



NLCERA

EMS Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Minutes: This meeting took place on **April 18, 2018, 08:30 – 10:00**, at PFA Station 12, 321 Country Club Rd, Downstairs Training Room

Meeting Minutes:

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome existing and new members ([see roster](#))
 - a. **Introductions and welcome to new members.**
- 2) Approval of [February, 2018 meeting minutes](#)
 - a. **Approved, no discussion**
- 3) Review [Purpose and Mission](#)
 - a. **Commitment to strategic level improvements and change through action in the NLCERA.**
- 4) UCH Operational Update
 - a. Status Updates:
 - i. Pat Songer Resigned as UCHealth EMS Director
 1. Nick Nudell – Administrative
 2. Dave Schmillen – Operations
 3. **Nick Nudell advised Pat's departure was unexpected and they are continuing with the same high quality work as UCH prepares for a national search for his replacement.**
 - a. **Nick requested if any special projects were in-progress to contact him with the details so he can be aware.**
 - ii. First Watch (FW) update
 1. **First Watch is likely within one week from being operational. Both UCH and PFA are working with First Watch folks to get this operational.**
 - a. **The January and February data has been loaded into FW and will be compared to the current compliance database.**
 - b. **The June NLCERA EMS Advisory meeting will have a show and tell of the FW program.**
 - iii. ESO update
 1. **This is a new charting system for UCHealth, and interfaces with hospital EPIC patient information program.**
 - a. **Patient outcomes for training will be available in the future.**
 - b. **UCHealth planning for how to support NLCERA agencies with charting and education records management assistance.**

- b. UCHealth Unit ID changes update
 - i. For operational reasons, UCHealth EMS response vehicles unit ID designations are changing to UC from PV.
 - ii. UCHealth is working with PFA IT to ensure compatibility across the numerous CAD and other programs which this unit ID change might affect.
 - c. Other?
 - i. UCHealth Captain Rob Collette is now over EMS education.
 - ii. UCHealth Captain Nick Nolen is now over UCHealth EMS quality improvement.
- 5) PFA Updates
- a. Chief Waters – NLCERA system model presentation
 - i. Kevin will present this presentation at the June meeting.
 - b. Amendment #4: Remediation-Equivalency update
 - i. UCH and PFA have been working towards solidifying, in amendment form, the Remediation-Equivalency concept. This has been accomplished and will be included in the next renewal of the NLCERA EMS Contract, June 1, 2018.
 - c. EMS Contract annual renewal process
 - i. PFA is in the process with UCHealth to renew the EMS Contract, which will be signed at the May, 2018 PFA Board meeting. This renewal will be the fourth year of a five year contract cycle.
 - d. Mary Makris has moved on from PFA
 - i. Mary served the PFA and NLCERA for many years, and she will be missed. We wish her much success in her future endeavors.
 - ii. PFA has reassigned Firefighter/Paramedic Estaban Guzman to a 40 hour schedule to assist Chief Waters with PFA's EMS program.
 - e. EMS Captain hiring update
 - i. Kevin advised that PFA has hired an EMS Captain, and should be onboard by Mid-May.
 - f. Strength of NLCERA is though the relationships formed
 - i. Bill reiterated that through the constant changes within our organizations our focus remains enhancing and leveraging our relationships as we seek continual NLCERA response improvements.
 - g. Snapshot of First Quarter 2018 EMS Contract Compliance
 - i. The First Watch OCU will be operational soon, and the data will be evaluated in comparison to the current data.
 - ii. The view of 2018 EMS response data will be presented at the June, 2018 NLCERA EMS Advisory Committee meeting.
- 6) Focused discussions on Challenges and Opportunities regarding:
- a. Communications
 - i. Air Ops updates regarding operating channels?
 - 1. Discussion about the air resources being assigned to appropriate channels when in-bound to a response location.
 - a. Much discussion to agree the most effective method of coordination is between Air resource, PSAP and IC on the

ground for the appropriate channel and ground contact information.

- b. Colorado State MAC channels were discussed in the context of how difficult it is for air resources to find these if assigned.
 - i. The need was identified for air resource crews to refresh their knowledge of where to find the MAC channels if assigned.
 - ii. Awareness: if they are assigned an 800 Meg. Controller linked channel they may tie up many 800 Meg. Control points, thus the reason for using Stac-D or other simplex channels.
- c. Mitch advised that in Weld County, only Weld County Communications can update programming to responder radios. WAC is no longer able to provide radio programming in Weld County. This applies to FRCC radio channel access through Weld County Communications.
- d. Discussion about not forgetting to include all agencies when radio systems or channel changes are being considered.
 - i. Theo suggested a coordination meeting to consider all aspects of air resources communications.
 - 1. Bill and Kevin offered to coordinate this meeting.
- ii. Dispatch Centers – FC and LC
 - 1. Dispatch updates moved to the June 2018 meeting
- iii. OEM (FC and LC)
 - 1. Lori – LC
 - a. Mass gathering feedback received?
 - i. Lori presented a rough-draft of the Larimer Multi-Jurisdictional Mass Gathering Plan, as well as a Mass Gathering Complexity Analysis. The plan and complexity analysis are in development, and Lori requested feedback from the group.
 - ii. Permitting process will now include OEM and complexity analysis for triggers and approvals.
 - iii. Planning for Events – whether planned or spontaneous
 - iv. Establishing “what now” actions based on triggers and complexity.
 - v. Suggest any sections/topics which should be added to the plan.
 - vi. Lori to send the plan and complexity analysis as drafts to Bill for dissemination to this committee.
 - vii. Lori had a question for the group: Is there a county wide mass casualty plan?

1. The current status of a county wide mass casualty plan is uncertain at this time.
 - a. Lori to follow-up and advise.
 - b. Colorado Emergency Disaster Act – updates?
 - i. Lori updated the committee
 1. Much happening with testimony to add all four phases, the office of resiliency and update language to reflect current emergency management terminology.
 2. Assists local AHJ's with resolution when state and federal are not in agreement.
 3. State and local will need to be more focused on mitigation and resiliency to qualify for federal funds.
 4. Needing a Republican representative sponsor (have Democrat). Reach out to representatives for support.
 - iv. NLCERA Feedback Forms
 1. No feedback forms received from any NLCERA responding agency.
 - v. ReadyOP test – use and issues feedback?
 1. Bill sent a ReadyOp test message prior to this meeting to all of the NLCERA responding and stakeholder organizations.
 - a. All received either a text or email, with one exception.
 - b. Bill to check Nick's contact information in ReadyOp
 2. ReadyOp Demo Video feedback, needs
 - a. Reminder that the ReadyOp user guide and user guide video is available on the NLCERA webpage of the Poudre-fire.org website.
 - i. Contact Bill with any questions.
 3. Lori advised that ReadyOp has a forms feature, and they have used it to solicit feedback with much success. Contact Lori for more information how to use this feature.
 - b. Training
 - i. Advanced Resuscitation Techniques (ART)-CPR Demo & Med Kit demo – Chief Waters
 1. ART CPR:
 2. Chief Waters and Dr. Tremblay presented an overview of the ART-CPR changes that will go live in the NLCERA as of July 1, 2018.
 3. Demonstration of the techniques showing hand position change to allow full release of the chest to allow refilling of the heart, and “pit crew” actions where chest compressions, mask management, and bag valve respirations are each managed by individual responders (cycling every few minutes).

- a. Focus in keeping the compressions going to prevent a drop in BP, and AED activation as soon as possible.
 - 4. Discussion about how those not trained might believe CPR was being done incorrectly. Emphasis to educate and prepare all NLCERA responders in enhanced techniques. ART CPR going live, per Dr. Tremblay, in the NLCERA as of July 1, 2018.
 - 5. ART-CPR is ACLS compliant.
 - 6. Chief Waters to instruct ART-CPR for the NLCERA at GVFPD Station 1 on Saturday, May 19 and Saturday, May 26. All NLCERA agencies or stakeholders are welcome to attend. There may be a \$5 charge for the CPR card fee. Contact GVFPD Chief, Vanessa Fournier, for attendance coordination (gvfdchief1@gmail.com 970-494-4611).
 - 7. Mitch Wagy advised Greeley Fire will be hosting [ART-CPR](#) on April 24, 2018. See the information on the NLCERA Training and Resources page at the Poudre-Fire.org website.
 - 8. Note: ART-CPR requires practice to change from old habits.
- ii. Drug Box:
 - 1. Kevin demonstrated how PFA carries meds in an environmentally sealed plastic case. (See NLCERA Training and Resources webpage)
- iii. NLCERA Rural EMS Update
 - 1. Tom and Mark described how recent trainings for the rural fire departments were coordinated to bring many departments together. This was to form larger groups to enhance training, and make it easier and more fruitful for EMTs and UCHealth trainers. This effort was much appreciated by all.
 - a. The value added is found within the relationships formed by gathering numerous departments for training.
 - b. Nick expressed appreciation for this effort, and advised UCHealth will continue to plan on individual trainings.
 - 2. Discussion about peer support in the NLCERA: Nick advised Pat Songer and Monique recently presented in London, representing the United States, regarding peer support.
 - a. Nick: Monique will be developing peer support through UCHealth.
 - b. Bill advised there is much happening to develop peer support in the NLCERA. Future NLCERA EMS Committee meetings will have representatives from peer support presenting to this group.
 - c. Questions were presented about how to activate the peer support team in the NLCERA.
 - i. Bill to assemble the information and send out to the NLCERA departments.
- Banner EMS offerings
 - Greeley ART CPR above

- c. Transport
 - No issues or updates
- d. Planning
 - NLCERA – LZ Map updates
 - Bill advised Jim Montague will have the LZ map updates completed soon.
 - The LZ maps will be ready for Avenza App use in the NLCERA
 - Download maps from the NLCERA Training and Resources webpage.
 - Radio – 800 in Rural NLCERA
 - Discussion about cost of 800 Meg radios. Lower cost options were discussed. Contact Carol Dollard for information.
 - Discussion about Amateur Radio operators being integral if there is a loss of use to the existing radio systems. All PSAPS have the capability, and lists of civilian operators would be useful if needed.
 - NLCERA Training and Resources webpage status
 - Bill reminded everyone that the NLCERA webpages are restructured to have all training, links and resources in one place.
- 7) As time allows - agency updates affecting NLCERA
 - a. Discussion about victim advocates is in draft form.
 - b. Per Dr. Tremblay, regarding responding to calendar invites: If Apple (iPhone and iPad) products users respond with any Apple mobile device, it will respond to all who were invited. Use Outlook on computer to respond to calendar invites as an individual..
- 8) Other Opportunities:

Please contact Kevin Waters or Bill Salmon with any questions:

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