

## Meeting Minutes

### Regional Medial Advisory Committee

Quarterly Meeting –June 2, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Roll Call: J. Urban (SMEMSC); Dr R. McLeod (SMEMSC); Dr. D. Kupas (Danville); R. Kelley (Mt. Nittany); E. Gailey (MNMC); K. Shoop (SMEMSC-CARES); Dr. Clifford Neal (Centre LifeLink); Kent Knable (Centre LifeLink); Dr. Catherine (Goodwill); Dr. Reed (AREA); J. Zablosky (AREA); G. Widger (GCMTS); R. Kelley (MNMC); Dr. Botti (MNMC); G. Banfill (LHEMS); A. Banfill (LHEMS); Dr. Berkey (PGFD)

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 by Dr. McLeod via teleconference.

An introduction of members in attendance was conducted.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**REPORT FROM STATE MAC:** Dr. McLeod indicated that there was nothing new to report from the State MAC. The new AEMT protocols are effective September 1, 2020. The update course is being worked on.

**CORONAVIRUS:** Dr. McLeod asked the members in attendance if anyone has had any cases of the Coronavirus effect members of their service. MNMC reported that there have been cases where they have had to self-isolate a few providers due to exposure to the virus and travel history. Centre LifeLink had a similar case due to exposure. Dr. Berkey reported testing for other employment and PGFD has transported positive patients from the prisons. In all cases, no providers tested positive. Dr. McLeod mentioned that shows that the providers are protecting themselves and are using the PPE properly.

**CARES:** Kimbra Shoop, State CARES Coordinator provided copies of the comparison reports from 2019 and the submission report from the first quarter of 2020. The summary report was displayed. Kim explained the numbers. The first quarter submission report was displayed. There were 4 regional services that have not entered any data yet. Copies of these reports will be sent out with the minutes.

**ETOMIDATE/KETAMINE:** - Jim reported that there were 0 Etomidate cases since the last meeting and 1 Ketamine case. Unfortunately, the report was sent through a secure email system, and was not printed before the email expired. Jim couldn't remember the details off hand. Dr. Botti reported it was one of her units and couldn't recall any problems.

**ANTIBIOTICS FOR OPEN FRACTURES:** Jim reported that the recommendation of the MAC to participate in the antibiotics for fracture program was presented at the Board meeting. The Board voted to table the recommendation of the MAC pending the receipt of additional information. Tim was unable to provide any insight since the directors meeting was not held due to the coronavirus. Dr. Kupas reported that the full program will be going out to the regions soon.

**IALS:** Dr. McLeod reported that the meeting to discuss issues raised at the last MAC was held with himself, Dr. Berkey, Tracie Young-Brungard, Tim and Jim. The meeting went well and issues regarding dispatch and ALS interaction were discussed. This has been an ongoing process and the first step was to get licensed as IALS. The next step will be having meetings with other stakeholders. Jim reported that the inspection has been performed and the license for the service has been upgraded. Discussion was held.

Dr. Berkey discussed a little more regarding the IALS program at Pleasant Gap. Additional discussion occurred. Dr. Berkey offered to other entities to have a meeting to address concerns and develop a systematic approach regarding the addition of the IALS unit and how it will interact with the area ALS units. Dr. Kupas also stated that in his experience that IALS unit do not take the place of ALS units.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** George Widger provided a situational awareness report that there will be a protest in Bloomsburg tonight, from 3 PM-8PM. Police have taken appropriate measures. Geisinger partners in the Bloomsburg area are also aware.

**NEXT MEETING:** Tuesday-September 1, 2020 @ 10:00 AM- via teleconference

With no further business to discuss, Dr. McLeod adjourned the regional MAC meeting at 1050.

Respectfully Submitted by

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