

Wake County EMS System
Peer Review Meeting Minutes
5/13/2021

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Russell Stanley
Ciera Sullivan
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Jackie Thompson
George Walton
Aaron Wenzel
Vicki Whitley
Jeff Williams
Joseph Zalkin

Meeting called to order by Dr. Jose Cabanas at 1831.

Welcome, Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2020

Motion to approve minutes made by Jamie Jollis
Second by Don Garner
Unanimously approved

Announcements

- Introduction of Brian Brooks, Assistant Chief of Community Outreach – Welcome!
- EMS Week, May 16-22 – We will not be able to host traditional code save ceremony.

Operations Report – Presented by Seth Komansky

- COVID/Volume Update
- EMS System Realignment Update

Clinical Report – Presented by Jeff Williams

- There is an upcoming Stroke Subcommittee Meeting to look at the data that needs to be collected, and if there is anything that needs to change, while they are all together, they can discuss. Stroke Kits need to be discussed. More to come on that.
- Mobile Crisis Update
- CARES Update – Cardiac Arrest Survival Rates for 2020 Presented by Jose Cabanas – 118 Cardiac Arrest Survivors!!!
 - o Dr. Jamie Jollis – You mentioned the Lucas Device made a difference? And what was bystander AED?

- Dr. Jose Cabanas says we deployed the Lucas device in February of 2020 – Training staff spent a year training with the targeted function to be patient movement. We don't believe there was a significant disruption in adding the Lucas, but we will be taking a deeper dive with the data.
 - Dr. Jeff Williams – Bystander AED was 5% and if you exclude clinical offices, it goes down to 2%.
- Dr. Jamie Jollis talks about how so many people don't know what CARES data is and how many people are having a hard time hiring.
 - Dr. Jose Cabanas talks about how 911 centers are incorporating a CARES module into dispatch centers.
 - Dr. Jeff Williams talks about how the DACPR module is going pretty well.
 - Melissa Teen from Raleigh-Wake says it matches nice with proQA and it is a lot more streamlined.
- Dr. Jose Cabanas says thank you to all of you for strong work.
- ET3 Update – Presented by Jose Cabanas
 - Reminder Wake County is participating in ET3. We applied for it in 2018 with a large delay over the pandemic. ET3 will allow for EMS to be reimbursed for connecting patients to telehealth, home health, etc.
 - Dr. Jamie Jollis wants to know what they are measuring.
 - Dr. Jose Cabanas says CMS is reimbursing EMS for patients that are navigated to telehealth/urgent care. Internal calculations show they will save money on the back side. Quality metrics about second ER transports, descriptive metrics via EHR vendor will be collected. The goal is to have other payers involved.

Professional Development Report – Presented by Don Garner

Research Report – Presented by Jeff Williams

- VAN Paper from UNC has been shared.
- NAEMSP Presentation on Sepsis – NAEMSP was virtual and in January 2021. Wake EMS presented a poster on Sepsis care using Wake Med hospital data for sepsis patients that arrived by EMS. We found there to be a lot of value in EMS identifying and beginning initial treatment for sepsis.
- Lifeflow Grant – Lifeflow is a hand pump invented by Dr. Mark Peale for IV fluids and target fluid volumes for sepsis patients.
 - Dr. Jamie Jollis talks about a specific patient encounter while using the Lifeflow.
- Stroke Manuscript

Any other business?

- Dr. Jamie Jollis wants to know if any hospitals are feeding the paramedics.

Next Meetings: August 19, 2021 and November 18, 2021

Motion to adjourn made by Don Garner

Second by Jamie Jollis

Meeting adjourned at 1942