## Wake County EMS Peer Review Committee Meeting Minutes 2/16/2023

**Kevin Annis** Tim Garner Larry McMillan Pete Gitto Daisy Mills Alyse Arnold Branden Berry Andrew Godfrey Jaymin Modi Kristi Blankenship Ryan Hargreaves Kathy Nadareski Sarah O'Neal **Hunter Boyd** Jason Horton Jose Cabanas Annie Howington Cecilio Padron Stephen Cody Seth Komansky **Demetric Potts** 

Chris Colangelo Mariann Lannon Jeremy Schwartzman

Angela Dean Erin Lewis Amy Short
Mallory DeLuca Vikki Lyman Robin Tate
Shae Earles Michael Lyons Vicki Whitley
Katia Ferguson Jenny McInnis Jeff Williams
Don Garner Megan Alane McCormick Joseph Zalkin

Meeting called to order at 1833 by Dr. Jose Cabanas.

1. Welcome and approval of Minutes

Motion to approve minutes from November 2022 meeting made by Joseph Zalkin; second by Christopher Colangelo; unanimous approval

- a. Review of voting roster, introductions Quorum established
- b. Announcements Wake County has had a lot of transition and new hires. There is a lot of movement.
- 2. Wake EMS hires/promotions
  - Dr. Andrew Godfrey introduces Mike Lyons as the Assistant Chief MIHP.

Deputy Director of Professional Development Mallory DeLuca reports the hiring of a new Training Chief, Colton Sobolewski.

Dr. Jeff Williams reports the hiring of Recruiter, Nikki Wallace.

Chief Operating Officer Don Garner reports Jason Jones is coming back full-time as Deputy Director of Support Services.

- a. Any hospital announcements None to report
- 3. Clinical Report presented by Dr. Andrew Godfrey

Dr. Jose Cabanas clarifies that while there are more MH and SA calls, there are more calls than there are assets to respond.

Joseph Zalkin would like to know the hours for Mobile Crisis and the process.

Mike Lyons reports they are supposed to be 7 days a week 7a to 11p – MC staffing challenges – Over the last year, only 3-4 working 0800-1800.

Dr. Jose Cabanas says we are in the process of reevaluating how they are integrating with our MIHP. We believe it has a lot of value, but how do we optimize it?

Joseph Zalkin asks if they are stand-alone responders. Dr. Cabanas confirms they are stand-alone and embedded into the CAD system. They have their own calls they are dispatched to.

a. OEMS - WCEMS Protocols Update - Presentation by Dr. Jeff Williams

Dr. Jeff Williams requests a motion to approve changes to the Wake County EMS Medical Treatment Protocols as presented.

Motion to approve made by Stephen Cody.

Second by Dr. Tim Garner

**Unanimous Approval** 

- 4. Operations Report Presented by Seth Komansky
  - a. Patient Surge, Diversion, ED wall times

Seth Komansky asks if there is anything else the EMS System can do.

Robyn Tate says no, it is better today.

Dr. Cabanas says we are working through a request from the media about wall time data.

Chris Colangelo adds there is a public records request from WRAL that we will be filling with the time we arrive to the time we clear.

- 5. Professional Development Report Presented by Mallory DeLuca
  - a. Internal Paramedic Program update Upcoming site visit

Dr. Jose Cabanas commends the training team for putting 140 people through the training program.

Dr. Jose Cabanas brings up that in this world if you are not building your own pipeline, you are behind the ball. We are generating more paramedics than the local community college system.

Mallory DeLuca agrees. There is an instructor that goes out to teach at NWCCA and 5<sup>th</sup> period on Tuesday and Thursday, Cadets, Club, Camps. Any way to reach those that are interested in EMS we entertain.

6. Research Report - Presented by Dr. Jeff Williams

NAEMSP Conference – Poster presentation on LifeFlow and we will be working on the manuscript.

ESO Solutions – Analyzing acuity based on initial dispatch, hope to present at NAEMSP next year.

7. Any other business?

- a. Joseph Zalkin would like to congratulate Dr. Jose Cabanas on being installed as the president of NAEMSP. The Medical Director update is March  $10^{th}$  in Wilmington and May  $2^{nd}$  in Greensboro.
- b. Dr. Jose Cabanas mentions that Wake County has changed its website and domains to <a href="https://www.wake.gov">www.wake.gov</a> and @wake.gov.
- c. Code Save during EMS Week. Stay tuned for a specific date and time.

Remaining 2023 Meetings:

May 18, 2023

August 17, 2023

November 16, 2023

Motion to adjourn made at 1942 by Don Garner, second by Chris Colangelo