



EMS Advisory Committee Meeting

June 17, 2020 – Meeting Minutes

Discussion Items/Agenda:

1. Welcome existing and new stakeholders (See [Roster](#))
2. Approval of [February 19, 2020 meeting minutes](#)
 - a. Minutes posted just prior to this meeting – apologies to the committee.
 - b. Comments, questions or corrections to bsalmon@poudre-fire.org
3. Purpose and Mission: Read aloud to ensure our focus remains at a strategic level.

Purpose and Mission: The NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee is comprised of various stakeholders of the NLCERA EMS System who are committed to proactive coordination and facilitation of continual improvement through outcome oriented, patient centered pre-hospital emergency care for citizens in the NLCERA.
4. NLCERA Administrative Updates
 - a. NLCERA EMS Contract renewal update
 - i. Brief overview of NLCERA EMS Contract renewal process and how COVID-19 contributed to the decision to extend the current EMS Contract as-is, no changes.
 - ii. As we emerge from COVID-19 at some time in the future PFA will be working amendments to improve the contract.
 - iii. Questions to Kevin Waters or Bill Salmon
 - b. COVID-19 - PFA and NLCERA Updates
 - i. NLCERA.org > Protocols > COVID-19 is resource location for all COVID-19 related EMS updates.
 1. PPE status and needs?
 - a. Lori – still disruptions in supply chains. Agencies should be ordering supplies now for fall 2020. Not sure if caches and national supply will be restocked.
 - b. Larimer County (LC) is restocking their medical supply trailer.
 - c. PFA – receiving some PPE, but most is from previous orders that were back ordered. Shipments have been incomplete. No N-95 masks since February, and don't foresee any being supplied in the chain.
 - i. Kevin – be aggressive in ordering supplies now.
 - d. PFA considered Battelle system for mask cleaning.

- ii. PFA EMS response during COVID-19
 - 1. PFA IMT and IAPs established
 - a. Brief description of how establishing an IAP, at first daily, then progressing to weekly was a key to provide information to all of PFA and UCH.
 - 2. PFA EMS Captains on RAM March-May
 - a. Floyd presented an update of how this provided additional system coverages during the early days of COVID-19.
 - 3. Emotional health as important as physical during COVID-19
 - a. Update of the difficulties balancing fear and potential exposures from COVID-19.
- iii. Exposures guidance developed and shared with NLCERA
 - 1. CDC and Ryan White
 - 2. Overview of the guidance document drafted to assist NLCERA EMS agencies regarding exposures.
- c. UCHealth Updates
 - i. Medical Director Update (Dr. Tremblay)
 - 1. Darren out of town for this meeting.
 - ii. UCHealth EMS Updates
 - 1. COVID data shared by Aaron – dashboard
 - a. Data stable in the system
 - b. Tracking to try and stay ahead of the curves
 - 2. UCH EMS Response during COVID-19
 - a. Decon of units using alternate staff saved time
 - i. Potential increased turnaround times due to COVID-19 decontamination, but process improvements yielded almost no increase.
 - ii. Lori – monitoring EMS calls with certain types of call types as a leading indicator. Looking at this weekly and then receiving data from LETA.
 - 1. Lori – requested to receive Aaron’s data file for their planning? Aaron will check about HIPPA and send file to Bill for dissemination.
 - 2. Lori – data comparison with 2019, then saw less data indicators.
 - 3. Hospitals are currently sharing data with EOC, no patient names in the data.

4. Kevin – the LETA data is the same as we use in the NLCERA – comes from same CAD..
 5. Lori – PFA requested to inform EOC if see uptick in COVID-19 data
 6. Kevin – Meet with Kimberly (LETA), Lori, Kevin, Aaron and Bill to share what we are developing.
 - a. Bill to setup the meeting.
 7. Discussion of prehospital data as early or trailing edge indicators. PFA and OEM will notify each other as needed.
 8. Lori – we have learned a lot. People seem to participate by wearing masks. If they don't, or people return to normal, will determine if we will be okay.
3. Deployment Coordinators, Clinical Mentors, UCH Educators
 - a. Aaron - Four UCH240 Deployment Coordinators up and running.
 - b. Clinical Mentors – coordinating with educators (tourniquet example).
 - d. Stakeholder Agency updates affecting NLCERA EMS
 - i. COVID-19 Related updates or needs?
 1. Lori - Downgraded EOC – level 3, only OEM staff. Monday and Friday briefings. Continue to put out data. Ranch still in place and dormant, but ready if needed in the fall.
 2. GVFPD –
 - a. Grant effort was successful with RETAC. EMR training planning happening. Trainers from past not on CDPHE as EMR training centers. Parks are sponsoring EMR class, so maybe collaborating with them. An EMR class will be on the rural EMS agenda in the fall.
 - b. Rural chiefs are coordinating well for efforts.
 - c. GV pushing a new member effort. Limited EMS responders in the rural NLCERA.
 - d. GVFPD has Nurses who want to help and thanks to Kevin for CDPHE contact information.
 - e. GVFPD had a small fire, and when transferring command there are COVID-19 procedures to be considered.

- f. Need to know the future of live EMS training in the rural NLCERA.
 - 3. CL/RFL – RETAC Grant shared among five departments.
Received and foggers were received much equipment. Retac grant approved in four-hours. Seeing many fires, and forest service fire ban being ignored.
 - 4. RFL – Bobby, one medical EMT going to Idaho for clinical, RN doing a bridge to EMT.
 - 5. Duane – Lifeline –
 - a. Pulling out from under UCH EMS, and under Judson Smith at UCH as separate department.
 - b. Been busy with prehospital flights.
 - c. Regarding in-person training, doing smaller groups to maintain social-distancing.
 - 6. LCSO – Justin –
 - a. Need to have a conversation regarding EMS reimbursement with Bill and Kevin.
 - i. Need to better clarify how UCH responds with the LCSO for Fires
 - ii. Reimbursement issue, do we pay UCH for responding? Need to meet and discuss this.
 - iii. Bill to set up a meeting.
 - b. Good UCH response to WL fires from Monique and Shannon.
 - 7. PFA – Kevin – Floyd
 - 8. Mark Regan – New CAD date is September 15, 2020 for implementation
 - a. Looking at a generic for all departments in the rural NLCERA for EMS calls. Then would have specifics in the call under that.
 - ii. NLCERA leadership or other significant change updates
 - 1. Warren Jones is GVFPD Chief
 - 2. Brendon (Bobby) Hill RFLVFD Chief
- e. EMS Contract Compliance Pillars
 - i. Protocols: Northern Colorado Prehospital Protocols (NCPP):
 - 1. Numerous COVID-19 interim protocols
 - 2. Updates and/or questions
 - a. Kevin – We are behind for the July update due to COVID. Next updates will be from trauma services: trauma team activation and adding TXA into protocols. Working on

protocols now as in the past, then the track changes document will be shared prior to updates in the app. Then after a short period they will be pushed out into the PPP app.

- b. Once the updated protocols are released, please read the updated PPP and let Kevin know if there are any issues.
- c. Congratulations to Duane and his team for their critical care updates on the PPP app.

ii. Response:

1. Emergency Declarations and EMS Contract Compliance

- a. Focus as of March 24, 2020 was on COVID-19 Data
 - i. Aaron presented a 10,000' view of first Quarter 2020 data during COVID-19
 - ii. Lori – LC Emergency Declaration is until September 7, 2020. Lori to keep us informed. Any extensions of Declaration should be near the beginning of September.
 - iii. Question – Should small departments declare? No, unless going after FEMA funding.
 - iv. Declaration allows for local plans to be implemented.
 - 1. Emergency services agencies should make sure all declarations need to be extended for funding. All AHJs should consider extending.
 - v. Check with Lori for deadlines as needed.
- b. EMS response compliance reporting and documentation
 - i. Unusual Factors, as defined in the EMS Contract, apply under COVID-19 emergency declarations.
 - ii. R-E's suspended while under COVID-19 Declarations
 - iii. All reporting and documentation completed as before declarations.
- c. New CAD delayed due to COVID-19
 - i. New live date is September 15, 2020

iii. Q/A:

- 1. COVID-19 opportunities – examining the data for what can be learned from the EMS system.
- 2. Floyd – there was a lag in QA assessments due to being online.
 - a. Clinical care reviews are now happening.

iv. Equipment:

1. COVID-19 Related

a. Viral filters

- i. Kevin – All COVID-19 related training and protocols are found on NLCERA.org website.
- ii. Partial shipment received of viral filters. If need let Kevin know, but will be judicious in distribution.
- iii. We will use these from now on past COVID-19.
- iv. Mark Rode – RETAC grant provided 50 viral filters. Supply chain was easy.
- v. Warren – Cache of COVID-19 PPE and viral filters is still in place and not used.
- vi. Kevin – asked about viral filters being used in the Denver metro area. Yes, they are being used and on Lifeline as well. Not transporting if aerosolizing procedures.
 1. Lifeline has used the viral filters prior to COVID-19.
 2. 30-45 minutes to decon the copter post-covid.

v. Education/Training:

1. Status overview update

- a. NLCERA monthly in-person EMS training suspended during COVID-19 Declarations
 - i. Per Kevin – Lori made that decision and PFA followed.
- b. UCHealth – virtual trainings update
- c. Kevin – the desire for in-person training is a need. Example of FRFC academy was disrupted as well.
- d. Working to bring back in-person training is a challenge.
- e. We cannot bring folks together as we have in the past at this time.
- f. We need to train, and are working to identify and adopt safe procedures into future trainings.
- g. Floyd – PFA is doing in-person one-on-one training to do maneuvers in social distancing. Incredible challenge at this time. How to move forward will depend on many factors.

5. Focused discussions regarding Challenges and Opportunities:

a. **Coordination:**

- i. OEM – under COVID-19?

1. NO questions.
 2. Kevin – recognition of the group and Lori’s work in this space for all her leadership and expertise regarding COVID.
 3. Contact Lori or Chris for information.
- ii. Dispatch: New CAD development and implementation update
1. September 15, 2020 – new implementation date
 - a. Mark – we were ready in March, and not needing much more before implementation.
 - b. At this time we are dotting the I’s and crossing the Ts.
 2. Needs or other coordination needed among stakeholders?
 - a. None noted.
- iii. Law: EMS needs within NLCERA?
1. Justin – as above.

b. Communications

- i. ReadyOp Test and stakeholder contacts updates
1. Text and email test will be on June 16, 2020 at 15:00
 2. Infectious Disease Group created in ReadyOP
 3. Please send any ReadyOp (top three admin and infectious disease) contacts updates to bsalmon@poudre-fire.org
- ii. Dispatch?
1. Mark’s update above
 2. No other information to share.
- iii. Other communications updates or needs:
1. Air Resources?
 - a. Duane – Lifeline is researching the number of standbys
 - i. trying to decrease liftoff times.
 - ii. Moving physical facilities closer to the copter.
 - b. Discussion: Rural issues of copter being on scene fast

c. Training

- i. NE Colorado RETAC update
1. Grants updates
 - a. Covered above.
- ii. NLCERA monthly trainings update
1. Covered above
- iii. FC-EPS/OEM offerings?
1. Chris (FC-EPS) training opportunities and updates
 2. Lori (OEM) training opportunities and updates
 3. ICS courses being rescheduled for fall, but not doing any classes during COVID-19.
 - a. If need an ICS 300 contact Lori

- b. Warren is instructor for ICS300 as a resource.
 - d. **Transport**
 - i. No issues at this time.
 - e. **Planning** – Strategic
 - i. Focus on coordination among stakeholders during COVID-19
 - ii. Relationships are a key.
- 6. Other Stakeholder Agency updates?
- 7. Next Meeting – August 19, 2020 (most likely on Zoom, TBA)
- 8. Other?
 - a. Kevin – Question to the group, have all community events been cancelled?
 - i. Affirmative by all in attendance.
 - b. Warren – Zoom virtual format works wel, and consensus of the group is to keep the zoom format.

Please contact Kevin Waters or Bill Salmon with any questions:

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June 17, 2020 Roster ([Back](#))

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