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Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Medical Control Committee

Meeting Minutes – October 18, 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 9:30 a.m. Everyone introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES DATED *September 20, 2011*

Rob Martin motioned to approve the minutes as written. Bob Royer seconded. Motion passed.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved as written.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

None

6. NEW BUSINESS

None

7. S-SV DRAFT POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS

a. FOR FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL

i) 506-A – Interfacility Transport of Cardiovascular “STEMI” Patients – Additional change was made on page 3 of 3, line 12: the word ‘immediately’ located at the end of the line was removed. Bob Royer motioned to approve with the minor change. Rob Martin seconded. Motion passed.

ii) 812 – Base/Modified Base/Receiving Hospital Contact – The Committee discussed the following:

- Having to call the base hospital to inform them that they are being bypassed at the patient’s request;



- Contacting the next closest hospital if the base hospital is unavailable for advice – S-SV advised that should this become an ongoing issue, then S-SV should be contacted to assist with a solution.

Bob Royer motioned to approve as written. Rob Martin seconded. Motion passed.

- iii) C-8 – Chest Pain or Suspected Symptoms of Cardiac Origin – There were no discussions. Rob Martin motioned to approve as written. Bob Royer seconded. Motion passed.
- iv) P-2 – Neonatal Resuscitation – After discussions regarding O₂ use during resuscitation, the Committee reached consensus to add the following statement in the ‘Airway & Ventilation Information’ box “Consider initial positive-pressure ventilation with room air for term infants”. Dr. Falck advised that the providers would need to educate their personnel regarding the new recommendations and reasons for this wording. Bob Royer motioned to approve with the suggested change. Clayton Thomas seconded. Motion passed.
- v) P-6 – Bradycardia – With Pulses – Protocol title was changed for clarification. Bob Royer motioned to approve as written. Rob Martin seconded. Motion passed.
- vi) P-8 – Tachycardia – With Pulses – Protocol title was changed for clarification. Rob Martin motioned to approve as written. Bob Royer seconded. Motion passed.

b. FOR INITIAL REVIEW

- i) P-3 – Apparent Life Threatening Event (ALTE) - ≤3 Years Old – A committee member asked for clarification on the age of patients that this protocol is meant to apply to. S-SV EMS staff will research this and provide additional information at the next meeting.
- ii) P-12 – Respiratory Arrest – A member suggested adding ‘glucose check’ before giving Narcan. This will return to the next meeting for further discussion.
- iii) P-16 – Respiratory Distress - Stridor – The title was changed (simplified) and some of the information from the title was moved as the first bullet point on the top box. A suggestion was made to add ‘consider nebulized saline’ between the second and third box under ALS. This will return to the next meeting for further discussion.
- iv) P-26 – Seizure (Pediatric) – It was suggested to change ‘Actively Seizing?’ to Active or Recurrent Seizure. Another suggestion is place ‘consider IV/IO’ between ‘Results ≤ 60 mg/dl’ and ‘Actively Seizing’. This will return to the next meeting for further discussion.

8. **MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- a. The proposed paramedic regulation changes are still open for public comment through October 24. Two (2) specialties of paramedics are being proposed: critical care transport paramedics and advanced practice paramedic. The Emergency Medical Directors Association of California (EMDAC) is strongly opposed to advanced practice



paramedics because it allows them to treat and leave patients at scene as well as other concerns they have. Other issues in the regulations that the Committee may want to look at are: needle cricothyrotomy, medications, and optional skills that were made part of the regular scope.

- b. It was decided by EMDAC that Zofran is a good medication and that its use has EMDAC's overwhelming support for use in the field. No changes regarding the use of Zofran in the prehospital setting are suggested at this time.

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

- a. The ESO Solutions ePCR / data collection system is now being utilized by the S-SV EMS Agency. A few of the providers are having difficulties implementing an ePCR solution because the S-SV EMS Agency selected system could not meet their stringent requirements. These providers have since identified an acceptable ePCR solution and should be able to implement their ePCR system in the next few months.

EMSA has discovered an error in the CEMSIS EMS data code so S-SV EMS is not able to receive data from providers who are not using the agency selected ePCR system until this error is corrected. EMSA expects to have this error corrected by early 2012. S-SV EMS will most likely request data from all providers retroactive to July 1, 2011 once this coding error is fixed.

- b. The RFP for Butte County is in progress and is close to being ready for release. The finalized version will need to go through the various approval processes (S-SV EMS Agency, Butte County, EMSA) before being released.
- c. The 2012 calendar is being finalized and will be email out to the group when finished.

10. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

No suggestions were made.

11. **NEXT MEETING DATE**

November 15, 2011

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.