# EMS Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held - October 16, 2019, 08:30 – 10:00, at PFA Station 12, 321 Country Club Rd, Downstairs Training Room

# Discussion Items/Agenda:

- 1. Welcome existing and new stakeholders (<u>roster</u>)
- 2. Approval of August 21, 2019 meeting minutes
  - a. Minutes approved as presented online at NLCERA.org
- 3. Review Purpose and Mission
- 4. NLCERA Updates
  - a. 2019 NLCERA and WFPD EMS Contracts Annual Report review and discussion
    - Aaron Leonard provided an overview of the 2019 NLCERA and WFPD Annual Report.
    - ii. The report focused on the five pillars of EMS compliance: Protocols, Response, QA/QI, Equipment, and Training/Education.
    - iii. The focus of the fourth annual report was on recent EMS system improvements and what EMS system enhancements may be possible in the near future.
    - iv. The annual report can be downloaded at NLCERA.org
  - b. BLS response for interfacility transfers (IFT)
    - i. FC911 –All IFT requests to be EMD coded. Only 33A will receive BLS ambulance response, all other will receive ALS ambulance.
    - ii. Strategic change enabling resources to remain available for higher severity responses
      - 1. The right resource to the right response is the driving force for this IFT implementation.
      - 2. Aaron Leonard provided September data showing an improvement in ALS units available based on reduced FC911 requests for 33A IFTs.
    - iii. Focus on educating facilities requesting IFT to contact correct resource for request.
      - 1. Focus on educating medical facilities to contact the correct resource when requesting IFT services is a significant part of the "right resource to the right response" mindset.

2. UCH is currently standing-up an enhanced IFT business which should significantly separate any non-911 IFT impact from the EMS Contract response system.

# c. EMS Contract Compliance Pillars

#### i. Protocols:

1. List of corrections and additions has been ongoing and are being developed for January 2020 update release.

## ii. Response:

- 1. First Watch (FW) OCU EMS response compliance overview for July, August and September, 2019.
  - a. Remediation Equivalency zones focus
  - b. Data is showing the new NLCERA map is working as designed.
  - NLCERA Zone 2 has significantly less call volume than
    with the previous response map due to Zone 1 additions.
    With less volume the data can show significant percentage
    issues with a relatively small volume of responses.
  - d. Bill described how monthly data is showing Zone 1 nonemergent and Zone 2 emergent are the two zones with the most maximum time exceptions. These zones generate significant liquidated damages.
  - e. The Remediation-Equivalency (R-E) for each month has been detailed and has followed the Define, Measure, Analysis, Improvements, Controls (DMAIC) format.
    - i. PFA and UCH are following the many changes which are set as controls to monitor for improvement impacts to the system.
- 2. Air resource auto launch update for Charlie-Echo responses
  - a. With the adoption of the new NLCERA zone map was the implementation of auto-launch air-standby for the helicopters for Charlie-Echo responses into the rural NLCERA.
  - b. PFA praised the dispatch for their assistance in setting this up in CAD.
- 3. MARVLIS deployment modeling update
  - a. Aaron provided an overview of MARVLIS impacts on the system at this point.
  - b. With more time there will be adequate data to inform deployment and demand analysis improvements.

- 1. First Pass update by UCH
  - a. Aaron provided an update about how care bundles are constructed as a part of FW QA
    - i. Much interest was expressed by rural NLCERA departments for patient care feedback.
- 2. Case reviews focus for August and September
  - a. Goal is 100% Q/A for all NLCERA agencies
  - b. Rural fire department records management (RMS) was discussed and how it can possibly interface with First Pass in the future.
    - i. State Image Trend is free for RMS, but volume of use can be problematic due to slow Internet speeds.

## iv. Equipment:

- 1. Ongoing coordination for compatibility and procurement cost reductions
- v. Education/Training:
  - 1. Monthly training for NLCERA departments
    - a. Monthly NLCERA training calendar is current on NLCERA.org website
      - i. PFA and WFPD not on this calendar because training is done on-shift.
      - ii. Discussion about improving content on calendar to show more information.
  - 2. MedicCE use to track EMS training in NLCERA
  - 3. Areas of development and update
    - a. Question about UCH Reserves program status?
      - i. Rural EMTs relied on this program for building skills and gaining experience in the field.
      - ii. Monique advised UCH is in the process of bringing the Reserves program back as a program.
        - 1. Timeline approximately 30 days to be available.
- 5. Focused discussions regarding Challenges and Opportunities:
  - a. Communications
    - i. New CAD development and implementation update Carol W.
      - 1. Fire apparatus numbering changes update
        - a. New apparatus numbering system in Larimer County is being coordinated by the county fire chiefs.
      - 2. New CAD online March 24, 2020
        - a. Discussion about training and timelines

- i. Mobile CAD training November 5-8
- ii. Five days of MDT training train the trainers
  - 1. Carol W. to send information to Bill to send out for departments wanting to sign up for this training.
- 3. New fire station alerting system being developed.
- ii. ReadyOp Test and updates
  - 1. Bill to verify contact lists for each agency
  - 2. Test sent for text and email only
  - 3. Update sheet available to update organizational contact information for top three admin, plus infectious disease contact person.
- b. Training
  - i. Air Resources new helicopters training
    - 1. Pam Update with training on new birds
      - a. Same airframe along front range is big advantage
      - b. Discussion about protocols for loading and offloading.
        - i. New birds can shut down and take off cold
        - ii. General comments are good about new copters, and still getting used to them.
      - c. Discussion about if all air resources can see each other?
        - i. Air resources can only see within their respective organization.
- c. Transport
  - i. Auto launch is now in place for Charlies-Echos NLCERA Zones 3-5
  - ii. LZ Map being updated by PFA's Laura Robinson
    - 1. New LZ's on Rist Canyon
  - iii. Other?
- d. Planning Strategic
  - i. NCRCN update
    - 1. Carol W. gave an overview of what has been happening within NCRCN
      - a. NCRCN board will be meeting after the first of the year.
      - b. NCRCN is made up of 800 meg radio users in Northern Larimer County.
      - c. Owns towers to enhance infrastructure that interfaces with the Colorado State Digital Trunked Radio system.
      - d. GPS capability in the future for radios
      - e. Each entity pays for the number of radios they use on the system.

- ii. FRCC interface update
  - 1. The ISSI Interface is in place and can connect FRCC to the state DTR system when requested by the IC.
- iii. First Net update
  - 1. Bill listened to a First Net conference and gave an update that there is apparently a lot happening within First Net in Colorado.
    - a. Bill will bring updates when new information is available.
- 6. Stakeholder Agency updates affecting NLCERA
  - a. Dr. Tremblay (UCH)
    - i. Good work happening with protocol development and QI of responses.
  - b. Carol D. (RCVFD)
    - i. Fortatude Race tied up LCEMS and MA1
    - ii. No Channels given to rural EMS
    - iii. Kevin this is an area where we can improve
      - 1. Usually MA3 for events
      - 2. Kevin and Carol W. to follow-up
      - 3. Suggestion: Possibly LC Dispatch send info page?
    - iv. Carol W. possibly use FC Event channel in future?

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