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**MARQUETTE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
 MEDICAL CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Tuesday, March 4th, 2008
 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Marquette General Hospital
 Mt. Marquette Room

ATTENDANCE: See Attachment A, 2008 Attendance Record.

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A. Call to Order	Dave Guizzetti called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. A quorum was not present.	
B. Introductions	Those in attendance introduced themselves.	
C. Approval of Meeting Agenda – March 4th, 2008	Those in attendance approved the agenda.	Pete Ghiringhelli motioned to approve the minutes. Randy Makela seconded the motion. Motion carried.
D. Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 8th, 2008	Page 5, Item I (Announcements and Service Reports), fifth paragraph, second sentence should read “affiliated” instructor (have to be affiliated with the school) per Dennis Karuzas. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m. and not 5:45 p.m. as written in minutes per Lyn Nelson. The meeting minutes were approved.	Randy Makela motioned to approve the minutes. Pete Ghiringhelli seconded the motion. Motion carried.
E. Public Comment	Lyn Nelson reported that Alyson Sundberg has a presentation for the group and upon her attendance the group will recess for her presentation. Pete Ghiringhelli spoke to Dr. Tomacari prior to the meeting and is asking that we contact the State regarding a special study for persons without an EMS license, but CPR certification such as a firefighter, be able to staff as the second crew member on the ambulance.	Item will be on the next MCA meeting agenda.
F. Action Items		
1. Protocols	Lyn Nelson reported that Protocols are included in the packet. These were sent to the Protocol Committee and they recommended one (1) addition that on the Chest Pain ALS protocol that there be a notation on the bottom indicating to see the Electrotherapy Procedure. This would be the only addition. Dennis Karuzas reported that the Protocol Committee is working with the six (6) protocols that were included in the packet and were acted on at the last meeting and brought forward. A change was recommended and will be fixed as noted above. As that change is corrected, these six (6) protocols will move forward. At the April 1 st , 2008 meeting other outstanding protocols will be tackled.	Heather Boyer motioned to approve the protocols. Pete Ghiringhelli seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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	<p>Action can be taken on items that are posted on the agenda per the bylaws without a quorum per Lyn Nelson (This change was made years ago. You can't add new items to the Agenda).</p> <p>Pete Ghiringhelli had a question on SupraVent BLS LALS. Are we only supposed to know certain ones? Tom Flynn said we want to have a protocol that says if there is a heart rate over 150 what action to take place such as requesting an intercept and IVs for LALS.</p> <p>Alyson Sundberg reported on the Chest Pain protocol that has aspirin, should we include on there now that dispatchers are prompting use prior to EMS arrival and to ask the patient if this occurred so we do not double? Dr. Mlsna reported that it is better to get a double dose than no dose. If a patient comes in with chest pain and says they took aspirin, we aren't sure if it was Motrin or Tylenol. Dr. Mlsna said he would give aspirin even if patient says they already took it. The protocol should be left as is regarding this.</p>	
<i>a. Automated External Defibrillator Adult (2005 guidelines)</i>		
<i>b. Automated External Defibrillator Pediatric (NEW)</i>		
<i>c. Cardiac Problems – Asystole</i>		
<i>d. Cardiac Problems – Cardiac Arrest</i>		
<i>e. Cardiac Problems – Chest Pain BLS/LALS</i>		
<i>f. Cardiac Problems – Chest Pain ALS</i>		
<i>g. Cardiac Problems – Pulseless Electrical Activity ALS</i>		
<i>h. Cardiac Problems – SupraVentricular Tachycardia BLS LALS</i>		
<i>i. Cardiac Problems – SupraVentricular Tachycardia ALS</i>		
2. EMS Week	<p>Lyn Nelson reported EMS Week is being worked on. Heather Boyer had information on Donkey Basketball for Camp 911. Can this be held in conjunction with EMS week? Looking for volunteers to help. Dave Guizzetti asked who sets up the Golf tournament as a fundraiser. Alyson Sundberg said she did and that she will do it again if the group approves it. EMS week is May 18th-24th, 2008. Donkey Basketball game is Saturday, May 3rd, 2008. Volunteers were Pete Ghiringhelli and Rebecca Wilson for Donkey Basketball, and Gary and Sandy Vargo for the reception. Heather Boyer asked Gary Vargo if he wanted it to be combined with EMS week or keep it separate. Gary said it was up to the group. Dave Guizzetti recommended anyone interested in volunteering should email Lyn Nelson.</p>	
G. Old Business		
1. Protocol Reference Books	<p>Lyn Nelson reported that all of the agencies except County Rescue now have flipbooks, "Tips for 1st Responders." The Protocol Books will be produced once the protocols are approved at the State level.</p> <p>Dennis Karuzas asked for input on protocols. He said he needs input before April 1st, 2008. If there are questions please let him know. Dennis said this meeting is</p>	

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	not the place for protocol discussions. Tom Flynn said this meeting is the place to discuss protocols before they get approved. Lyn Nelson said if anyone wants to know which protocols are going to be reviewed please let her know and she will provide copies.	
2. ED Interaction Feedback	<p>Lyn Nelson spoke with Cheryl Moore in the Emergency Department and Cheryl wanted to make sure everyone knew that if they are bringing in a more critical patient and you think the patient needs to go to a cardiac or trauma room and no one is available to meet you at the door or give you a specific room assignment to take the patient to a room yourself that you feel they need to be. If any difficulties arise after doing such an action, please let Cheryl Moore and Lyn Nelson know. Dave Guizzetti asked what the plan is on letting someone know you are in the room with a patient. One provider must stay with the patient and the other could locate staff.</p> <p>Lyn Nelson asked if there is anything else to bring back to the ED at MGH or Bell Memorial?</p> <p>Dave Guizzetti reported that more than one of his crew has said what a good experience they have had at Bell Memorial and how pleasant the staff is there. Teresa Howell said it was a team effort and said thank you.</p> <p>Teresa Howell asked about agencies contacting the ED. Lyn stated transporting agencies need to call the ED with dispatch information. The only time it wouldn't make sense to call is when there is an auto-dispatched intercept because the information would be given twice. The MFR agencies aren't required to call in a non-transport because they aren't the ones picking up the patients and bringing them to the ED. Pete Ghiringhelli said that a lot of the time by the time they call Central and then call the ED they are almost to the scene. The Communication Plan specifically has Richmond Township as a listed exception from that process per Alyson Sundberg. Lyn Nelson said 800 MHz is being used the most right now for ED pre-arrival dispatch information.</p>	
3. MI-HAN Alert	Lyn Nelson asked if everyone received the MI-Han Alert. Everyone reported yes.	
H. Informational Items & Committee Reports		
1. EMS Medical Director's Report (Dr. Tomacari/Dr. MIsna)	Dr. MIsna asked when the Door-to-Balloon Committee meets next. Lyn Nelson hasn't heard of a scheduled meeting and she is on the Committee.	
2. EMS Medical Control Coordinator Report (Nelson)	<p>If anyone has questions, concerns, etc. please contact Lyn. Free continuing education training with a guest from NMU Sports Medicine is March at Sands Township.</p> <p>Lyn has attended trainings in Pediatrics, Geriatrics, Exterior and Pelvis training; Hospital Decon Teams; attending meetings for hospital preparedness grant. Currently updating database with rosters and expiration dates. (Copy of licenses, etc. to Lyn). Let her know if you want her to forward rosters to Central Dispatch. Put rosters in order of who is available the most. AED, Protocols, and PSRO Committees have also met. Attended IS300 and IS400, Trauma Teleconference and Delta County EMS conference. Numerous agency contacts. Working on Communications Planning; satellite phone, amateur radios, etc. [PowerPoint is on Medical Control website.]</p>	

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3. Committee Reports		
<i>a. Communications Committee (Gary Johnson, Chair)</i>	Gary Johnson was not in attendance.	
<i>i. Central Dispatch Policy Board Meeting Minutes</i>	Central Dispatch Policy Board Meeting minutes included in packet.	
<i>b. Protocols Committee (Dennis Karuzas, Chair)</i>	Dennis Karuzas covered above under Section F (Action Items), 1. Protocols, from their meeting held on February 19 th , 2008.	
<i>c. Professional Standards Review Org (Dr. Tomacari, Chair)</i>	Dr. Tomacari was not in attendance. February 21 st , 2008 meeting minutes included in packet.	
<i>d. Operations and Interagency Relations Committee (Dan Wolf, Chair)</i>	Did not meet.	
<i>e. Training Committee (John Mullen, Chair)</i>	Did not meet.	
<i>f. AED Committee (Joe Perry, Chair)</i>	February 19 th , 2008 meeting – minutes not available yet per Dennis Karuzas. Two protocols that were part of this Committee and were updated and forwarded.	
<i>g. Pharmacy Committee (Dan Wolf, Chair)</i>	Did not meet.	
<i>h. UP-EMS Report</i>	<p>Per Dennis Karuzas they are resolving issue with EMS and things should be getting back on track. Dennis came back from the State Professional Development and there are a number of issues on the horizon that need to be resolved. Part of Downstate opted out of State contract and they are down to three (3) regional coordinators that are covering lower peninsula and they had eight (8) before. The State said things are moving slowly and apologized for lack of communication in the interim as they were bombarded with all the work they didn't anticipate they were going to get.</p> <p>Dennis reported on a State pediatric study that took place. Part of it was in the UP and all dealt with paramedics. Ninety percent of paramedics representing 7 counties and 4 med control in the State involved in study failed one of the three simulation trainings (there were 70-80 objectives that were required of them). Some items that were incorrectly answered were: shocking asystole; tube inserted upside down; couldn't figure out what size OPA to put into a pediatric patient. Our education of what we do is poor because we do not deal with pediatrics often; spend too much time talking in trainings about what you would do with a pediatric patient instead of practicing and getting hands-on training. People were standing over patient mannequins in simulation training saying, "I would do this" instead of just doing it. Information will be available to the group once second part of study is completed in the fall of 2008.</p> <p>Teresa Howell recommended that when you are in your work area with down time pull out the equipment you don't usually work with and practice.</p>	
4. Statewide EMS Committee Reports	Dan Wolf was not in attendance to give report.	
5. Grant Updates	<p>Alyson Sundberg covered materials as they relate to the HPP Grant (Marquette MCA Disaster Resource Availability) and distributed PowerPoint presentation on paper as well.</p> <p>Lyn Nelson reported that the EMS Advisory Group is working on GPS units and Edge Cards to put in Dell computer and give internet access.</p> <p>Tom Flynn asked if this was going to be all or nothing as far as a choice in what you</p>	

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	<p>get to use (either GPS unit or Edge Card). These are two separate projects that are being looked at per Lyn Nelson.</p> <p>Ron DeMarse gave presentation on Marquette Township Fire and Rescue GPS Units. Marquette Township has been using GPS system that is relatively inexpensive if you already have a computer. If you are dispatched to a particular address and you want to see where you are and where you are going you can type in the address and tell it to sort by address/occupant/etc., click on the Globe icon and it shows you an overview map of the area you are going to. As you zoom closer, i.e., 1 mile, 2 miles, 5 miles, etc. it shows the area you are going to. They have entire Marquette County in their system. It shows your vehicle moving along the map. Pete Ghiringhelli asked who runs the computer. The passenger in the ambulance would run the computer. Pete says their passenger rides in the back prepping items for patient pick up. Lyn Nelson said if you were to be called outside of the area you are familiar with it is quicker to use this computer GPS system rather than a map book and would give you directions directly to the call. The brand of the system is First Look Pro. Lyn Nelson said the nice thing about this system is that you are not locked into Delorem, Garmin, or other proprietary mapping programs. With this program you can get the maps from the County Planning department. It is as accurate as the information that is updated by the County. Gary Vargo said that the County mapping is much better than it used to be. Nancy Currie had a concern in that Republic Township revamped all of their streets three (3) years ago and wants to know if the County has this updated information (they were County Roads and now they have real names). Ron tried to test this with Nancy's old address vs. new address. It did not come up because Marquette Township only loaded Marquette Township into their system. Lyn Nelson said Sands Township also revamped all their streets years ago and they had to notify everyone including Central Dispatch so they could re-program their CAD system both the old and new address. Pete Ghiringhelli asked if the program will find GPS coordinates out in the woods on a two-lane road. Ron Demarse stated that it will. He also said that when your rig is sitting in front of a building door you can capture new construction and items faster than the County because the GPS coordinates are always flashing when you're in the first patrol entry mode. Tom Flynn asked why Marquette Township only added Marquette Township and not all of Marquette County. Ron Demarse said they didn't think of it at the time. They only chose Marquette County roads but Marquette Township physical addresses. They didn't see the need at that time because they don't travel across multiple townships. Ron was told by the County that the database for Marquette County is relatively small and that it will fit on any notebook computer hard drive. Gary Vargo asked if there is a group that is collectively looking at this. Lyn Nelson reported that the EMS Advisory Group that meets on the Wednesday before the big EMS Department meeting will be looking at this issue. Alyson Sundberg said that GPS units are mainly for disaster purposes. Example: if Powell and Sands Township ambulances were requested to go to Luce County for a disaster they wouldn't know their way around that county. Tom Flynn asked if this is being recommended or if there are different options – is there just one item being purchased or do people have a choice of what they want to do. He said he can see an advantage to having a GPS on the dash instead of breaking out a computer. Lyn Nelson said this is just one item out there that is being used currently and she wants people to be exposed to it. She wants any feedback people have so it can be</p>	

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	brought back to the whole group. Alyson said that Lyn goes to the meetings for the grant and represents Marquette County and provides suggestions for whole UP Grant Board. Dave Guizzetti said that they would have to buy more laptops for each rig. Lyn Nelson said one has already been issued to each agency. Tom Flynn suggested that agencies should have an option.	
I. Announcements and Service Reports	None.	
J. Public Comment	None.	
K. Adjournment	The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 6 th , 2008, 6:00 p.m. at Bell Memorial Hospital, Conference Room B.	Dave Guizzetti motioned to adjourn the meeting. Randy Makela seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Gaines

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Secretary
Attachments