

DRAFT Minutes MCEMS Monthly QA/QI Meeting – June 23rd, 2009

1. Roll Call: 08:11 at the Doubletree Hotel
 - a. Present: MCEMS - Dr. Dery, Mike Hill, DFD - Nick Marx, COMFD - PFD - Bill Binnian, LEFD – Deanna Cherveney David Fetherson, GJFD – John Howard, PVFD – Mike Harvey, GFD – Dave Anderson, CFD – Chris Rowland, LVFD – Bill Stacy
 - b. Absent: COMFD, GPPFD, GFD, Community Hospital & SMH
2. Approval of May Minutes
3. Old Business
 - a. **DEA:** No issues identified from making the change to Dr. Dery as Medical Director for each agency.
 - b. **Protocols:** Correction - Albuterol OK for Pediatrics @ 2.5mg dose. Send additional proposed changes to Dr. Dery. Updates will be published periodically as needed.
 - c. **System-wide Communications:** Dr. Dery stressed that we develop a flow for information to all providers. Adding QA Minutes to MCEMS Website <http://ems.mesacounty.us/> should facilitate this. All EMS agency providers should be informed of this additional feature.
 - d. **High Plains Reports to QA:** Discussion about the importance data entry with respect to Cardiac Arrest. Cardiac Arrest vs Dead on scene clarified by Dr. Dery. Any interventions (CPR, drugs, etc.) beyond the application of cardiac monitor to confirm death should then use Provider Impression of Cardiac Arrest. Agencies having difficulty with data entry compliance should be brought to the attention of Dr. Dery by submitting non-compliant charts if corrections are not being made by providers. Reports to the QA Committee will be made quarterly in the future; not monthly as was originally considered.
4. New Business
 - a. **Stroke Alert Documentation:** All documentation is being scrutinized. If a stroke alert is activated by a provider, it should be noted in the Treatment Checklist Checkbox and in the narrative
 - b. **CPR in Schools:** EMS Council is involved in promoting this and will be starting this fall. Tentative dates have been set to teach the teachers through Professional EMS Education. The classes are 2 hours. Plan is to start this program in the middle school - 7th grade – and eventually expand this to grades 7-12 on an annual basis. Statistically, 20% of cardiac arrests in MC have no bystander CPR and the inevitable goal is to improve this and Pt outcomes.
 - c. **Trauma Alert:** SMH surgeons are requesting as early notification as possible through the radio report. At the minimum, report: GCS, VS, MOI & Anatomical Injury. Refer to Protocols page 41 & 42 for details and review.
 - d. **EMR:** High Plains upgrade still in process.
 - e. **Mesa County Emergency Manager position:** 30 applicants have applied.
 - f. **Volunteers:** Discussion on the potential for financial incentive for Volunteers getting reimbursement from Tax breaks.
 - g. **EMS Council:** Met yesterday - still some funds available. ~ \$15,000.
 - h. **State Grants:** John Howard indicated additional funding may soon be available through the increase of \$1.00 per vehicle registration from SB 02 this year. Details TBA.
 - i. **ALS Skills:** Reminder: ALS Skills Day June 30th in Clifton.
 - j. **2009 Protocol Test:** should come out in August. Completion will be by the years end. Dr. Dery welcomes test questions to be submitted by committee members
5. Adjourn at 09:22 – Next Meeting on 06/22/09

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Binnian