Minnesota EMSRB MDSAC Meeting

Alexandria, MN

Minutes 9/4/2014

Members Present:

Dr. Thomas, EMSRB, MDSAC chair   Dr. Burnett, EMSRB

Dr. Ho, EMSRB   Dr. Kocken, EMSRB

Dr. Lilja   Dr. Foley

Dr. Ling   Dr. Frascone

Dr. Pate   Dr. Morris

Pam Biladeau, EMSRB, Executive Director

1. Call to order by Dr. Thomas 7:10 pm
2. Introductions: acknowledging the additions to the EMSRB of Dr. Burnett, representing emergency medicine physicians, and Dr. Ho representing ambulance services.
3. Agenda was approved with the addition of a discussion regarding EMS support of large events
4. Minutes from the February 28, 2014 meeting were approved.
5. Ms. Biladeau reported the executive director summery.
   a. CDC information for EMS regarding Ebola virus sent out via email.
6. Narcan legislation
   a. Legislation discussed at the last meeting was passed in state legislature
   b. Dr. Thomas sent out a training module from Ohio that agencies may wish to use
   c. A long discussion took place regarding advising training the recognition of opiate overdose.
      i. Dr. Ling stated that the Coon Rapids Fire Department was evaluating the system to dispense Narcan. (Concern was stated if the Coon Rapids Fire Department had a medical dispensing unit, MRU.)
   d. The MNSTAR data on Narcan use that was presented at the February 2014 meeting was discussed and a request to obtain the same data for the first 12 months of the new legislation to evaluate the use of Narcan. It is noted that we will not be able to obtain information regarding the use in the lay public.
7. Pediatric airway equipment
   a. Dr. Burnette stated that Regions is removing pediatric endotracheal tubes from their ambulances and will be using supra glottic devises like the King Airway and LMA's for critical airways. He questioned whether the pediatric protocols should be changed to reflect this change.

b. A discussion continued regarding the positives and negatives of pediatric intubation vs. supra-glottic devises. Skill retention in a procedure rarely performed and video laryngoscopy were part of the discussion.

c. Currently, protocols will reflect intubation and alternative supra-glottic devises.

8. Focus of the MDSAC

   a. Dissemination of new EMS information to the regions

   b. To make suggestions to the EMSRB regarding regulations

   c. Representation of all areas of MN

   d. A discussion continued regarding the merit of a State Emergency Medical Services director occurred:

      i. Most believed that the MDSAC is more powerful than a director since there is state wide representation

      ii. If there was an emergent need for the MDSAC to meet, could the group meet electronically**? This question was presented to the EMSRB, since we would need to comply with State "open meeting" laws. Dr. Thomas will look into this**.

9. EMS support of large events

   a. There have been a few events where large numbers of people have gathered and there has been inadequate EMS coverage. Examples include both entertainment and sporting events. A discussion of the EMS coverage of these events ensued.

   b. There are no state rules regarding the amount of EMS coverage required for these "mass events". This has produced "unsafe" situations and has drawn EMS providers away from their assigned areas to provide care to these large events.

   c. Currently, there is no template for communities or promoters to estimate risk according to the activity or the number of expected participants.

   d. A proposal was made by Dr. Burnett and approved unanimously by the committee: **To create a matrix based off objective criteria to assist local EMS to risk stratify mass gathering events based off their potential to generate patients requiring EMS evaluation or transport.**

   e. This proposal, if approved by the EMSRB, would place a matrix, as described above, on the EMSRB web site to assist communities or promoters in determining the EMS need.

10. Public Comment: the Coon Rapids Fire Department has an MRU.

11. Next meeting will be at the "Long Hot Summer" conference in March 2015.

12. Meeting was adjourned at ??????????.