

# NEMMCA Advisory Committee Meeting

Date: 3/21/2023

## Members Present:

Nicholas Harrison  
Dr. Bracken  
Scott Rice  
Toni Rhoads  
Tammy Forbush  
Kellie Lis  
Jodi  
Jim Flurrie  
Chelsey Knowlton  
Todd Hunt  
Bill Forbush  
Amber  
Tairah Jasman - Minutes

## Topics Discussed

### Education

- EMT program – Started with 16 and currently have 15 students
  - Hopefully will help with staffing
- Paramedic Program tentative August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Process of getting approval for the program
  - State grant obtained
  - 8 slots available for the class
    - ALS agencies withing NEMMCA (6) will get 1 slot paid for by the state grant
    - 2 slots are open to additional students but would be complete OOP costs
  - Possibility for \$500 security deposit (out-of-pocket) for all students that would be given back at the end of the class upon completion
  - There will be interviews and pretesting and practical assessments prior to approval for taking the class

### Protocols

- State QA taskforce will be reviewing possibly on the March 24<sup>th</sup>

### BLS vehicles

- BLS drug kits will be recalled and be replaced with soft packs
  - Will contain Epi pens and Narcan

### Section 2

- BLS

- Albuterol added
- ALS
  - New protocol for soft tissue injuries/fractures (antibiotics in field)
  - Tetracane will remain
  - TXA added

### Section 3

- MFRs
  - EPI pens with internal annual training
- EMTs
  - glucagon – not moving forward (cost and conc)
  - More albuterol protocols
- AEMTs
  - Atrovent Added

### Section 4

- Magnesium phosphate – severe eclampsia
  - Now decision pre-radio (per March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting)

### Section 5

- 1 additional Lidocaine added for dysrhythmia
- Verapamil will be back
- Cardizem could be added but won't be due to medication needing refrigeration
- Aspirin (EMT-B) 324mg added to BLS soft packs
- Nitro – Won't be added to BLS soft packs, due to risk of having R sided MI
- Glucose Checks – Remaining the same for MFR agencies
- Pleural decompression – approved devices
  - Research needed for Pediatric devices
- High flow NC – Approved for Paramedics with MCA approved training
- Mechanical chest compression devices – Need make and models/brand for all in the med control area

### EMT-B

- ETCO2/CO2 detector will be able to utilize for Supraglottic airways

### ALS→BLS

- Paramedics to transfer care to BLS units approved (assuming criteria has been met) but will assess for abuse of protocol
- Protocol Approved for NEMMCA

### Personal Meter Dose Inhaler

- Ability to assist others with patient's own Metered Dose Inhaler
- Inhalers were removed from ALS A-packs and drug boxes
- Approved for NEMMCA

### Narcan Leave Behind

- Not Approved for NEMMCA

### Cash and Carry

- No current agencies participating

### MI Posts

- Currently some Hospice agencies are currently using
- If you find one in the field, we do have a protocol adopted in current NEMMCA protocols
- State working of slides for education

### Additional Comments

- Chelsey Knowlton – Some meds were changed to vials at the pharmacy end
  - Lidocaine – total of 3
  - Ancept – will be vials that need to be mixed

Will wait to schedule next NEMMCA meeting

MCA board meeting Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>