

Performance Improvement Committees

June 22, 2009

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Agenda

General PI Committee: 10:30

WVEMS Roanoke Office

1. Approval of minutes from March 17, 2009
2. Current PI Projects – General PI
 - a. Medical scene times for cardiac arrest patients
 - b. Cardiac Arrest Saves - evaluate information submitted to date
3. Current PI Project – System-wide
 - i. ALS vs. BLS Care
 - b. Next quarter – ALS on scene times – evaluate 7/1 – 9/30/2009 – How best to get this information from the agencies
4. MIR Referrals
5. Other business
6. Date for next committee meeting

Those committee members who are not also on the Trauma PI Committee are excused at the conclusion of this agenda, however, they are welcome to remain and participate in the Trauma PI Committee Meeting.

General Performance Improvement Committee
June 22, 2009
10:30 AM

MINUTES

Attendance

Charles Lane, MD	Regional Medical Director, Program Chair, Franklin County
Jason Ferguson	Botetourt County
Shawn Hite	Pulaski County
Debbie Akers	Staff – PI Coordinator
Charles Coffelt	Guest

Excused Absences

Kris Shrader	Committee Co-Chair, Fire-based provider, Martinsville City
Bobby Baker	Hospital Preparedness Liaison, NSPA
Jane Lindsey	Volunteer Pre-hospital Provider, Nurse, Salem City
Jason Gifford	Career EMS Provider, Radford City
Jim Cady	Craig County
Mike Jefferson	Danville City
Paul Davenport	Carilion
Scott Davis	Giles County
Rob Logan	Staff - Administration

To order: 10:35 AM

Dr. Charles Lane welcomed those present and requested approval of the March 17, 2009 minutes. No changes were noted.

Discussion concerning nonparticipation of some areas in the PI project. Dr. Lane and WVEMS Board president will look at new appointments to cover these areas.

Projects: Continued discussion on Medical scene times for cardiac arrest patients and patient outcome. Preliminary data supports an effort to establish field termination criteria. Dr. Lane to forward information to the OMDs of agencies for feedback and discussion. Of the data submitted, average scene time for one of our rural agencies was 25 minutes with transport time of approximately one hour to the hospital and all patients were dead upon arrival at the hospital and were pulse less and apneic when the agency began transport. Additional information shared during the meeting indicated another 28 codes that were worked, six were called in the field 22 were transported and only one patient had a pulse upon arrival at the hospital. Dr. Lane stated we need to look at Brent Myers and Wake County EMS as we move forward with decisions. He further stated that the future of cardiac arrest management needed to include the Resq Pod, uninterrupted CPR and hypothermia treatment. He will discuss these items with the council OMD's and share thoughts at next PI meeting.

Next PI Project:

1. Respiratory Distress – Time period – April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009
 - a. Report Date will be August 15, 2009
 - b. Field Coordinators will be utilized to get information from agencies; information requested includes what calls you were dispatched to for respiratory distress and what treatments were rendered to these patients.

System-wide PI Project:

1. ALS vs. BLS care provided – Time period – April 1, 2009 – June 30, 2009
 - a. Report Date will be August 15, 2009
 - b. Discussion by committee concerning the number of man hours required to report this data. Raw data numbers should be able to be obtained from OEMS PPCR reporting system for evaluation on what percentage of calls are requiring ALS care. Will evaluate raw data and discuss at next meeting.

MIR Referrals: Debbie stated there has been 1 medical incident reported for review. The incident was a provider issue and the agency has addressed the issue. No action required by the PI Committee.

Other Business:

Discussion concerning the implementation of the King Airway Project. All King Airways are being distributed through June 30th and will be the supraglottic airway effective 7/1/2009. Debbie reminded all that it is required to fill out the survey when each King airway is placed. Any questions, please contact her or one of the field coordinators.

No further business. Next meeting set for September 23, 2009 at 10:30.

Adjourned at 11:36 AM.