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Minutes
December 17, 2014

Members Present – Dr. Sholl, Dr. Busko, Dr. Randolph, Dr. Zimmerman, Dr. Pieh, Dr. Beaulieu

IRB Public Rep - Jo Horn

Absent – Dr. Chagrasulis, Dr. Kendal

Guest – Nate Yerxa, Karen Pearson, Christopher Pare, Marc Minkler, Rick Petrie, John Kooistra, Joanne Lebrun, Heather Katie, Dennis Russell, Kevin Gurney, Shawn Evans, Dr. Pete Tilney

Staff – Alan, Don

Called to order at 9:30

1. November 2014 minutes –
 - a. Motion Dr. Pieh to approve as submitted Dr. Zimmerman seconded
Unanimous
2. IRB – re: Muskie School access to MEMSRR for Community Paramedicine review
 - a. Dr. Sholl gave a brief background of the work going on with the Muskie school
 - b. Karen Pearson was present by phone and gave a brief update and description of what the Muskie school needs to complete their work and why this IRB was necessary.
 - c. Dr. Pieh asked what groups were looking at nationally and how this compares with the work Maine is doing and if we would be able to look at the same information based upon the work that has been going on.
 - d. Motion to Approve Dr. Zimmerman seconded by Jo Horn Unanimous
3. State/Community Paramedicine Update –
 - a. Muskie school contract has been approved and an IRB was submitted for today's meeting
 - b. A number of legislative bills have been proposed some from our office that may be considered in the next legislative session.
4. Update re: Capitol Ambulance Pilot Project – Dr. Busko
 - a. Pilot project is set to begin with education being completed
5. New Devices – None

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6. Special Circumstances Protocols –Dr. Zimmerman has a few in progress but nothing to present at this time
7. PEGASUS Update – Dr. Sholl
 - i. Education package will be coming shortly
8. Medical Director Training – Dr. Kendall not present
 - a. Plan as of Dec = “all comments and edits compiled BEFORE the next meeting (Dec) and sent back to the reviewers”
 - b. Reviewers to consider
 - c. Develop questions
 - d. Develop slides
9. Discussion re: Yellow Section – Environmental – Dr. Beaulieu
 - a. Absorbed toxins protocol does not specify brushing dry powder off before flushing with water. This was discussed and deemed to be an educational piece that could be covered outside of the protocol text.
 - b. Tricyclic antidepressants
 - i. Bicarb for prolonged QRS greater than 120
 1. in the presence of a bundle branch block call OLMC
 - ii. Dr. Sholl will circle back to NNPCC for input
 - c. Narcan – there was a lot of discussion about the issues of education cost and how we interact when lay people are allowed to do this.

Dr. Sholl motioned to include Narcan at the EMT level Dr. Randolph seconded

Dr. Busko expressed great concern about the issues of additional hours.

4 in favor 2 opposed Motion Carries

 - i. Consensus was to use intranasal as the route it must be a prefilled syringe and atomizer
 - ii. Dosing will be .5 mg IN every 2-5 minutes with titration to effect alternating nostrils
 - iii. **Dr. Randolph motion Dr. Pieh second to hold narcan at EMT or higher unanimous**
 - d. Cyanide – Dr. Sholl gave a historical perspective on why our protocol exists the way it does and offered to the group to circle back to the NNPCC for review. Dr. Sholl will also discuss the use of bicarb based upon discussion brought up by Dr. Beaulieu
 - e. Alaska Guidelines have been updated for hypothermia
 - i. Pearls will be added to better distill resuscitation efforts in the presence of hypothermia
 - f. Heat Stroke – Dr. Beaulieu wanted to discuss the use of benzodiazepines when shivering begins
 - i. Dr. Sholl discussed the work done by the sports medicine crew at MMC and asked Denise Russell about the athletic training policies. It was generally considered that benzos were not needed and overcooling was a concern.
10. Discussion re: Brown, Purple, Grey, Black Sections – Dr Busko
 - i. **Recommendations were taken as submitted by Dr. Busko with the clarifications below. These included definition clarifications and additions as requested in other sections previously discussed.**

- ii. Dr. Sholl asked that we find clarity in the rules about EMT – CC or critical care technician
- iii. A lot of discussion was had about central lines consensus was to leave the legacy of IFT but for 911 this would require special circumstance.
- iv. Don will update the approved equipment list to clarify the EZIO is the powered drill.

- 11. Update/Discussion re: emerging infectious diseases – No new information was brought forth but the MDPB wanted to keep lines of communication open
- 12. Reminder - MDPB conflict with NAEMSP meeting and decision last month to hold on meeting...
 - i. No services have signed MOUs as of yet
 - ii. Hospitals have signed already
- 13. Old Business
 - i. Ops – nothing to report
 - ii. Education – nothing to report
 - iii. IFT – nothing to report
- 14. Adjourned 1243 Dr. Busko