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# Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Medical Control Committee

## Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2011

City of Rocklin Sunset Center, Room 106  
2650 Sunset Boulevard, Rocklin, CA 95677

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chairman Russ Mann called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED JUNE 21, 2011

Rob Martin motioned to approve the minutes as written. Kevin Owens seconded. Motion passed.

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as written.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none forthcoming.

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

None

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

None

### 7. S-SV DRAFT POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS

#### a. FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL

475 – EMT/Public Safety AED Program: Application & Approval Process – This policy was held over from the previous meeting so that changes suggested by EMS provider agencies in order to streamline the application and approval process could be made. These changes were subsequently incorporated into the policy. Bob Royer motioned to approve as written. Clayton Thomas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

605 – Prehospital Documentation – Changes were made to this policy removing the references to the S-SV EMS written PCR which is no longer used and adding ePCR use and data reporting requirements. Bob Royer motioned to approve as written. Clayton Thomas seconded. Amy Stacher Opposed. Motion passed.



830 – Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Guidelines – CPS contact information was added/updated for all counties in the S-SV EMS Region and a web link for the electronic version of the Suspected Child Abuse Report form was added to the policy. Bob Royer motioned to approve as written. Mickey Huber seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

832 – Suspected Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse Reporting Guidelines – APS/Ombudsman contact information was added/updated for all counties in the S-SV EMS Region and a web link for the electronic version of the Suspected Elder/Dependant Adult Abuse Report form was added to the policy. Bob Royer motioned to approve as written. Clayton Thomas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

M-6 – General Medical Protocol – The word ‘consider’ was added to the blood glucose check box as requested at the previous meeting. Jeff Kennedy motioned to approve as written. Bob Royer seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

N-1 – Altered Level of Consciousness – There were no additional changes from the previous meeting. Rob Martin motioned to approved as written. Clayton Thomas seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. FOR INITIAL REVIEW

220 – S-SV EMS Agency Policy Actions – The following statement was added to the policy – ‘No EMS service provider shall develop or institute a patient care policy/protocol that conflicts with any S-SV EMS Agency policy/protocol.’ There was also some additional language cleanup on page 2 of the policy. There was no additional discussion by the Committee.

1101 – Intraosseous Infusion – There was a request from some of the EMS provider agencies to allow the use of the Bone Injection Gun (B.I.G.) device as an additional option for IO access. There have been some reported issues in the past related to this device but the manufacturer has made several improvements and design changes to address these concerns. The device is FDA approved and there is no medical literature questioning its effectiveness for IO access. This device is being used by several other EMS agencies without reported complications or effectiveness concerns. S-SV EMS is supportive of adding this device as an option for IO access. A Committee member requested to have a B.I.G. available at the September 2011 MCC meeting.

There was additional discussion related to the use of the EZ-IO device and the required needle size. The current inventory list requires both pediatric and regular adult size (25 mm) needles to be carried. EZ-IO also makes a longer adult needle (45 mm) for larger patients and humeral insertion. Some EMS provider agencies are requesting to be allowed to carry only the 45 mm adult needle (in addition to the pediatric needle) due to cost, frequency of use (expiration date) and clinical concerns with the regular adult needle not being successful in some patients. There was some additional discussion regarding this request but no direction was agreed to and this issue will be further addressed at the next meeting.

It is also being recommended that the actual device specific insertion procedures be removed from the policy with the inclusion of additional devices as this is considered a



training issue. In response to this, a committee member made a suggestion to add 'according to manufacturer's recommendation' in the insertion section of the infrequently used skills verification form.

This policy along with the inventory list and the IO Infrequently Used Skill verification form will return to the next meeting for further discussion.

E-8 – Nerve Agent Treatment – There was no recommended change and no discussion by the Committee.

N-2 – Seizure – There was no recommended change and no discussion by the Committee.

8. **MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

None

9. **S-SV EMS AGENCY INFORMATION UPDATE**

EMT/AEMT/EMR certification and recertification policy language, and the Paramedic/MICN accreditation and authorization application process were modified to include S-SV's internal processing time information.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No specific suggestions were made.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

September 20, 2011 – Dr. Bob Royer will conduct the meeting.

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:22 a.m.