

STAC MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 29, 2014

Location: CDPHE, Sabin

Time: 1:00-2:45 PM

Facilitator: Walt Biffi

Committee members: Jeff Beckman ✓ Walt Biffi ✓ Lori McDonald ✓ Randy Leshner ✓
Charlie Mains ✓ Kyle Dahm ✓ Robert Handley ✓ Tamara Connell ✓

EMTS staff: Randy Kuykendall Grace Sandeno ✓ Margaret Mohan ✓ Tamara Hoxworth ✓
Scott Beckley ✓ Steve Boylls Alexandra Haas ✓ Eileen Shelby ✓ Matt Concialdi ✓

Attendees:

In person: Nancy Frizell, Mary Shelton, Shirley Terry, Karen Maciejko, Stephanie Eveatt, Aaron Eveatt, Stephanie Harrison, Joan Palen, Sherrie Peckham, Dee Crump, Jon Montano, Shayne O'Connor, Vikki Pope, Toni Moses, George Hayes, Colette Martin, Lynn Andersen, Peggy Berkey, Phyllis Uribe, Carl Smith, Jeff Schanhals, Linda Joseph, Laura Rogers, Kim Schallenberger, Pam Bourg, Patti Thompson, Fred Morrison, Eric Schmidt, Terri Foechterle, Craig Gravitz, John Hall, Robert Hudgens, Tim Dienst, Karen Masters, Linda Underbrink, Elizabeth Spradlin, Staci Love, Linda Britton, Jon Bothen, Carolle Anne Banville, Mel Mesmer

By Telephone: Dr. Kamal

Approval of Minutes, October 2013

Discussion: none

Motion to approve by: McDonald, 2nd by Connell. Motion passed.

Announcements

Introductions: Stephanie Harrison, RN and Deborah Moynihan, RN introduced themselves. They join the STAC committee as two SEMTAC representatives appointed by the SEMTAC Chair.

Staff Updates

Volume criteria for Level I Trauma Centers - The rule revision is scheduled to be heard by the Colorado Board of Health at the April 16, 2014, meeting. The proposed revised rule is posted on the department's website for review at coems.info.

CQI Update: An advisory panel of CQI experts met with members of the EMTS Branch to provide insight and potential directions for developing a system-wide trauma CQI process. The ideas and concepts proposed by the panel will be used to develop CQI process scenarios to be presented to the department's legal advisors for implementation consideration.

Waiver Application- Valley View Hospital

Discussion: Valley View Hospital submitted a waiver application to the requirement listed in 6 CCR 1015-4, Chapter Three § 305.3.H. (2) a. - Neurosurgeon on-call and available within 30 minutes of the request of the trauma team leader. The proposed alternative presented by the

facility is for one neurosurgeon to respond by phone to the request within 15 minutes of the request, arrive at the facility within approximately 40 minutes of the request, and when indicated, achieve a goal of surgical/treatment intervention within 60 minutes of initial positive results.

Committee members discussed the pros, cons and potential implications if the waiver were approved or denied and decided to defer making a recommendation on the waiver to SEMTAC.

Waiver Application- The University of Colorado Health Memorial Hospital Central

Discussion: Memorial Hospital Central submitted a waiver renewal application to the requirement listed in 6 CCR 1015-4, Chapter Two § 202.D, which requires the transfer of pediatric trauma patients with certain injuries to a regional pediatric trauma center. The proposed alternative is to allow pediatric trauma patients, (except for burns, reimplantation and certain complex facial fractures), to be transferred for inpatient care to the non-designated pediatric units that are now licensed to Children's Hospital Colorado, located at Memorial Hospital Central.

This waiver request had been previously approved in 2013. During the 2013 waiver period, there has been no reported compromise to patient care or safety.

Motion to support the waiver: 1st by Beckman, 2nd by Handley. Motion passed. McDonald abstained from the vote.

Scope of Care - Orthopedic Injuries

Discussion: Defining changes that constitute a significant change in scope of practice and determining a process for the review and designation of facilities providing expanded scope of care to trauma patients is the next priority for continued development of the trauma system. Discussions regarding the requirements, expectations and designation review criteria for level III and IV facilities providing expanded scope of care for orthopedic injuries will begin at the April STAC meeting. Suggestions for criteria, conditions, diagnosis, etc. requiring transfer to higher level facilities or what service platform needs to be present 24/7 in order to keep complex orthopedic injuries, should be submitted for consideration.

Grace Sandeno and Drs. Biffel and Mains to meet and strategize for April meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be April 9, 2014, at 1:00 – 4:00 PM at Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, 4300 Cherry Creek Dr. South, Denver, CO 80246