

CLINICAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Clinical Issues Committee Meeting
Date	June 16, 2014
Time	10 AM
Location	665 Mainstream Drive
Participants	Members present: Angie Bowen, Chip Cook, Kathy Hensley, Dr. Joe Holley, Randal Kirby, Pat O'Brien, Phil Sanderson, Melissa Smith, Charles Spratlin, Donna Tidwell, Brandon Ward, Keith Hodges, Rob Seesholtz and Rhonda Phillippi. Members absent: David Chambers, Elisabeth Henley, Michael Revelle, Anthony Roberts, Dennis Rowe, Robbie Tester and Randy White.

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Dr. Holley	Roll Call, Introduction and Approval of Minutes.	<p>Donna Tidwell asked Dr. Holley if she could do a quick introduction. Ms. Tidwell stated that Dr. Guilla Mondegui was Mellissa Smith's proxy. Ms. Tidwell then introduced the new Assistance Director Brandon Ward. Dr. Holley then asked if everyone could please introduce themselves. Dr. Holley asked the Committee to look over the minutes from the last time.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell asked to report on the ambulance equipment list. Ms. Tidwell stated that Mr. Hodges has stated that it is a possibility to have something back from the Attorney Generals (AG) Office by the next Board meeting. Ms. Tidwell explained what the process would be once the AG's office approves them. Rhonda Phillippi stated that Tennessee was the only state in the nation that did not have to do the online/offline medical equipment because we have it in the rules already. Dr. Holley went over the iTClamp and would like to revisit that and the D10</p>			

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		<p>under new business. Dr. Holley asked if they had any corrections to the minutes. Kathy Hensley made a motion to approve the minutes and Angie Bowen seconded. Motion carried with a voice vote.</p>			
<p>Ms. Tidwell</p>	<p>Update on Rule Changes.</p>	<p>Ms. Tidwell went over the two new rules. One (1) will go into effect July 9. This rule will allow EMT's and Paramedics to be able to give immunization during a disaster. There will be some restriction that will go along with this. The other rule that will go into effect Ambulance Service Rules. There are some questions and some concern and that will be looked into. One (1) concern is that after August 8 all newly hired personnel will have to be at least at the AEMT level. Ms. Tidwell explained why we went back to the EMT level to the Committee. Ms. Tidwell stated that they must open the Ambulance Rules back up to look at replacing the KKK mentioned in the rule. Ms. Tidwell stated that they will have standards and went over them with the Committee. Ms. Tidwell stated that they will more than likely steer away from specifics and go with standards. There will still be some things that will still put into the rules for safety reasons.</p>	<p>Brandon Ward to head up the Ambulance Committee again.</p>	<p>Brandon Ward</p>	

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Dr. Holley	Evidence Based Pain Protocol Project	<p>Dr. Holley stated that this is a project that he and Ms. Tidwell have been engaged with to see how to implement evidence based guidelines. They have chosen to generate a basic evidence based guidelines around pediatric pain management and have looked across the country to look for different models of EMS systems. Dr. Holley asked Ms. Tidwell to go over where they are with the project. Ms. Tidwell stated that they have got a grant toward rolling out evidence based. This requires a survey and a pretest and posttest. Ms. Tidwell let the Committee know how many EMT-IV have signed up for the AEMT course.</p>			
Dr. Holley	Cyanide Kits	<p>There was a concern about the cyanocobalamin, and not necessarily the cyanide antidote kits. There was an idea that it is currently an ALS medication and this medication might need to be considered to be a BLS medication. This way the firefighters and the EMR's will be able to use it. Dr. Holley stated that this was brought back to the Clinical Issues Committee to see if it should be changed. Pat O'Brien asked if there was any data to see if it should be changed and there is a concern for the cost. Dr. Holley stated that the question is can an EMR administrate this drug. Dr. Holley stated that maybe they should change the level of whom can administrate the drug to the AEMT level.</p>			

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		<p>It was stated that they need to keep the different levels different and would not recommend it to be moved to the AEMT level. There was a statement that there was two studies done one was done in France. They went over what came of the studies and the end results. They had a discussion on wither or not to open up this to be able to be done by AEMT. They went over the cost for these kits.</p> <p>Mr. O'Brien motioned to keep the cyanide kits at the Paramedic level. Randall Kirby seconded. Motion passed.</p>			
<p>Donna Tidwell</p>	<p>Review of Trauma Destination Rules</p>	<p>Ms. Tidwell stated that the Board asked them to start the rule making process and it starts with the Clinical Issues Committee. Ms. Tidwell stated that they want to not only look at trauma destination determination but medical destination determination as well. What the Committee has in front of them is just a draft. Ms. Tidwell stated that Mr. Hodges will explain how to go forward in developing the destination determination. Mr. Hodges came before the Committee and stated that the main problem is that it adopts the triage guidelines and then goes on and qualifies something's that is not needed and may contradicted it. Mr. Hodges stated that he wants the Committee to go back and look at them and see what should be left in and what should be taken out. Ms. Tidwell stated</p>	<p>To work with Keith Hodges to look at the destination determination. Angie Bowen, Phil Sanders, Kathy Hensley, Dr. Holley, Dr. Chambers,</p>		

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		<p>that what they have is just some recommendation. Ms. Tidwell stated that they need a small group to work with Mr. Hodges to look them over and get them up-to-date. Ms. Tidwell asked for some people to work on the Sub-Committee.</p>			
Dr. Holley	Old Business	<p>Dr. Holley asked if there was any old business. Ms. Tidwell stated that everything was addressed already.</p>			
Dr. Holley	New Business	<p>Dr. Holley stated that he had about three items to discuss. Ms. Tidwell was asked to give an update on Hospital Resource Tracking System (HRTS). Ms. Tidwell stated that HRTS has no resource for EMS, but that is about to change to include EMS. This will include how many ambulances they have, how many reserve ambulances and full time staff committed to that service and the ones that are part time to that service. The service will get an email just like the hospital to let them know that they need to update. The next step is to put the long term care into HRTS. Ms. Tidwell stated that EMITs 3.0 will be up and running by the end of the year. There was a comment that there is only about 40% of the hospitals are complying with this and getting it to the institution. Ms. Tidwell stated that the rule states that they have to have the run report within 24 hours to the institution. Dr. Holley stated that the hospital can go in and get the PCR out of the system. It was</p>	<p>The Crisis Standard of Care Sub-Committee: Kathy Hensley, Joe Holley, Kevin</p>		

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		<p>stated that they not only need to go back to the service directors to reinforce that the run sheets need to be done, but the hospitals needs to be reinforced. Robert Seesholtz stated he did a survey on the EMS run sheets and gave the Committee his results. Ms. Tidwell stated that they will start to work with this and get it on the Audit for next year. Dr. Holley stated that the HRTS is very valuable and can be very valuable between the hospitals and could replace many of the systems out there now. Dr. Holley asked what will be the process for this Committee to have some interaction on how this system is working. Ms. Tidwell stated she can have Jeff to come in and do a demonstration. Dr. Holley asked Ms. Tidwell to go over the electronic cigarettes. Ms. Tidwell explained what the concern is from the Service Director and would like to know what the Board says.</p> <p>Mr. Sanderson made a motion to make electronic cigarette like any other tobacco product. Ms. Bowen seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>Dr. Holley went over the iTClamp that is on the market now. Dr. Holley stated that when that product was introduced, he brought it to the Board and was approved for the use by Paramedics. Dr. Holley wanted to revisit this product and bring it back to the Board to let the Basic level</p>			

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		<p>and not just the Advanced level. Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Sanderson will support it being used at the EMT level. Mr. Sanderson stated he would like to see it being used by the EMR. Mr. Sanderson motioned to allow the clamp to be used with all levels, EMR, AEMT and Paramedic. Mr. O'Brien seconded. Motion passed.</p> <p>There was a question on the packing of open wounds and what the recommendation is for packing. Dr. Holley asked if there needs to be a recommendation to the Board about it. Ms. Tidwell stated that they need to read the Education standards to see what they say. It was suggested to table this item and look more into.</p> <p>Ms. Tidwell went over the TNCAT 2014 and let the Committee know what the EMS part was.</p> <p>Dr. Holley went over the State Guidelines. There was one big change about the spinal protection and spinal embolization. They had a discussion on embolization or not.</p> <p>Dr. Holley briefly went over the Mobile Integrated Health Care. Dr. Holley stated that the state is working hard with the other health care providers to assure everything goes smoothly. Ms. Tidwell stated that they have heard loud and clear from the other healthcare providers say if there was not any standards then they will</p>			

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		<p>not support it. There was a question if there was a time line to have this going. Ms. Tidwell stated that they want to have a recommendation by the end of the year. Dr. Holley went over the Crisis Standard of Care group. Dr. Holley stated that they are coming back together to work on some issues. Dr. Holley stated that they needed a sub-committee. Ms. Tidwell asked if anyone would like to be on this committee.</p> <p>Dr. Holley went over the request for the State Medical Board to come up with some standards for the EMS Medical Director. The EMS Board has no authority over the Medical Director and we cannot do anything if they are not doing right. They are going to have some sort of standards and requirements from the EMS Medical Director.</p>			
		Meeting was adjourned.			