

2-15-22 RTAB Clinical Leadership Committee Minutes

Participating: Dr. Tracy Bilski, Beverly Cook, Dr. Gary Curcio, Lynne Drawdy, Dr. John McPherson, Matt Meyers, Dr. Peter Pappas, Dr. Chris Zuber

Welcome/Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:01 am.

Review and Approval of December Minutes: The minutes were provided prior to the meeting. There were no objections, and the minutes were approved as written.

CFDMC Update:

Upcoming Exercises: Lynne reported that the Coalition is planning for the annual full-scale medical surge exercise on April 21 from 8:00 a.m. to noon. There are a couple of complications, such as integrating the regional trauma coordination center (RTCC) into the exercise, and the federal requirement to demonstrate a 20% medical surge. Lynne made a proposal to the Preparedness Committee on how to make this work. The proposal is to allow hospitals to request the number of victims they want to come into the emergency department, as we have done in the past. We will simulate the rest of the 20% surge on paper through the RTCC, with the RTCC determining level of care needed, identifying a bed placement, and identifying transportation. Dr. Bilski advised that the Preparedness Committee has approved this plan. Lynne advised that we plan to use the same players as the August drill for the April exercise. Dr. McPherson pointed out that we changed the RTCC plan to have the medical officer come from a non-impacted county. Lynne advised that this change was made in the plan. She asked Dr. McPherson if he would serve as the medical officer for the exercise and he agreed. Dr. Zuber asked about the timeframe in setting up the RTCC and Lynne advised that we would simulate this in the MESL. We plan to have the RTCC at the City of Orlando EOC; the SimCell will also be located there. Lynne asked Dr. Zuber if he wanted any EMS scene play in the exercise. Dr. Zuber asked Lynne to send him the information from the August drill and he will let her know if he wants to add any additional EMS components to the drill. Lynne advised that we will also test the new communication process using Juvare e-ICS and EMResource during the drill. We are working with hospitals on automatic data uploads for bed availability but that will not be fully in place by the time of the exercise. She stated that anyone who does not yet have access to these can contact Matt Meyers. Matt advised that there is a Juvare page on the Coalition website with additional information and training on the system. Lynne reminded the group that Florida Hospital Association is funding this pilot project for 18 months. If members find that the system is useful, the Coalition will look at ways to sustain these.

Lynne advised that the Coalition is also participating in an exercise of the Florida Infectious Disease Transportation Network (FIDTN) on March 24. An Ebola patient will present at a local hospital and the hospital will demonstrate the frontline hospital criteria (identify, isolate, inform, stabilize and prepare to transport). The FIDTN team at Orlando Fire Department will transport the patient from the hospital to the executive airport for transportation to Emory. Lynne reported that the Coalition's family assistance center team is also participating in the Daytona International Airport Exercise on March 18.

Old Business:

Whole Blood Subcommittee: Dr. Pappas advised that the committee has put together an outline for EMS agencies who want to begin a whole blood in EMS ambulances program. The document includes protocols and a sample grant application. Once the committee finalizes the draft, it will be shared with the Clinical Leadership Committee for review and approval via email. Dr. McPherson asked if the video from San Antonio was sent to the committee. Dr. Pappas will send to Lynne for distribution. Dr. Bilski said she heard a lecture by Dr. Don Jenkins, former Air Force trauma surgeon

and in San Antonio now, and he has been instrumental in developing a whole blood program. She suggested we should utilize him as a resource to get our program up and running; she agreed to reach out to him to see if he will do a virtual presentation.

New Business: Dr. McPherson shared that he is working on an EMS ultrasound program to be deployed by end of the month. They purchased two ultrasound machines and placed these in busy stations. They will be training 18 paramedics in using the ultrasounds. He stated that he will report on this at the next meeting. Dr. Bilski asked how they are rolling out education and Dr. McPherson said his son will act as the patient in the training and they will practice on him. He will also contact Holmes Regional to see if they have simulators that can be used. Dr. Bilski stated that she will look for training protocols. Dr. Pappas stated that this project may be another project we can share for regional use.

Next Meeting: April 12, 2022

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.