



Emergency Medical Services Council



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Ambulance Service Personnel Subcommittee
Thursday, November 02, 2017, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Edina Fire Station #1
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Draft Summary

Present	Absent
1. Amy Dettman, Ridgeview Ambulance Service 2. Steve Hagstrom, Allina Health EMS 3. Mike Hughes, Edina Fire Department (Chair) 4. Todd Joing, M.D., Fairview Southdale Hospital 5. Charles Lick, M.D., Allina Health EMS 6. Nicole Loomis, North Memorial Ambulance Service 7. Angela Pesta, Hennepin EMS	
Guests	Staff
	1. Matt Maxwell

Welcome and Introductions – Chair Mike Hughes called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. with a quorum present. After introductions the proposed November 2, 2017 agenda and meeting summary from August 3, 2017 were approved.

Do Not Resuscitate Guideline – Matthew Maxwell presented a revised do not resuscitate (DNR) guideline for Subcommittee review. The revision eliminated a lot of superfluous information that was immaterial to paramedics working in the field. The Subcommittee liked the pared down version, but felt it was still quite lengthy (at a page and a half) and could be further simplified into a) what to do when on scene with a patient with a valid DNR, and b) what to do when on scene with a patient without a valid DNR form. The Subcommittee also felt that, when immediate family on scene states there is a valid DNR but one cannot be produced, paramedics should honor the DNR and the DNR Guideline should include language on handling this situation.

The Subcommittee directed staff to draft a new DNR Guideline that focuses on a) what to do when on scene with a patient with a valid DNR, b) what to do when on scene with a patient without a valid DNR form, and as a subset of b) what to do when immediate family on scene states there is a

valid DNR but one cannot be produced. Staff will bring a proposal to the Subcommittee's next meeting.

Future of the ALS Medical Protocol Book – The Subcommittee briefly discussed that two of the five ambulance services produce their own protocol books, and of the three services that use the Hennepin County ALS medical protocol book each make their own changes to it so no service is using it in its published form. The Subcommittee acknowledged that hospital medical control physicians don't use the protocol book because – when a paramedic contacts a hospital for medical control – the physicians don't know which protocols are being used since different services use different protocol books. The Subcommittee recognized that paramedics and medical control physicians simply discuss what the paramedic has available and what treatment they would like to render.

The Subcommittee debated the merits of having a System protocol book, the value of protocol discussions and a protocol revision process, and whether time spent discussing protocols could be better spent working on more pertinent and impactful EMS System issues. The Subcommittee felt the System protocol book, and the process of revising it, are an outdated legacy thing that needs to change to fit Hennepin County's current EMS and healthcare landscape. The Subcommittee agreed this conversation just scratched the surface and warranted further discussion. Staff will add this to the next meeting agenda.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 12:00 p.m.

Future meetings, Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Edina Fire Department, Edina:

- February 1, 2018
- May 3, 2018
- August 2, 2018
- November 1, 2018