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Quality Assurance & Improvement Committee
Draft Minutes for April 21, 2021

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting was called to Order at 1:35 P.M.
2. Reading of the mission statement
 - a. Jason read the mission statement
3. Attendance
 - a. Maine EMS Staff
 - i. Jason Oko
 - ii. Melissa Adams
 - iii. Sam Hurley
 - b. Committee Members
 - i. Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Collamore, Rick Petrie, Chip Getchell, Ashley Moody
 - c. Guests
 - i. Jon Powers, Dan Masselli, John Bellino, Melinda, Cheri Volta, Robert Sharkey, Dwayne Lee Philbrook,
4. Public Comments
 - a. There were no public comments
5. Old Business:
 - a. Behavioral Health Newsletter
 - b. Open positions on the committee
 - i. Review of applications from interested parties
 1. This was not performed due to a lack of a quorum of members of the QI Committee
 2. We will take this up at the next meeting
 - c. Spring Newsletter
 - i. Topic
 1. Aspirin

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- a. Does the protocol have anything other allergy as a contraindication to administration such as stroke or history of bleeding?
- b. We would need to include EMD, perhaps there is a discrepancy of what was reported as taken to what actually was taken
- c. Jon offered that we would need to provide education on the Prior to Arrival documentation.
- d. Sam Asked what bang of our buck we get for an aspirin newsletter; will we affect a large number of people and expressed his concern with focusing on one particular topic, if we focus on a broader topic, with individual measures we can have a 5-7 page newsletter
- e. Could we look at cardiac emergencies or ACS as a broader topic
 - i. Chip was supportive of this topic
 - ii. Rick agrees, we would need four or five defined things we could look at, perhaps we could focus on EMT & AEMT care. Treatments for cardiac chest pain
- f. Dr. Collamore thinks o2 administration needs to be looked at as well
- g. Jon suggested hypoglycemia, since it is a compass measure
 - i. Sam suggested what other measures would we have, and we could get that from a PO medication newsletter
 - ii. A newsletter around chest pain could cover those



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2. Trauma as a topic, stick with the systems of care thought process
 - a. Sam put the trauma measures up for discussion.
 3. Dan asked if there was data that would see where the discrepancies are between EMS spinal protocols and hospital protocols
 4. The committee decided unofficially due to lack of quorum that Trauma would be the next topic
 5. Additional thoughts for the topic were discussed, to keep the newsletter digestible, the above elements are included
 - a. Dwayne - Ketamine for pain control is still tough to get an order for.
 - b. Sharkey splinting with finding of fracture
 - c. CSM
 - d. Mechanism of injury, how were people hurt, cause of injury
 - e. Can we pull data on the dangerous body areas
 - f. As dispatched compared to as found
 - g. On scene time for major trauma
 - h. Scene delay
 6. Where do we document keeping a patient warm?
 7. Should you assess a patient temp. on a trauma patient with extended transport, or repeat temps.
- ii. Measures
- a. Compass Trauma1, 3, & 4
 - b. Spinal management & assessment
 - c. TXA and calcium gluconate
 - d. Hypotensive and bleeding
 - i. Review the TXA protocol, see what calls apply to it, this will be the denominator, and the same, that received TXA will be the numerator



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- e. Widgets for the following
 - i. Use of tourniquets
 - ii. Quick clot
 - f. Keeping trauma patients warm, not sure how to pull it, but we should discuss it. Cheri Volta
- iii. Assignments
 - 1. Rick will take hemorrhage control,
 - 2. Ashley will do TXA & Calcium Gluconate use, and hemorrhage control,
 - 3. Dwayne willing to do hemostatic agents,
 - 4. Chip would do spinal assessment,
 - 5. Jon Powers will do the pain control assessment piece.
 - 6. Dr. Zimmerman will take the trauma center measure
 - 7. Dan asked if there has been though on adding CEH to these newsletters.
 - a. Jason added that the newsletters could probably be produced into a one-hour CEH course as well. We will need to develop this further
- 6. New Business
 - a. Next steps for the newsletters
 - 7. Agenda for next meeting
 - a. Meeting on May 19, 2021
 - 8. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Chip, second by Rick

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