

FACILITIES/CRITICAL CARE STANDING COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 1, 2003

2 – 3:30 PM

Conference Room, 1350 Arnold Drive, Martinez

AGENDA

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
EMS Update - ReddiNet	Lathrop	Informational
Psychiatric Transfers	All	Discuss procedure changes.
Pediatric Bed Availability - Referred by Emergency Medical Care Committee	All	Discuss problem and ramifications.
Clinical opportunities for EMS students/personnel	All	Discussion requested by last meeting attendee(s).
HIPAA impact and requirements	All	Discussion requested by last meeting attendee(s).
Patient Overflow Management	All	Descriptions of efforts by hospitals.

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2003

June 3, 2003
August 5, 2003
October 7, 2003
December 2, 2003

Contra Costa Health Services
Emergency Medical Services

Facilities and Critical Care Minutes for the February 4, 2003 Meeting

Present:

Kevin Langhiet, RN, Kaiser Walnut Creek Medical Ctr
Leslie Mueller, American Medical Response
Michelle Shanks, RN, Contra Costa Regional Med Ctr
Lynn Fox, Sutter Delta Medical Center
Pat Barron, RN, EMCC Consumer Rep.
Linda Tripoli, ReddiNet

Renee Juster, Mt. Diablo Medical Center
Ruth Burk, John Muir Medical Center
Lori Altabet, John Muir Medical Center
Evelyn C. Parker, Kaiser Medical Center, Richmond
Judy Smith, RN, EMS
Art Lathrop, EMS
Lauren Kovaleff, RN, EMS

TOPIC	SUMMARY
<p>EMS UPDATE ReddiNet</p>	<p>Rosemarie Shamieh is no longer with the. Rosemarie worked for many years on the ReddiNet program. Our new contact is Kathy Winans, a Senior VP of the Healthcare Association of Southern California. Linda Tripoli, of ReddiNet was present for questions or problems, but none were raised. Hospitals are getting more familiar with its uses.</p> <p>Art Lathrop distributed and described several data reports representing emergency department diversion and census alert status.</p>
<p>Bioterrorism Preparedness</p>	<p>CC Public Health's preparations for the federal small pox immunization program were described. Small pox immunizations will be available on a voluntary basis to health care workers within CC Health Services and the acute care hospitals. Those immunized will form response teams to be mobilized if a case of small pox appears in Contra Costa County.</p>
<p>Ambulance "Prehospital Care Form"</p>	<p>Leslie Mueller described the status of the implementation of ePCRs. Infrared printers are installed in those ED's wanting them or will be in the next few weeks for printing the ePCRs. The old WestTech style PCR's are still used in some areas, but will be rolled into the ePCR technology in the near future.</p> <p>Leslie asked that each ED Nurse Manager identify acceptable areas to be used by ambulance personnel in completing their paperwork after delivering the patient. Some hospitals have no room for this function, but Nurse Managers are working on plans for the future.</p>
<p>ED Diversion</p>	<p>Hospital representatives present described steps their hospitals are taking to decrease diversion. It appears that all hospitals represented are taking, or are starting to take a comprehensive hospital approach to the problem. Steps to streamline patient flow from entering the ED through patient discharge are being examined and implemented. ED diversion is down over the last couple of weeks and many thought this might be due to new approaches being taken by hospitals. Hospitals were requested to review their ED Diversion policies to be sure that they are current, and to submit to EMS. EMS will provide each hospital a copy of that hospital's most recent policy on file.</p>
<p>Clinical opportunities for EMS students/personnel</p>	<p>Held over until next meeting.</p>
<p>HIPAA impact and requirements</p>	<p>Held over until next meeting.</p>

Subjects for the next meeting: Patient overflow management in the various hospitals.