



Community Paramedic Operations Committee Meeting

August 15, 2017

Minutes

Chair Pete Tanghe (North Memorial Health), Kelly Watzek, Jeff Gustafson, Luke Meyers(Mayo), Brad Hanson (Wilson), Stephanie Frentzel (Wilmar), Lyle Loge (Wilmar), Jennifer Murphree(HealthPartners), Mike Wilcox, and Debbie Gillquist (MAA). Mike Wilcox.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2017, 10am in the Board Room, Medical Directors Conference (Arrowwood Resort, Alexandria).

Agenda items:

Surveys- final chance to review before we share at Medical Director's conference. We will have a call in option available at the conference but valuable to meet in person.

Plan is to start circulating surveys to a broader group. Use the state list of CPs to send the survey. Opportunity to attend 2050 EMS Agenda. Have others seen this? Most have not. We will send a link to this committee. Will be helpful to have people who are interested in community paramedicine will be helpful. It will be held November 7th. <http://emsagenda2050.org/regional-public-meetings/?#register>

Updates:

Kelly – Pretty much status quo. Seeing lots of patients and billing through Sanford Health.

Jeff -Northfield Hospital working with Health Rise, up to 12-15 referrals. They are meeting with hospital admin for next steps with Northfield Hospital and clinics.

Luke - NW WI has had about 500 home visits in that program. Demonstrated to Mayo administration that the reduction in utilization ED/primary care – exceeds the cost of the program. Working to see if the health system in NW WI to help pay for the program. Starting a program in Fairmont – will allow for reimbursement

Brad/Stephanie/Lyle – trying to get process rolling. Trying to find ROI documentation for administration. Have 2 trained CPs who are anxious to get going. Hoping for one full FTE.

Luke commented on helping administration invest. Look at ED frequent users – those that had more than 5 annually and then look at billable charges vs reimbursement and gather those numbers to show administration how much money they would not be writing off.

Jennifer – Working on Health Rise grant. Around 60 patients. Continuing with CHF pilot – around 60 patients. Launched program to discharge patients earlier – this has taken a lot of man hours. Acute care in the home between CP and MD for the extra days they would have been in the hospital. Hired 5 casual CPs.



Mike – 24 fire fighter EMTs trained at Hennepin Technical college 24 hours didactic, 24 hours clinical. St. Louis Park, Eden Prairie, Savage, Minneapolis have been involved. Continuing to do some work at Scott Co jail, 6 CPs and work with nursing staff. Are developing a data base to show savings. Working in NH setting to use CPs to prevent transfers, especially after hours. Relative to reimbursement good to know the payor mix – emphasize benefits of caring for patients using CPs.

Pete – Continuing to do well, haven't had funding pulled. Working with IT on recognition for transitional



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care management CPT codes that accurately describe the work that's being done.

CPs as recognized providers of their CP services. Continue to try and get organization to agree on what CP work has been worth and budgets moving forward. Finished pilot with BCBS – no report yet. Will forward JAMA article that talks about a program in Massachusetts that tried to add in social determinants of health into payment models.

<http://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamainternalmedicine/article-abstract/2647322?apId=scweb>

Luke and Pete will share how to build a calculator and we will discuss at Medical Director's Conference.

Debbie will send invite for Medical Director's Conference Meeting, Massachusetts article from Pete and 2050 EMS Agenda link.

Meeting adjourned.