



City of Great Falls
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

SEPT. 22, 2009

1400 TO 1600

1900 9TH STREET SOUTH, TRAINING
 CENTER

MEETING CALLED BY	EMS Administrator Fire Chief Randall McCamley
TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly EMS Advisory Board
FACILITATOR	Chief McCamley
NOTE TAKER	Dirk Johnson
TIMEKEEPER	Steve Hester
ATTENDEES	Randall McCamley GFFR, Dr. Stowers BE ER , Dave Kuhn GFES, Justin Grohs GFES, Will Fleming GFES, Ron Scott GFFR, Steve Hester GFFR, Karl Upton GFPD Dispatch, Dirk Johnson GFFR, Scott Schandelson, BE Flight, Chris Ludlum BE ER.

Agenda topics

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION
 ITEMS

QA/QI

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	This was discussed last meeting but nothing has been done to date. Several members from GEMS, GFFR and the Medical Directors are close to establishing a committee. They are expected to provide their first report by next board meeting	
CONCLUSIONS	The QA/QI committee is pending until a meeting date is set.	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Set up QA/QI committee and set a date for meeting	Dr. Simpson	Nov. 17 th , 2009

OLD BUISNESS/ACTION
 ITEM

LETTER TO CLINICS AND DOCTOR OFFICES

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	A draft letter was written but never distributed. Board members would like the letter forwarded for review by all board members changes and edits would be provided. Once all have had a chance for review it will be forwarded to the clinics.
	One recommendation would be to provide copies of this letter to clinics who have not followed the request to that in the future they would get it right.

CONCLUSIONS	Once letter is accepted it will be sent out on an as needed basis	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Send draft letter to board members	Johnson	ASAP
Board to accept letter	All members	17Nov09

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION
ITEMS

MONTHLY EMS MEETINGS

DR. STOWERS

DISCUSSION	<p>All board members stated that regular training have been conducted. Groh's stated he will ensure that information gets to the Fire Dept.</p> <p>Also discussed was a primary meeting location. It was decided by the board that GFFR will provide their training center (1900 9th Street South) as the primary meeting location.</p> <p>Monthly meeting for EMS personnel with a guest speaker, general discussion and run reviews.</p>
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CONCLUSIONS	<p>Meeting will organized by Dr. Stowers and take place at the GFFR Training Center on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm</p> <p>The board concluded that the was value in providing training. The regularly scheduled meeting will provide opportunity to discuss changes in protocol and lessons learned at incidents.</p>
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ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Schedule meetings at the training center	Johnson	Before next training meeting
Set up training programs	Dr Simpson/Dr Stowers	On-going

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION
ITEMS

PROTOCOL ON NON TRANSPORT

BOARD MEMBERS

DISCUSSION	<p>Medical Director Dr. Stowers noted that he had attended a National Conference where the issue of transport or not transporting non-emergent patients came up. It was the consensus of this group that there needs to be a solution, but at this time none exists. The Board determined that the work of not transporting a patient who wanted to be transported would not save time or resources. Additionally, the liability would be too great to risk not transporting a pt.</p>
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It was also discussed that there may be some alternatives to taking non emergent patients to the ER but to some other facility that could better support the needs of these customers.

CONCLUSIONS	<p>This issue is tabled for now. However, if best practices or laws change this issue would resurrected and changes may be made to prevent transporting patients to</p>
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	the ER who are not in need of emergency care.	
Mr. Schandelson will look into some best practices and possible alternative solutions to this problem.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Research how often ER encounters non medical intoxicated persons	Scott Schandelson	17Nov09

OLD BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS ACCEPT MINUTES AND BYLAWS BOARD

DISCUSSION	Last months MINUTES and BYLAWS unanimously approved by the EMS Advisory Board	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

NEW BUSINESS EMD (EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH) BOARD

DISCUSSION	<p>The board wishes to investigate emergency medical dispatch. The board believes that this process could be phased in based on economic and training limitations. Also, this issue has been a point of discussion over the years and for the most part the police department, who is responsible for dispatch, has contended that EMD was not possible due to staffing. A dispatcher tied up asking questions and providing prearrival instructions would create critical staff shortages.</p> <p>In light of the problems brought to light in the past, the board still wishes to pursue EMD</p> <p>A ad-hoc sub-committee has been formed to analyze the current system, and to develop possible solutions and recommendations. The EMD Members are: Dirk Johnson, Scott Schandelson, Justin Grohs, Ron Scott and Pam Johnstone</p>	
CONCLUSIONS	Scott Schandelson shall provide information on phasing in the project	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Set up meeting date with committee members	Scott Schandelson	Prior to Nov Meeting

none		

OBSERVERS	Chris Ludlum new Benefis ER Director
RESOURCE PERSONS	
SPECIAL NOTES	Public comment: none NEXT MEETING NOV. 17TH 1400HRS AT THE FIRE TRAINING CENTER 1900 9th STREET SOUTH