

Minutes for Calhoun County Medical Control Authority (CCMCA)

Location: Zoom
Date: April 19, 2021
Time: 9:00 am

Attendance

Dr. Lindsey Rauch, Dorothy Malcom, Rob Miller, Dr. Chet Dalski, Mark Burke, Nick Smith, Angie Brown, Betsy McDavid, Karl Rock, Kim Grafton, Steve Frisbie, Marty Erskine, Daryl Cummins

Additions or Deletions

Angie Brown requested her email address be corrected to continue to receive correspondence.

Approval of Minutes

Dr. Chet Dalski noted a correction on the minutes for January 25th and December 17th. Corrections will be updated. Motion to approve minutes as provided with corrections. Motion Carried (Erskine/Dalski).

Public Form

List any public form information

Reports

Medical Director Report

- No report available

Financial Report

- An invoice has not been received from Stryker for the Medical Director salary. Dr. Rauch will be in touch with them to have it sent.
- Motion to approve financial report as provided. Motion Carried (Erskine/Burke)

Old Business

PSRO

- Dr. Rauch led discussion on the format of upcoming meetings, including dates/times, topics, agencies to be included. The decision was made to include a representative from MFR agencies as well

Medical Director Update

- Dr. Rauch is the interim director until the end of June.
- Dorothy has been working with Southwestern Michigan Emergency Services for a candidate to serve as the new medical director, and should have a name by mid-May. She has also been in contact with Oaklawn Hospital, but has not heard of a candidate coming forward to apply
- Chet stated one physician has been in the process, but withdrew from the process due to scheduling conflicts

Diversion Data

- Dorothy led the discussion on the need and process of obtaining data. She will be working with Angie Brown and Kim ? to obtain this data.
- Angie Brown state a difficulty of patients being diverted to Oaklawn from Battle Creek without transportation or funds to pay for transportation to return to Battle Creek. She also stated they try not to utilize diversion unless absolutely necessary.
- Steve Frisbie brought up using Battle Creek Transit or Battle Creek Go, a new transportation service serving Calhoun County. Discussion included a limited offering of transportation through Battle Creek Transit, but Battle Creek Go operates as needed. Hospital foundations may be able to set up funds to cover transportation costs, when needed.
- Future discussion between agencies and Fifth District on how diversions are completed in major events, referencing a recent house explosion in Marshall.

New Business

Board Members/Contact List

- A Letter of Appointment was received from Kellogg Community College for Dr. Chet Dalski and Rob Miller to serve on the board. Motion to approve the appointment made. Motion Carried (Burke/Brown)
- Letter will need to be received from Marshall Area Fire Fighter Ambulance Authority to transition the board position from Mark Burke to Nick Smith, pending Mark's retirement on June 30, 2021.

COVID Protocols

- Dr. Rauch presented the 14 statewide protocols put in place or given as options for MCAs: https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73970_5093_28508_76849-520225--,00.html. Many have been informally put into place, but have not been formally adopted in the county, which has been requested by the state. Region 5 has adopted most of the protocols.
- Betsy McDavid state the formal medical director had sent out an email with these emergency protocols, but unsure that got to the state, so all may have assumed they were already approved.
- Motion to approve the 14.01 – 14.12 protocols and provide acceptance to the state. Motion Carried (Dalski/McDavid)

Monoclonal Antibodies (14.13)

- In other areas, EMS personnel have been going to nursing homes to administer, then moving into the community. Posed the question if the MCA should allow agencies permission to administer.
- Discussion included staffing issues, potential community expectations to administer, the existence of the ability to receive the administration at the infusion center or clinics through hospitals.
- The board agreed to hold off a decision of approval for the current time, but will revisit in the future in needed.

High-flow Nasal Cannula (14.14)

- Discussion included: current usage, specialty transporting, current and future ambulance equipment
- The board agreed to hold of a decision of approval, but will revisit in the future if applicable.

Narcan Restocking Policies

- Policy was put into place by law that Narcan must be restocked through an EMS pharmacy, of which there are 2 in Calhoun County. A request was submitted to obtain Narcan from a secondary source.

- Discussion included the difference between law enforcement obtaining Narcan vs MFR agencies obtaining it, recouping costs, ambulances distributing on scene, law enforcement obtaining through grants, or billing patients through the hospital after transport, demand and price increases.
- Dr. Rauch has spoken to various local pharmacies and will investigate alternate options of obtaining it for MFR agencies

Region 5 Updates

- Region 5 Preparedness is looking into purchasing Ambulance decontamination foggers to be stored in the ambulance areas for more rapid decontamination. Preparedness Funding would be use to purchase the machine itself and first month of disinfectant; hospital would be responsible for future disinfectant costs.
 - Discussion included: knowing future costs for hospitals, current decontamination process for MFR agencies, need for fogger based on ambulance down time, assistance in purchasing disinfectant
- Pre-Hospital Provider Passport
 - Has been adopted by Region 5
 - Would like to review current options, and come back with additional updates from other regions
- Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO) Stroke Scale Discussion
 - Dr. Rauch shared a presentation on large Vessel Occlusion. Hospitals are moving towards this, but are not replacing Cincinnati pre-hospital stroke scale. It is currently not being used in the region, but is more of a helpful guide.
 - No decision needed at the current time. Many locations in Regions 5 are just beginning to investigate it. Discussion will take place again at the next meeting.

Helicopter Standby

- Daryl Cummins stated a discussion at the last county chiefs meeting regarding a change that putting a helicopter on stand-by now means they are in the air. He was unable to find guidelines on this.
- Chet stated guidelines are provided in the in the General Considerations document on the CCMCA website (www.kellogg.edu/ccmca)
- Dr. Rauch has reached out to West Michigan AirCare and dispatch, and stated the decision was made for their operations, but does not impact how we operate – local agencies are not responsible for costs, and will still wait in the air for final dispatch. It is preferred for agencies to use 800s first and use a landing zone channel 2.

Action Items

Action Item 1: Dorothy Malcom will follow up with the board on updates for a new medical director.

Action Item 2: Karl Rock will reach out to find the actual downtime of using the fogging spray as well as the ongoing cost.

Action Item 3: Dr. Rauch will follow up on Pre-Hospital Provider Passport

Action Item 4: Dr. Rauch will provide clarification on Helicopter Traffic channels and provide the findings to the board.

Announcements

- Karl Rock stated that Starr Commonwealth currently has up to 250 pediatric individuals from the southern US border. Some have varying degree of illness. This could result in an increase of pediatric care in the area.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am