

Wake County EMS System  
Peer Review Meeting Minutes  
5/16/2019

Kevin Annis  
Mike Bachman  
Dave Bowen  
Kim Boyer  
Angela Dean  
Shae Earles  
Tim Garner

Jeff Hammerstein  
Jake Hardison  
Josh Hodge  
James Jollis  
Chasidy Kearns  
Brittany Komansky  
Seth Komansky

Vikki Lyman  
El Rawls  
John Sammons  
Garland Tant  
Jeff Williams  
Joseph Zalkin

Meeting called to order at 1833

**Welcome, Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of Minutes
  - Motion by Joseph Zalkin
  - Second Dave Bowen
  - Unanimously Approved
  
- Announcements
  - Happy Nurses Week (May 6-12) – Congratulations and thank you for all you do.
  - Happy EMS Week (May 19-25) – Sunday 5/19 from 1-4pm is Family Day. Thank you to the hospitals for donating. Monday 5/20 is the open house at station one for BP checks and CPR. Code: Celebrate! Is Tuesday. This year we will celebrate 97 survivors in 2018.
  
- County Budget Update
  - David Ellis put out a budget recommendation. As it relates to EMS, the following have been recommended:
    - 5 new ambulances for system
    - Additional funding for in house paramedic program instead of sending them to JCC.
    - Pursuing accreditation for program. Providers will be able to transfer program hours into credit hours to finish degree.
    - Additional logistics and IT FTEs to address ongoing demands of bigger system.
  - We look forward to final budget vote in the coming weeks.

**Operations Report – Presented by Seth Komansky**

**Clinical Report – Presented by Mike Bachman**

Jose Cabanas – Are thrombectomy cases increasing?

Shae Earles – We are recognizing more in house but a bit of a lull in EMS patients.

### **Update on CMS ET3 program – Presented by Dr. Jose Cabanas**

- Jose Cabanas goes over the basics of ET3.
  - So far, we have engaged stakeholders in a committee to figure out how to apply this in Wake County.
  - We plan to submit application to implement this in phases.
    - 1) Reimbursement
    - 2) Low acuity calls
  - CMS expects to grant contracts in the fall with full implementation in 2020.
  - We are also trying to engage other payers to offer this to a broader population than just Medicare
- Update from Stroke Subcommittee
  - New power rated extension sets in blood draw kits. Thank you for all working together to get that piece into the field.
- Update on recent Cary trauma center site visit
  - Congratulations! Wake Med Cary has officially been recommended for designation and will be voted on in August.
- Update on Healing Transitions partnership, Rapid Responder Program
  - Of the patients we have seen, 58-60% get connected to services. Of those, 80% continue treatment. There is value in the program. Kinks include limited access to MAT programs.
- Update on national medication shortage and impact to EMS system
  - Amiodarone may be on the hook for a shortage.
  - IV Zofran is on a shortage, but we have been able to use Compazine.

### **Professional Development – Presented by Jake Hardison**

#### **Research Report – Presented by Jeff Williams**

- Active Threat Manuscript is in print in this issue of Pre-Hospital Emergency Care.
- Pediatric Medication Safety – We are in the middle of this evaluation with Handtevy.
- Evaluation of Mobile Crisis
- Rapid Responder program with Medic 96
- Effectiveness of telemedicine to avoid the hospital during disasters (i.e. Hurricane Florence) in partnership with Orange County.
- Due date for Abstract submission at NAEMSP is first week of August.

Any other business?

- James Jollis – State Emergency Cardiovascular system, trying to resurrect that.  
May 24, 2019 - June 4<sup>th</sup> in Forsythe.

Motion to adjourn made by Jeff Williams  
Second Dave Bowen 1928

Next meeting November 21, 2019