

North-Central Regional Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) Committee Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2015

Present: Dominic Pomponio, Jennifer Rouse, Jesse Shepherd, Dr. Kelly McGrath, Dr. Arif Chowdhury, Matthew Dudley, Josh Kimbrow, Shari Kuther, Les Eaves, Bill Spencer, Joe Cladouhos, Brian Meadows, Demetra Stewart, Patrick Branco, Jill Balmer, Jason Steik, Lenne Bonner

Next meeting: March 3rd, 2015

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jason Steik opened the meeting. All participants introduced themselves. Jason also showed the committee the State TSE website which is www.tse.idaho.gov

II. Updates on the State TSE Progress

The State TSE is hoping to be accrediting trauma centers in July/July 2015. The different levels are in the manual that is published on the website.

III. Regional Run Reviews/QI

Jason discussed the idea of creating a subcommittee for this process. All information is privileged under peer review so it can be discussed in detail. The subcommittee would include a representative from each of the facilities and an EMS representative from each County, as well as both air agencies. This subcommittee will be the core group and then the players in the particular case being reviewed could be part of the process with the subcommittee. The subcommittee will need to establish criteria for case review. Jason requested someone to step up and chair the committee. Matthew Dudley offered to chair the committee. The committee motioned and passed the motion unanimously. The chair will serve a one year appointment with an option to opt out after one year. Bill Spencer stated he would like to consider having these committee meetings in the evenings so that local EMS agencies could attend. We will need to investigate what we need to do to keep the protected medical information if we set up phone meetings. It was also suggested that a physician needs to be on this committee. It was requested that we incorporate a feedback process to EMS agencies on outcomes. Dominic has examples of other regions who do this well.

Action Items: Each facility and region need to get designated people for the subcommittee to Matthew by email. Jason and Bill will ask the peer review protection question at the next State meeting.

IV. Intent of Hospitals: What will they treat, what will they ship, desired capabilities

This system is intended to determine who can do what and how each facility treats, etc.

V. Survey of Regional EMS capabilities

There was a good discussion at the State committee about variety of capabilities in our EMS agencies from resources to staff versus volunteer, etc. We need to get a better understanding of what our regional capabilities are in order to figure out what we need to do and how we respond.

It is important to be able to standardize but without knowing what the capabilities are, this will be difficult. Dominic volunteered to develop a survey to send out to agencies.

VI. Feedback Mechanism for patient transfers

Discussed in QI section

VII. Pre-hospital instruction

There is a lot of variance in pre-hospital instruction. The State brought up inviting dispatch to participate which could include law enforcement and fire. Bill suggested we start at the State level for law enforcement to get their support.

VIII. Registry information: Review draft AMI checklist

Participation in the systems is optional. We won't be mandated to apply for trauma designation. However, the registry information will be mandatory, regardless. AMI and Stroke will be added to the registry. Jason will send the list of items that will be required to be reported out to committee members when he receives it.

IX. Review of Washington Cardiac and Stroke applications

Rather than recreate the wheel it was suggested to review Washington protocol at www.doh.wa.gov. They have already defined the different levels for cardiac and stroke. The State would like us to review each of these levels and see if these can work for our State, or what we need to tweak and get feedback to State TSE counsel. Email changes to Jason, Dr. McGrath or Bill Spencer to take back to the State meeting. The next meeting is February 10th.

X. Wrap up and next meeting

March 3rd for next meeting from 2-3 and then have the QI/Run review subcommittee directly following. We will hold it at the Soltman Center across from Syringa.

XI. Adjourn