



## **MINUTES**

### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES & TRAUMA SYSTEM**

#### **DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

#### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**December 7, 2022 – 9:00 A.M.**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chief Frank Simone, Chairman, NLVFD  
Braiden Green, CSN  
Kim Moore, HFD (Alt)  
Ryan Young, PIMA

Troy Tuke, MVHPI (Alt)  
James “Bud” Adams, AMR  
Chris Stachyra, CA  
Debra Dailey, EMSTC

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Chris Notaro, Mercy Air  
Matthew Dryden, LVFR

Ryan Fraser, AirMed

#### **SNHD STAFF PRESENT**

Christian Young, MD, EMSTS Med. Director  
Scott Wagner, EMSTS Field Representative  
Nicole Charlton, EMSTS Program/Project Coordinator

Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor  
Roni Mauro, EMSTS Field Representative  
Rae Pettie, Recording Secretary

#### **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

Sandra Horning, MD  
Paul Stepaniuk  
Melanie Robison  
Aaron Goldstein  
Chief Stephen Neel  
Chief Shawn Tobler  
Derek Cox  
Rae Niedfeldt

Chief Scott Phillips  
Todd Ford  
Sam Scheller  
Brett Olbur  
Kelly Morgan, MD  
Mathew Kaufman  
Benjamin Hartnell  
Michael Barnum, MD

### **CALL TO ORDER - NOTICE OF POSTING OF AGENDA**

Chairman Frank Simone called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. and stated the Affidavit of Posting was posted in accordance with the Nevada Open Meeting Law. All Committee members joined the meeting by teleconference and the roll call was administered by Laura Palmer, EMSTS Supervisor, who noted that a quorum was present.

#### **I. FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT**

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Chairman Simone asked if anyone wished to address the Board pertaining to items listed on the agenda. Seeing no one, he closed the Public Comment portion of the meeting.

## **II. CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Simone stated the Consent Agenda consisted of matters to be considered by the Education Committee that can be enacted by one motion. Any item may be discussed separately per Committee member request. Any exceptions to the Consent Agenda must be stated prior to approval.

Approve Minutes for the Education Committee Meeting: October 5, 2022

Chairman Simone asked for a motion to approve the October 5, 2022 minutes of the Education Committee meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Chief Moore, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes as written.

## **III. REPORT/DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **A. Discussion of Education Bylaws**

Chief Simone stated he has been approached by several agencies that expressed an interest in participating on the Education Committee. Given the size of the valley he thought it should be brought to the committee for discussion. He referred the committee to draft revisions made to Article III, Section 1 of the bylaws that increases the membership from 12 to 14 members, allowing for two At-Large representatives from local EMS agencies or EMS training programs to be added. Ms. Palmer explained that if approved by the Education Committee, it will then go to the MAB for their approval prior to being added to the next Education Committee agenda to initiate the nomination process.

A motion was made by Ms. Dailey to accept the above revisions to Article III, Section I of the Education Committee Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tuke and carried unanimously.

#### **IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/DISCUSSION ONLY**

- A. Roni Mauro stated that in her review of internship paperwork, she has found there is a lack of appropriate documentation. She explained that critical calls noted on the Daily Evaluations need to include documentation of why the call was deemed critical. She noted that leaving blanks leaves a lot of room for interpretation, which is sub-optimal. She has recently been returning the incomplete paperwork for this reason. She also asked that the FTOs ensure all signatures, comments, and plans for improvement are included prior to submission.
- B. Mr. Cox stated that the QI Directors Committee discussed decision-making capacity at their meeting earlier that morning. They identified there is a need for more education on this issue, as well as the development of a curriculum to address medical, legal and ethical issues. The EMS providers may be lacking guidance and should be spending more time on depth and breadth on these issues.

Chief Simone agreed and stated the guidance should come from the Education Committee in the form of an educational outline. Dr. Morgan stated LVFR has started putting together a decision-making tool to better assess cognitive functioning. Once they complete the official rough draft it can be presented to the QI Directors Committee to be vetted. She noted they do a robust job teaching physicians how to make those decisions, but EMS providers haven't been given that same education and background. Ryan Young noted that decision-making is more of a soft skill; a critical thinking skill that they have to actually put their mind to work, as opposed to following an algorithm. It's not necessarily black and white. Dr. Morgan agreed that if we give the EMS providers the tools and documentation skills it can very easily be built into a process of asking the right questions and made as simple as checking a box. If someone pulls a chart 5-10 years down the line it should include good documentation. She noted that a lawyer has agreed to come in and conduct mock depositions. Questions will be asked related to medical/legal liability and whether it will leave the EMS provider/agency more, or less protected. She stated they could record the sessions to be used as a valuable tool for all EMS providers. Ms. Dailey suggested they incorporate more critical thinking/medical/legal/ethical education for the FTOs so they can educate the EMS providers so everyone is on the same page.

- C. Chief Moore related that Zoll Medical has offered to do a two-day symposium on ventilations. Henderson Fire Department will be hosting the event which is scheduled for January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The same information will be provided on both days, and lunch will be provided. There will be education that includes advanced airways, mechanical ventilation, hands-on scenarios, and an event simulation lab. She offered to send the information out to all interested parties.
- D. Dr. Horning noted there is a need to increase pediatric education with extreme respiratory distress, especially with the Tripledemic (COVID-19, RSV and flu). It is a situation she has not experienced during her career, and she doesn't believe it is a one-time thing. She reiterated her offer for the pediatric resource panel to assist in developing educating to take care of this subset of the population. Dr. Morgan asked if the panel is able to provide education on better ventilatory techniques with a re-emphasis on suctioning, even just a quick cheat sheet, it would be beneficial for the EMS providers. She suggested they act sooner, rather than later, since the time to address this issue is now.
- E. Brett Olbur reported that Dignity Health put together laminated critical vital signs cards and direct contacts for pediatric ERs for the EMS providers in the field. He offered these resources to any of the agencies that are interested. He noted that their physicians are available 24/7 for consults if there are any issues in the field.

#### **V. SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT**

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Simone adjourned the meeting at 9:34 a.m.