MINUTES

RPAB Region 3

October 10, 2024

Physicians present: (Members in bold) Drs. **Amburgey**, Finnegan, **Huebner**, **Krzmarzick, Marriott**, **Robinson**, **Springer,** Kruse, Shreve, Goyal (DCH Physician now in charge of EMS outreach), Resident Physician Ellis

Regular contributors/guests present: Buehler, Burdick, Gerstner, Ryan, Justin, Goffinett, Sensemen, Keenan, Duffy, Bradford, Pearson, Follick, Johnson, Sheridan, DFCP, Felix, Balcolm, Ward, Jackson.

Call to order: 0834 at the WSU Dept. of Emergency Medicine Offices and via Webex.

Motion made by Ryan to approve previous minutes.  Finnegan seconded.

**Standing Orders:**

LUCAS, in penetrating torso trauma; There was extensive discussion regarding penetrating torso trauma and use of the Lucas device. Added “mechanical” CPR to also exclude Zoll device from penetrating torso trauma.  This will be added to 2025 SO and protocols.  A discussion needs to be had with trauma colleagues on whether manual compressions will be performed on these patients.  Amburgey Volunteered to have this discussion.

TXA; there was consensus the TXA will be added. Discussed that this will be a bolus dose.  Will not be used for G.I. bleed.

Magnesium; 4 gm for eclampsia and 4 weeks postpartum; 2 gm for PVT and asthma/COPD.  Asked Dr. K to confirm dosing for peds.  Discussed bolus vs Drip.  Bolus preferred.

Glucagon is now gone from discussion for SO

Devices and medical direction; new devices and equipment should be approved by the medical director.

Wound packing listed as an optional skill.  Consensus that this is a good option vs TQ.  Can add this to annual checkoffs to satisfy the state.

Blood products discussed.  Woody suggested Ad Hoc committee to start the conservations on the logistics of obtaining and using pre-hospital blood products.  Huebner volunteered to lead this committee.  Dr. Kruse also volunteered to assist with his experience with Texas protocols.  Careflight protocols can also be considered.

Discussed the need for training in 2025 for new drugs.

IV Saline issues.  No JITSO needed for now.  Neither hospital system is currently affected by the shortage.  Still currently unknown what the overall downstream issues may be.  It was requested that we send out another communication via LISTSERV with update and re-enforcing conservation.  1:1 Exchange with both hospital systems.

**Old Business:**

Trauma Systems and SORTS; Gerstner indicated that there was a SORTS meeting on October 9.  No data from the state.  Ryan has volunteered to help make the red cap initiative regional.  New Co-Chair of SORTS is Amy Schoppert.

Drug Shortages; See list sent out by Dr. Augustine for updated and continued Shortages.

DBEP; Deere reporting.  TXA 2G bolus will have a June 2025 start date.  Requested Duffy send us protocols for HTN in pregnancy to consider adding these drugs to the DBEP in the future.  She will send to Marriott.

Community Paramedicine and Research; Nothing new to report.  CP conference November 20th.  Care now billable under Medicaid.  JITSO out for flu vaccines.

Legislative; NTR

Dispatch Centers; RDC power phone going well.  Occasional connectivity issues being looked at.

LE and Transport of Persons Involuntarily Admitted; Springer-nothing new to report.

Medical Director Shortages; Amburgey will engage Dr. Kruse and Shreve to hopefully fill some gaps for Agency MD.  Gerstner asked about getting residents more involved.  Kruse discussed the future possibility of creating a division of EMS through WSU that would provide shared coverage for local agencies.

**New Business:** None

**Open Forum:**

Region 6; 2 paramedic protocol is now out of protocol.  Recommendations will now be based on individual department preference.

GMVEMSC; Attempting to find funds to hire someone for day-to-day tasks.  Amburgey discussed getting in for Atrium Code White for Metal health for first responders.  Will bring to council.

MMRS/RMRS**; Mr. Gerstner;** Covid numbers currently decreasing.  Wash water still high.  Concern for Marburg Virus in Rwanda.  All Rwanda natives and travelers will be screened at 3 US airports per CDC recs and guidelines.  We no longer have an EBOLA treatment center in Ohio, but we have 10 assessment hospitals.  56 cases confirmed.  36 in isolation.  12 dead.  Rwanda to begin trials on possible vaccine.  Current outbreak of pertussis in Montgomery Co.  QTD October 24-25th with 2 changes.

1. 24-hour MCI radio talk group.
2. Will start tracking EMS involvement through JUVARE to help with EMS feedback.

Nov 12th MMRS steering committee with multiple speakers.  Will send sign-ups soon.

Adjourn; 0951