



## Community Paramedic Committee Meeting

**July 28, 2015**

**2:00pm**

**Hennepin Technical  
College/Conference Call**

Attending: Susan Long, Ann Majerus, Kai Hjermstad, Dave Demcho, Jay Eblen, Charlie Lick, Allen Smith, Dave Johnson, Peter Carlson, Emilie Hedlund, Peter Tanghe, Mike Wilcox, Buck McAlpin, Debbie Gillquist.

Added to agenda: Community EMT

Motion to approve April minutes made by Kai Hjermstad, second by Dave Demcho. Approved.

Committee requests that minutes be posted on the website which Gillquist will do.

Sub-committee reports:

Medical directors - request that committee members who have developed protocols forward to Wilcox. Minutes from meeting sent to CP committee - no other updates after that meeting.

Data collections/analysis: work group created to collect best practices/core measures.

Wadena - collecting data on patient satisfaction, measuring quality of life, and co-morbidities.

St. Paul Fire - challenge tracking utilization beyond their own records. Would like to know ED use pre and post care. Looking at medicare patients first.

Buck – tough to measure without data. Competitive bid just released for Medicaid. Will continue to be a struggle until data is stored somewhere.

Core measures: Long reviewed, Gillquist will post on website.

Training and education - discussed CP conference/CE. Hjermstad, Radant and Gillquist leading this. Moved from Nov. to Feb. Thu all day, Fri half day. MAA board was told that goal is to break even. Need volunteers from this group. Decided to hold conference Wed., Thu. Gillquist will check with hotel.

Information resources - Gillquist will be adding resources to the website. Please send information to Gillquist if you would like added to the website.

Funding/reimbursement - will open up what will be done around mental health. Still all trying to measure ROI and continues to be discussed. Payment models are changing. When looking at where health care systems are is there an opportunity to invite payors in – maybe at the CP conference. Discussion about CPs and payors. Telehealth legislation discussion. Need a telehealth presentation at conference.

Discussion regarding conferences that are not EMS based. MN Rural Health Conference and EPIC have/will be attending.

2015 objectives reviewed - working toward conference.



#### Program Updates:

North – good media exposure recently in reaction to 2 billion spent in EDs (Star Tribune article). Two more employees. Expanding hours at Turning Point/4 days per week. Bariatric program seeking accreditation.

HealthEast – mental health group extended. Pursuing other funding sources. Program is missing good statistician. Expanding clinic programs.

FM Ambulance - waiting for approval to put on a CP training program. Looking at high risk patients and mental health patients. One employee, one on light duty.

St. Paul Fire – working on Regions CHF readmission patients, high utilizers. One employee.

Dave Demcho – North is expanding to Brainerd and partnering with Tri-County.

Tri-County – had write up in NAEMT magazine. Pushing forward telemedicine. Eight vendors at Rural Health conference with telemedicine products.

Allina – continuing with decreasing admissions, frequent fliers, mental health. Working on a project with Hospice. Some CPs have retired, working on filling those positions.

Hennepin Tech – class in Sep. Aug class is full. Closed class for WI.

HCMC – dealing with burnout issues, are re-grouping. Focusing on what the service lines will be. Seven employees, will re-evaluate caseloads.

#### Upcoming events:

IRCP in October, Australia. Long and Wilcox proposal in to talk about programs in MN, requesting information on each program for this presentation.

#### Other:

CP Certification discussion. A test is being written, they're looking for writers and CPs to sit for beta test at EMS Expo. Send to Hjermstad.

Discussion regarding Community EMT. Hjermstad has a curriculum he's working on. 40 hours online, 48 hours clinical.

MD work group: met June 11 and summary was sent. Group will be meeting at medical director's in Sep. focusing heavily on rural communities. Good funding opportunities. Will meet quarterly.

Meeting adjourned.