

Wisconsin EMS Physician Advisory Committee

Minutes--Preliminary

April 1st, 2014; 15:15-17:00

Sheraton Madison Hotel; 706 John Nolen Drive; Madison, Wisconsin; (608) 251-2300

Members Present	Andrews	Clark	Drayna	MacNeal	Martens	Schultz	Tashjian	Vayder	Zils	Medical Director
2/14/14 Working Board Mtg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4/1/14	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
6/3/14										
8/5/14 Working Board Mtg										
10/14/14										
12/2/14										

EMS Staff Present: list with office

Guests: list with office

AGENDA TOPIC	ACTION POINTS	STATUS
Introductions and Announcements		Information
Approval of minutes	Minutes from 12/3/13	Reviewed & Approved

OLD BUSINESS		
AGENDA TOPIC	ACTION POINTS	STATUS

EMT Narcan Pilot	Pilot program Naloxone bill	Update Update
<p>4/1/14: Pilot project information provided by Hornby. 63 services part of pilot. There have been 7 uses of naloxone. 3 by ALS, 1 I-tech, 3 EMT. EMS has been providing good follow up, but medical directors have not been filling out select survey. The service director is to fill out a select survey, the medical director is to fill out a select survey, and then the PCR is the third component to data being collected. Data to this point is demonstrating that patients are receiving naloxone without meeting all criteria, specifically the respiratory rate.</p> <p>Naloxone bill: it is on the Governor's desk. It passed House and Senate and is anticipated to be signed.</p> <p>12/3/13: Naloxone bill: Litza received correspondence from Nygren's office this AM asking for some clarifications. Litza provided some suggested edits.</p> <p>Narcan pilot: 7 approved systems, 4 in process. Anticipate board tomorrow clarifying intent to enroll all systems, not just EMT services.</p> <p>10/8/13: Pilot program being vetted by EMS office and should be approved by November 1st. Anticipate a start date of January 1, 2014, at the latest. The application process will be forthcoming via memo.</p> <p>6/4/13: Jerry providing final pilot project to Board for approval.</p>		

State EMS Medical Director	Job description	Update
<p>4/1/14: Job description compiled by PAC and delivered to Jennifer Ullsvik.</p> <p>12/3/13: Medical director job description: Martens organizing job duties from contract as well as other states' job descriptions and will distribute to PAC for comment.</p> <p>10/8/13: Brian Litza presented a NHTSA recommendation for the PAC to work on. PAC to work on medical direction job description. Create 2 documents: What does it look like now? What should it look like?</p>		

Scopes of Practice		Update
<p>4/1/14: Status of home devices statement: completed by Martens and Cady.</p> <p>Status of ventilator statement: completed by Martens.</p>		

<p>12/3/13: Office determined that a CLIA waiver is required for EMRs using glucometers. Martens drafted ventilator memo to identify ATV vs full function vent. Martens drafted statement regarding home devices.</p> <p>10/8/13: EMR: Question regarding need for CLIA waiver for glucometers at EMR level. Office will research need for CLIA waiver. Ventilators - ATV vs VSV: Fred/Martens to develop memo to clarify expectations Need statement regarding level of care for patients with home devices, pumps, etc. Martens to put together a statement for the PAC to review and endorse.</p>		
Policies Updates	Nontransporting EMT staffing requirement	Update
<p>4/1/14: No reply from legal yet regarding question from 12/3/13. 12/3/13: Nontransporting EMT staffing requirement: Office to get legal opinion on whether an EMT can function as an EMT solely in a first responder scenario. Destination policy, to put on the bottom of policy that patient choice is important. Lights and siren position paper not posted. Office to post. 10/8/13: no new updates Agreement/Approval by Board 6/5/13 with minor wording change (emphasis on moving quickly; add informed decision). Not updated on website as of 10/1/13. PAC Use of Lights and Sirens position paper. Not on website as of 10/1/13.</p>		
Medication Shortages	Impact, Suggestions, Recommendations	Discussion
<p>4/1/14: NTG is a new shortage. Not affecting anyone here at this time. Tolerating saline shortage. Question about whether PAC has ever supported the use of expired medication. The message from the office is that this is being considered a local issue. Cady has a document he will share with the PAC and propose the PAC support this as a recommendation. To be reviewed at the next PAC meeting. 12/3/13: Discussion about saline shortage. Memo had been sent by Boundtree regarding potential shortage of saline and LR. Will monitor. 10/8/13: Using medications beyond expiration date becoming more widely used across the country per findings at NASEMSO Medical Directors' Council Meeting. 6/4/13: Mark Schultz provided an example protocol for using D10 as a substitute for D50. To clarify, previously EMS changed all references to D50 in the scopes to just dextrose, so any concentration of dextrose/glucose is acceptable to use. PAC voted to add this to the sample hypoglycemia guideline. 12/4/12: PAC discussed current situation. Question was asked about recommendation of using medications beyond the expiration date. The State office cannot approve or provide permission to use medications beyond the expiration date. Brian Litza demonstrated presentations from NASEMSO including Dr. Cunningham's presentation outlining that the DEA prohibits the use of expired medications. Can be found at NASEMSO.org.</p>		
Best Practices Recommendations	PAC list of discouraged medications, equipment or practices with recommended alternatives.	Active
NEW BUSINESS		
AGENDA TOPIC	ACTION POINTS	STATUS
EMS Board/Office Assignments	Requested Topics	Standing Agenda Topic
<p>EMSC has asked that this be updated to help them in the development of transfer agreements. The most recent document they have access to is from 2006. PAC to work with Cady's update and to provide final recommendations. Interfacility transport guidelines.</p>		
Protocol/Scope Review	Tactical EMS chest decompression	Discussion
<p>4/1/14: this topic was removed at last meeting. Chest seal recommended. No new updates.</p>		

	Adrenal Insufficiency Treatment -Hydrocortisone as assisted med	Discussion
4/1/14: A lot of discussion. Plan to develop a State sample guideline which will address treatment at the paramedic level. Further questions discussed regarding treatment at the other levels of care. Assisted medication? There was a lot of discussion about this perhaps being most appropriately addressed with a "generic" assisted medication protocol. This concept would require on-line medical direction for a decision to be made. MacNeal and Schultz to put together a sample guideline for assisted medications. The PAC and office to use this for further consideration.		
	ASA by FR/EMR	Discussion
4/1/14: There was a request for this to be expanded to the EMR level. A lot of discussion regarding benefit and risk as well as the requirements for training. The consensus is that ASA be added to the EMR scope of practice with two stars (**). A vote was taken. 5 noted yes, 3 abstained. Motion carries.		
ACEP America's Emergency Care Environment Report Card	PAC input for WI-ACEP	Introduction
Not discussed		
MetaStar Project	Statistics on patient transfers from rural hospitals	Introduction
Not discussed		
NHTSA Site Visit	Information	Information
Not discussed		
Interfacility Transport Guidelines document	Review with Critical Care update	Discussion
4/1/14: EMSC has asked that this be updated to help them in the development of transfer agreements. The most recent document they have access to is from 2006. PAC to work with Cady's update and to provide final recommendations to be voted upon at next PAC meeting. 12/3/13: Office to review Cady's draft and provide feedback to PAC.		
NAEMSP WI Chapter	Update	Information
none		
Medical Director Report		Information
none		
EMS Board Update		Information
none		
EMS Office Update		Information
none		
Public Comment		Information
Abdominal aortic tourniquet. Does this fit within current scope as a tourniquet? This should be added to the next agenda. A suggestion to think about this at paramedic level and be prepared to discuss further next meeting. IT clamp: concerns about the pain of using this. Concerns about high likelihood of blood borne pathogen exposure. Is there a mortality benefit? Congratulations to Mike Clark. On board of directors for Special Olympics WI!		
Next Meeting: Tues June 3rd at 3:15PM, Sheraton in Madison Agenda items: Expired medications Sample guideline for assisted medications Abdominal aortic tourniquet IT clamp Interfacility guidelines; EMSC transfer agreements		