

## **Affiliate Meeting Minutes July 28, 2010**

There were 15 people in attendance with 8 agencies represented.

Thank you to Al Oliver from ProPac for hosting the meeting. Al provided dinner from Avanti's and set up a display of equipment. The Red Cross is their #1 customer. If you are interested in the meals or water for your rig, Al has information about a federal grant to help fund them. Al had many products on display and left several for us to give away to the members present. Just about everyone there went home with a prize from the evening.

### **Old Business:**

- Reminder about the McLean County Disaster exercise scheduled for September 25, 2010 at the Central Illinois Regional Airport. There is a need for EMS providers to assist with the exercise (don't need your EMS vehicle to participate) which will provide CEU as well as excellent opportunity to practice ICS and Mass Casualty Care principles. Contact the EMS office if you are interested in participating as an EMS provider. Also, if you know of individuals that would be interested in serving as victims during the exercise, have them contact Bob Clark at McLean County EMA.
- Reminder that if there are any issues with Code Red electronic patient care report system, please call the 24/7 support phone number (800-683-9454) at the time of issue discovery.

### **New Business:**

- We are diligently working on the policy/procedure/protocol manuals. There are a few new protocols in the works now. The policy manual will need to be submitted to IDPH for review so this will be some time before completed. It is the goal to distribute a new copy of the updated protocol manual to each agency in the near future.

### **QA/QI:**

- Becky is working with Code Red and IDPH's data program vendor for the validation process so that all records can be transmitted to the state. This process is a lengthy one and any identified technical issues must be corrected before all records in the database can be submitted.
- At this time there are no outstanding issues with Code Red
- There have been five (5) IOR reports dealing with elder abuse in the past month. Becky sent out the hotline numbers in an email this week to remind all EMS providers.

### **Committee Reports:**

Communications – the State of Illinois has developed a narrowband plan that Greg will send out to all EMS agencies.

Strategic Plan – Please take a look at this plan and the accompanying implementation guide so that your agencies can work on elements that may make a positive difference. Focus on injury/illness prevention programs in your communities.

Education - classes are listed on the website. Please have anyone that is interested in the EMT-Intermediate class fill out a registration form before the deadline.

Hospital relations - Jan Berlin was not present but some issues will be passed on to her

- Dirty linen cart is often full and nowhere to take dirty linen
- Mop and spray disinfectant are missing
- Often have trouble replacing pillows
- Carlock is missing some equipment

Submit an IOR to the EMS office if the hospitals are not ready for critical patients.

Reminder that our policy states patient should be transported to the hospital of their preference or the closest hospital.

Equipment - not looking at any new equipment at this time

Hospital Preparedness - the Coordinators are working on an alternative treatment facility policy for when Medical control says the system is overwhelmed during Mass Casualty Incidents.

### **Advocates for EMS Update**

Webinars are scheduled for

- Safe transportation of children in ground ambulances document was released by NHTSA - August 5 (this information was sent through the MCAEMS System list-serve)
- Medicare ambulance fee schedule proposed rules – public comment through August 24 (this information was sent through the MCAEMS System list-serve)

IDPH Advisory committee was cancelled. Greg will have updates at our next meeting.

### **Agency Updates**

Bloomington Township has placed a second B/D ambulance in service

There are several departments that are receiving new vehicles and Greg will report on that at the next meeting once they are all final.