

SCRTAC Executive Council Meeting

May 27, 2008

Minutes

1) Members present:

Lynne Sears	UWHC	Karri Ratzlaff	Mercy Janesville
Dan Williams	SCRTAC EMS	Jennifer Lorenz	Beloit Memorial
Chris Hammes	SCRTAC EMS	Terri Kelm	Columbus Hospital
Joe Ketarkus	Meriter Hospital	Kevin Kaminski	Fort Memorial
Jamie Hendrix	Beaver Dam Hospital	Brian Cushman	Upland Hills – Dodgeville
Faye Collins	Beaver Dam Hospital	Linda Tyler-Doudna	Richland Hospital
Tim Bjelland	Mile Bluff – Mauston	Janet Volk	Reedsburg Area Medical Cntr
Debbie Bongard	Belleville EMS	Cella Janisch	Grant Regional – Lancaster
Katie Doebert	UWHC / FDMH EMS	Shari Ruesga	Lafayette County Hospital
Mary Crowley	Mile Bluff - Mauston		

2) Report on Trauma Coordinator's Meeting:

- a) SCRTAC Grants: The committee discussed several different ideas for grant money allocation:
 - i) MADD/SADD (Mothers/Students Against Drunk Driving)
 - (1) Teenage drunk driving continues to be a major contributor to major trauma in our region. These two organizations work at the high-school level to educate teens on the seriousness and potential devastation of drinking and driving.
 - ii) Drunken Driving Simulator: The state DOT may have a computerized drunk driving simulator that can be rented for educational purposes.
 - iii) Every 15 Minutes: This is an educational program aimed at teenagers that incorporates alcohol and drunken driving education in a canned program.
 - iv) Safe-Kids: This organization works throughout our region and state at injury prevention. We as an RTAC could work with the Safe Kids program to promote injury prevention. They have access to discounted bike helmets, latch systems for car seats, car seats, and more.
 - v) Trauma Education for Nurses: This educational program would be aimed at the floor RNs (med/surge) who may benefit from better trauma pathophysiology education, including what signs/symptoms to be on the look-out for with traumatically injured patients. If this option is selected, two conclusions about the opportunity were determined:
 - (1) The class must be announced well in advance (several months) to allow for maximum attendance, and
 - (2) The course should be offered at a centralized location, not traveling throughout the region.

- 3) UWHC / Med-Flight's Emergency Care Conference
 - a) June 16-18 at the Kalahari Resort in the Wisconsin Dells
 - b) There are tracks for both Hospital and Pre-Hospital providers
 - c) Lynne Sears will be presenting an 'RTAC Update' at the conference.
 - d) SCRTAC EMS will be presenting a START/JumpSTART Triage course that includes multiple triaging exercises. The SCRTAC EMS (EMS Coordinator Williams and the SCRTAC Trauma System Specialists (Carbon, Hammes, Hurtienne) will be assisting Lynne Sears with this session).
 - i) The membership unanimously voted to approve spending PEPP Initiative bonus funds (from the WHEPP) to offset expenses, including equipment, expenses, and rooms.

- 4) Pre-Hospital Updates (Williams):
 - a) SCRTAC Updates Newsletter: No newsletter last month due to the Med-Flight crash and resulting events. EMS Coordinator Williams was very active in funeral preparations and programs, as well as assisting families and family friends as needed. The SCRTAC Updates Newsletter will resume in June.
 - b) Med-Flight Update: Med-Flight has resumed both patient transport and scene response flights. Currently, they are operating one helicopter from 9AM to 9PM. Additional hours and aircraft will likely be added in the future. During the nighttime and early morning hours, RTAC members should continue to consider other alternatives for air transport, including (but not limited to) Life Link (Lacrosse); Theta Clark (Neenah/Menasha); Flight for Life (Waukesha*, McHenry, IL, Fon du Lac*); REACT (Rockford, IL), Superior (Chicago Area); Eagle III (Green Bay), and/or Spirit (Marshfield).
 - i) * denotes new aircraft, or new staging location for aircraft.
 - c) On behalf of the families of Mark Coyne, Darren Bean, and Steve Lipperer, many thanks go to all of you that have shown support over the past month.
 - d) SCRTAC Trauma Education Program (TEP): The SCRTAC EMS employees (Williams, Carbon, Hammes, and Hurtienne) have completed the development of our region's traveling road-show format educational program. They have delivered the program twice so far, and have received very positive feedback. Participants in the program are tasked with successfully managing a multi-victim incident (MVI). Discussion points include triage and transport decisions, treatment, time management, and a regional 'team approach.'
 - i) Williams advised the council of some of the more 'interesting' discussion topics, and clarified that the program represents the council's positions on these issues.
 - ii) THE SCRTAC EMS IS LOOKING FOR HOST ORGANIZATIONS/FACILITIES FOR THE 2008 TRAUMA EDUCATION PROGRAM. PLEASE CONTACT DAN WILLIAMS FOR MORE INFORMATION. (dan@scrtac.org)
 - e) Dispatching the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI): The SCRTAC hosted the state's 1st dispatch training session on April 22nd, in Madison. Dispatchers from throughout our RTAC participated in the session. Paul Wittkamp, State DHFS Communications Specialist and Dan Williams of the SCRTAC EMS presented. Using info gained from the WEEP table top exercises, dispatchers were informed of new methods to deal with various issues, including MABAS (mutual Aid Box Alarm System), CERTs (Communication Emergency Response Teams), and more.
 - i) Dispatch continues to be a major area of trauma care that is overlooked. It is usually the 1st link in emergency response, and is vitally important in the overall efficiency and efficacy of managing the MVI and the MCI. All members present agreed that more

time, resources, equipment, and staffing is needed to help improve our region's overall dispatch capability when dealing with MVIs and MCIs.

- ii) If you can identify any items/training that would improve dispatch's capability of optimally dispatching the MCI, contact Dan Williams (dan@scrtac.org) and he will add this as an option to the SCRTAC grants.

5) Adjournment (Next meeting will be July 22nd, 5 PM, at Meriter Hospital's Bolz Auditorium)