



NLCERA

EMS Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on **February 20, 2019, 08:30 – 10:00**, at PFA Station 12, 321 Country Club Rd.

Discussion Agenda:

- 1) Welcome existing and new members (See [roster](#))
 - a. **Aaron Leonard – UCHHealth**
 - b. **Brendon Hill – Red Feather Lakes Fire**
- 2) Approval of December 19, 2018 [meeting minutes](#)
 - a. **Approved, no discussion**
- 3) Review [Purpose and Mission](#)
- 4) PFA Updates
 - a. First Watch OCU
 - i. January 2019 Data overview
 1. **Brief description of the January 2019 EMS compliance data work now underway with Aaron Leonard being hired as the UCH EMS Compliance person. Aaron will work directly with Bill Salmon on monthly compliance items and issues.**
 - ii. Remediation-Equivalency (R-E) program update
 1. **Brief description of the R-E program as amendment #4 within the EMS contract, and how UCH has been working within the R-E to develop improvements. PFA and UCH anticipate significant improvements in the coming months.**
 - b. [EMS Protocols](#) – Latest update Posted February 1
 - i. **Chief Waters provided an overview of some recent updates to the newly formed Northern Colorado EMS Protocols.**
 1. **Protocol updates will always be available on the PPP App and PFA's EMS Webpage prior to any new release.**
 - a. **The PPP App advises when accessed that there is a protocol update**
 - b. **The first login to PPP requires your EMT License #**
 2. **I-Gels replaced King Tubes and is the primary choice for airway management.**
 - a. **100% case reviewed and need feedback from providers.**
 3. **Clarifications given by Dr. Tremblay regarding stroke-VAN tool**
 - c. CPR – NLCERA
 - i. **Nine intact saves September-December 2018**
 - ii. **Emphasis on success as a system.**

- d. NLCERA Map Improvements – Status and Update
 - e. PFA and UCH are working towards a new NLCERA map which is more accurate and tied to growth.
 - f. NLCERA Peer Support Update
 - i. Brief review of the below resources:
 - ii. Recent local and national first responder suicides
 - iii. 911For911.org (501C3)
 - iv. Responder Strong – linked at NLCERA webpage
 - v. Foundation 1023 (foundation1023.org) online
- 5) UCHealth Updates
- a. UCHealth EMS Organizational Updates
 - i. Tim
 - ii. Aaron Leonard – UCH EMS Contract Compliance.
 - 1. Introduced himself and praised good work by all
 - b. Staffing and deployment updates
 - i. Staffing in place from recent deployment changes
 - ii. Working on many improvement areas within the NLCERA
 - c. First Watch
 - i. Tim has postponed any changes for now within First Watch.
 - d. MARVLS
 - i. MARVLIS is up and working, but Tim has the company Rep helping to determine the feasibility of full use capabilities.
- 6) Focused discussions on Challenges and Opportunities regarding:
- a. Communications
 - i. 800 or VHF updates or issues?
 - 1. No issues
 - ii. FirstNet update
 - 1. Bill has a conference call scheduled with the point of contact for Colorado State Government regarding FirstNet. He will have the results at the next meeting. Any who wish to participate with the meeting contact Bill.
 - iii. Air Ops updates
 - 1. Duane – Lifeline has a new helicopter as a replacement
 - a. Significant weather issues happening.
 - 2. Discussion – Rural NLCERA departments being asked to convert latitude and longitude for incoming air resources.
 - a. PSAPs should be able to perform this when needed.
 - b. Duane to follow-up and advise of needs at the next meeting
 - c. Theo – suggested follow-up with PSAPs for education
 - d. Websites suggested as resources for conversion
 - i. <http://www.boulter.com/gps/>
 - ii. Decimal Degrees (WGS84)
 - iii. Latitude Longitude
 - iv. -105.196 40.553
 - v. Degrees, Minutes & Seconds
 - vi. Latitude Longitude

- vii. S105 11 45 E40 33 10
 - viii. GPS
 - ix. Latitude Longitude
 - x. S 105 11.760 E 40 33.180
 - xi. UTM
 - xii. X Y
 - xiii. 37S 454566 -1693597
 - 3. LZ map follow-up
 - a. Theo - NCME can now see LZ map
 - b. Bill recommended Avenza App for viewing LZ map offline
 - 4.
- iv. Dispatch Centers – FC and LC
 - 1. Operational and Staffing Updates
 - a. No reports available
- v. New CAD Status
 - 1. BPR updates?
 - a. New CAD being built, anticipate March 2020
 - b. Status of Fire and EMS
 - c. How AVL/AVR will improve response
 - i. CAD recommendation of closest applicable unit regardless of jurisdictional boundaries
 - ii. Programed to borderless response
 - d. Contact your PSAP for meetings scheduled
- vi. LCSO Paging System Hiplink - update
 - 1. Justin presented an update regarding the difficulties with paging groups and Hiplink. Hiplink will not be available for the foreseeable future. Justin to keep this committee advised of progress.
 - 2. Current LCSO paging
 - a. Issues at times with reliability in the rural NLCERA
 - b. Per Justin – if issues call 900 and report them. The system may need to be reset, so report issues when they are discovered.
 - c. Discussion of test pages
 - i. Suggestion for each department to send their own test pages
- vii. OEM (LC and FC)
 - 1. Lori – LC
 - a. Updates from Lori
 - b. Needing commitments for large scale exercise in June.
 - c. Grant for fire departments available \$30000
 - i. Contact Lori for information
- viii. ReadyOP test – Contact information update form still in development
- ix. EverBridge option – Follow-up
 - 1. Justin advised to not attempt to use Everbridge for notifications, it is much more involved than ReadyOP.

- b. Training
 - i. NLCERA EMS
 - 1. PFA Training Division
 - a. Training and certification program updates
 - b. Master calendar of monthly NLCERA training has been created and follows National Registry requirements.
 - c. Curriculums approved by Dr. Tremblay. Instructors trained in clinical through train the trainer for consistency.
 - d. Sixteen Fort Collins and Larimer County Rangers recently certified from NOLES to N.R. EMR certifications
 - i. EMRs will be added to MedicCE
 - ii. NLCERA EMS Rural
 - 1. 2019 Training Plan Changes and Updates
 - 2. Training plan handed out at February EMS Rural Chiefs meeting
 - iii. UCHealth
 - 1. George Solomon is UCH Training Supervisor
 - 2. MedicCE update
 - a. Plan for training in use of MedicCE
 - i. Suggestion to create short snagit videos
 - b. Rob working to get Rangers into MedicCE
 - c. 90% of NLCERA entered into MedicCE
 - d. Coursework appears to be solid
 - e. Question: How is it going for users?
 - f. If prompted to pay, don't pay for any course it has been paid already. Notify Rob if problems.
 - iv. Banner EMS –
 - 1. Tiffany – Rebranding air resource and dropping NC off of Medivac.
 - a. Medivac is new name. All other stays the same: color, aircraft, only logo changing.
 - v. NCRETAC update
 - 1. Discussion about the value of a representative to report on the NCRETAC, and resources and training available.
 - 2. Theo offered to provide updates at the NLCERA meetings.
 - c. Transport
 - i. UCH Transport Updates
 - 1. Nothing to report
 - ii. Rural EMS Transport updates
 - 1. Reimbursements update
 - iii. Air Resources Transport updates
 - 1. Follow-up LZ's validated – update Justin
 - 2. Justin updating naming conventions for LZs, and will be updating before fire season.
 - 3. Duane – discussion of LZ's used and will look for list of used LZ's.
 - d. Planning

- i. Justin – Additional Needs Registry
 - 1. Who are the people with special needs in case of fire, flood, or hazardous events?
 - 2. Everbridge to help with mass evacuation notifications.
 - 3. Question: how do people register for special needs registry?
 - a. Public safety messages coming out April 2019 as an outreach

- 7) Stakeholder Agency updates affecting NLCERA
 - a. No further updates

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