse Ox, Nebulized Albuterol and the administration of OTC meds.

AEMT-addition of IV Epi for Cardiac Arrest along with the addition of other IV meds.

Paramedic-no significant changes

Items removed from the Scope of Practice include Patient Assisted Meds, MAST, Carotid Massage and Demand Valve.

A new protocol that will be in the next release will be a protocol for the Crashing Patient. This protocol will define situations where it is acceptable to “stay and play” versus the “load and go” scenarios.

The status of the license for Special Operations units was raised. Dr. Kupas indicated that the requirements are at the State MAC level.

***KETAMINE***; - Since the initiation of the program, there have been three (3) uses. Of the 3 cases, one case was referred to the agency medical director for review and remediation.

***ETOMIDATE:*** There were six (6) uses last year with a 100 success rate in intubation after the use of Etomidate.

***CARES:*** Kimbra Shoop, State CARES Coordinator that regionally we have 100% participation with all the ALS units and hospitals. Her next step is to involve the PSAPs in the reporting. Data for 2018 was not yet available.

***POSSIBLE QA/QI PROJECT:*** Jim brought up the possibility of exploring how many times ALS is called unnecessarily, how many times ALS is cancelled and when. Discussion followed. Number need to obtained to determine the extent of the issue. Jim will have a report for the next meeting.

***MEETING SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING 2019:***

September 3, 2019-10:00 AM

December 3, 2019-10:00 AM

With no further issues to discuss, a motion to adjourn was called for. On a motion by Dr. Botti and seconded by all the regional MAC meeting was adjourned at 1315.

Respectfully Submitted by

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