

Northeast Michigan Medical Control Authority
MCA Advisory Committee Meeting
June 12, 2023

Attendees: Nick Harrison, Paul Fournier, Tanya Rouse, Tyler Suszek, Matt Treinen, Kimberly Elkie, Scott Rice, Tammy Forbush, Andy Marceau, Dr. Bracken, Bill Forbush, Chelsey Knowlton, Chuck Herbst, Kellie Lis,

Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was held via Microsoft Teams and was called to order by Nick Harrison at 1100.

Discussion Topics

- Nick Harrison stated that the Paramedic program will be starting August 9th. There are 19 candidates; 12 slots are grant funded and there will be a few not grant funded. The goal is to keep the class smaller so that the students don't lose the 1:1 attention. Nick stated that each agency is getting 1 funded slot. The other 6 will go to those who interview and test well. Nick is scheduling interviews.

- PCI- Nick Harrison stated that after some delays the MyMichigan STEMI cath lab is scheduled to go live October, 2023. There will be training sessions in September. Now, STEMI's will go to the ER with pseudo-activation of the cath lab at STEMI recognition. Later EMS will bring the patient to the cath lab when STEMI is recognized. In addition, EMS will start performing blood draws in the field for STEMI and there is some discussion for Stroke. Nick stated that there will be multiple training sessions similar to how the protocol education will be handled.

- MI-POST (Advanced Directives for pre-hospital care) - Nick Harrison stated that we do have a (7-25) protocol for MI-POST. There is a Hospice agency in the 5 county area that utilizes MIPOST. The State has training slides out. Nick will touch on this in the protocol updates.

- Protocol updates:
 - July 15th is the tentative go live for the new protocols. By July 15th all sessions of the protocol updates will have been completed. There is 1 operations credit per class. Attendance is highly encouraged. Dates, times, and locations are below.
 - Alpena 1 (23-ICE-07257) Date: 6/20/2023 Time: 1100, Location: Alpena Fire Department, 501 W Chisholm Street, Upstairs training room.
 - Alpena 2 (23-ICE-07258) Date: 6/21/2023 Time: 0830, Location: MyMichigan Medical Center Alpena, Cafeteria Conference Room. This class also has a virtual option via Microsoft Teams. Meeting ID: 294 011 529 124 Passcode: 85uC4m (Case sensitive).
 - Alpena 3 (23-ICE-07259) Date: 6/22/2023 Time: 1100, Location: Alpena Fire Department, 501 W Chisholm Street, Upstairs training room.
 - Rogers City (23-ICE-07260) Date: 6/27/2023 Time: 0900, Location: Rogers City Ambulance, 500 Park Drive, Rogers City.
 - Hillman (23-ICE-07261) Date: 6/28/2023 Time: 1800, Location: Hillman Fire/EMS, 131 W Third Street, Hillman.

- Atlanta (23-ICE-07262) Date: 6/29/2023 Time: 0900, Location: Tri Township Ambulance, 11413 Parland Street, Atlanta.
- Harrisville (23-ICE-07263) Date: 6/30/2023 Time: 1100, Location: Alcona County EMS Station 1, 2600 E M-72, Harrisville.
- Nick Harrison stated that a new birthing center recently opened in Rogers City. It is highly encouraged that paramedics attend maternal newborn training. A course will be offered free of charge to NEMMCA members that will cover topics such as should dystocia, limb presentation, and maternal hemorrhaging.
- NIMS 100 & 700 are required for any EMT-B and above in the MCA. These courses can be completed online and are free.
- 1 year from the implementation date of the new protocols it will be required that all paramedics and above in the NEMMCA have PHTLS. Nick explained that we have some instructors in the area and that we have access to instructors from Midland. The protocol states paramedic and above but will also state for any of 6 ALS transporting agencies.
- Emergency vehicle driving- The new State protocol states that the MCA has to approve an annual drivers training course that all agencies must attend. Nick stated that there are multiple courses that can be taken to meet the requirement. The emergency vehicle driving course must have a behind the wheel practical portion. Each individual who drives a licensed emergency vehicle has to have taken the course and complete an annual training through their agency. Each agency will have to submit proof that all members have taken the course. Bill Forbush cautioned that some courses do not include the driving portion. The agency Chief has to sign off to get the certificate but there are some that don't require the driving component. Nick reiterated the protocol states that there has to be a driving component.
- There are no more lights and sirens with priority 2 patients, only priority 1. Andy Marceau questioned about intercepts. After discussion it was determined that ALS vehicles may respond to the intercept with lights and sirens but then, depending on the priority of the patient, would discontinue lights/sirens en route to the hospital.
- Changes in the drug box
 - The drug boxes will not be required to be brought in all on the same day for change outs. There will be a rolling soft introduction. If you start to see the new drugs in the box, remember that you cannot use them until the go-live date for the new protocols.
 - Nick stated that TXA was added for uncontrolled hemorrhage. Lidocaine, Racemic Epi for croup, and antibiotics for open fractures will all be added. This list is not all inclusive as there are more being added.
 - BLS ambulances- The epi-pen and Narcan kits will be brought back to the pharmacy and exchanged for a green BLS soft pack. The green BLS soft packs will contain aspirin, albuterol, Zofran ODT, epi-pens, and Narcan. Because of the expense of the epi-pens, the BLS packs are not being made up ahead of time.

Open discussion

- Paul Fournier requested clarification on the driver's training requirement with BLS transport. Nick stated that each individual must go through an approved drivers training course and then attend an annual training with their agency that can be completed in a monthly training session.

Both the initial course and the subsequent training courses must have a practical training component.

- Tammy Forbush stated that there is a caveat for a clinical non-driver designation for those who haven't taken a course yet. Nick was aware of this and reminds everyone to keep their Image Trend rosters up to date with new employees and former employees.
- Matt Treinen requested clarification for non-transporting agencies driver's requirements. Nick stated that it doesn't apply to fire trucks but anyone driving a life support vehicle must have the course.
- Kellie Lis requested clarification on refusals for trauma patients. Nick and Tanya both agreed that EMS providers should follow the EMS protocol for refusals. If there is a nurse in the ED that has a question or doesn't understand the protocol, let Nick or Tanya know and we can provide some education.
- Tyler Suszek stated that (in regard to the lights/siren protocol) that an intercept response should be priority because it is a response to a call rather than a transport. The BLS agency doesn't have the resources that the ALS unit does, and once the intercept takes place, the paramedic can choose the priority.
- Tanya Rouse stated that the ED physicians will not be used to EMS giving antibiotics prehospital for open fractures and requests that when they are given, EMS communicate this to the provider so the patient does not receive a double dose. Nick Harrison stated that the State protocol released only allowed 1 gram of antibiotic when the standard dose is 2 grams. Nick discussed this with the State and they are considering changing to 2 grams statewide. If the State does not make the change to 2 grams, the NEMMCA will not be adopting the antibiotic option and will write its own protocol to submit for approval as we do not want to give a half dose of a medication.

Adjournment