

North-Central Regional Time Sensitive Emergency (TSE) Committee Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2015

Present: Shari Kuther, Bill Spencer, Eric Kopczynski, Jason Steik, Angie Jacskon, Kathy Seubert, Leslie Augir, Jesse Shepherd, Dominic Pomponio, Matt Forge, Linda Beckman, Richard Frank, Dean Niefield, Matt Dudley, Dave Reynolds, Bob Montgomery, Bradley Hukriede, Lenne Bonner

Next meeting: March 3rd, 2015

I. Welcome and Introductions

Jason Steik opened the meeting. All participants introduced themselves. Jason also showed the committee the State TSE website which is www.tse.idaho.gov

II. Agency Reports

St. Mary's: Moving forward, working on policies.

Clearwater: Same as St. Mary's. Both agencies are working together

Syringa: Looking at trauma packet and pulling info together

Gritman: Not present. Was reported that they are working heavily with the committee up North.

St. Joe's: Recently redid trauma flow sheets. They are making sure policy and protocol line up with the level 3 designation.

Lifelight: No update

MedStar: No update

Lewiston Fire: No update

Clearwater County Ambulance: No update

Moscow Ambulance: No update

Idaho County: No update

III. QI Subcommittee (see attached forms)

This was the first regional run review in the state. Matt Dudley reported it went really well. The EMS Bureau sent someone to observe and she felt the process was really good. The committee reviewed 2 cases. In reviewing the cases it was observed that dispatch is not represented and they are an integral piece of these cases. It was suggested to get a list of dispatch agencies through State Com. It was also suggested to contact sheriff's offices first to get their involvement. Jason will ask at the State committee meeting to see what others are doing to involve these agencies.

Discussed ways to get education related information that comes out of these case reviews out to everyone. The group suggested a newsletter after each QI review. It could be sent out to each facility and agency and then leave it up to them to disseminate to the appropriate folks. Angie Jackson offered to help with the newsletter through an education subcommittee. Then at each QI subcommittee meeting the agencies need to report back what they did to educate their staff on the newsletter. Dominic motioned for the education subcommittee. Shari Kuther seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Dominic Pomponio, Bob Montgomery, Eric Kopczynski and Dave Reynolds volunteered to sit on the education subcommittee.

It was discussed that St. Joseph's would need to accept all traumas from the area CAH's, even for further stabilization if nothing else.

It was recommended that the QI subcommittee meet quarterly. Cases are referred to the committee from the facilities and then they choose which cases to review. The trauma registry will be used to select when it is up and running. Jason reported the State council recommended the committee to look at deaths or multiple transfers if there are no voluntary submissions.

Matt asked for an acceptance of the report prior to submitting to the State. Dave Reynolds motioned and Bill Spencer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IV. EMS Survey Report

Dominic presented his results on the 12 agencies he surveyed. See attachment for report.

V. State TSE Updates

The State has decided that there will not be TSE banding at this time. They are looking to do a test region first.

There was conversation about trauma activations. The State is going to try to standardize this. They are looking at a three level activation model. They are looking to call them priorities rather than levels to not confuse these with the designations. Please review and give Jason feedback.

The State is looking to start accrediting centers starting in July. They are putting together application packets and tool kits to help with the process. The packet includes sample policies, websites, resources, FAQ's, job descriptions, etc. so facilities don't have to recreate the wheel.

They are also putting out a Quality Improvement Handbook to help the QI subcommittees for the regions.

VI. Bylaw approvals

Bill Spencer made a motion to accept the minutes. Shari Kuther seconded and motion passed unanimously.

VII. Open Discussion

Nothing

VIII. Wrap up and next meeting

August 18th at 2:00 at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. Angie will conduct an educational subcommittee meeting in the interim.

IX. Adjourn