Minutes
Pre-Hospital Care Operations Committee Meeting
November 28, 2012
The Christ Hospital

1. Introductions.
   Bruce Ashley, MD, Adams County Regional Medical Center
   Mike Bilkasley, Blue Ash Fire Department
   Fred Buop, Anderson Township Fire & Rescue
   Ryan Burke, West Chester Medical Center
   Jim Burks, VA Medical Center ED
   Greg Cifuentes, City of Fairfield Fire Department
   Steve Coley, Forest Park Fire Department
   Vicki Conneighton, UC Dept. of Emergency Medicine
   Nancy Coomer, Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati
   Ken Crank, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
   Tom Dietz, Green Township Fire & EMS
   Derek Douglas, Cincinnati Fire Department
   Cynthia Egghalma, Cincinnati Public Schools
   Pam Erpenbeck, Good Samaritan Hospital EMS Coordinator
   Elliot Fisch, Atrus
   Kirk Fisher, Mercy Health West
   Jon Frye, Loveland-Symmes Fire Department
   William Hinckley, MD, University Air Care
   Mark Johnston, The Christ Hospital
   Andy Kalb, Forest Park Fire Department
   Steve Kelly, West Chester Fire Department
   David Kemper, Air Care & Mobile Care
   Hamilton Lempert, MD, QESI
   Donald Locasto, MD, Cincinnati Fire Department
   Dan Mack, Miami Township Fire & EMS
   Bill Mehbod, Cincinnati State
   Jesse Moore, Delhi Township Fire Department
   Kate Morgan, University Air Care
   Mike Moyer, Trihealth/Bethesda North Hospital
   Tim Newcomb, Medicount Management
   Phillip Oblinger, MD, Trihealth
   Ellen Owens, Ohio Division of EMS
   Wendy Pomerantz, MD, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
   Kevin Richards, Springfield Township Fire Department
   Richard Ruddy, MD, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
   Hamilton Schwartz, MD, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center
   Rick Sunderhaus, Air Care & Mobile Care
   Nadine Swift, WestJAD
   Jonathan Van Zile, MD
   Kay Vonderschmidt, UC Dept. of Emergency Medicine
   Tom Wolf, Montgomery Fire Department

   Dr. Van Zile called the meeting to order and introductions were made. He thanked Christ Hospital for hosting the meeting.

2. Old Business.
3. **Presentations/Updates.**

Richard Ruddy, MD, Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center, gave a presentation on the Pediatric Emergency Care Applied Research Network (PECARN), the first federally-funded pediatric emergency medicine research network in the United States. He asked that anyone interested in becoming involved in the project contact him (richard.ruddy@cchmc.org), Ken Crank (Kenneth.crank@cchmc.org), or Dr. Hamilton Schwartz (hamilton.schwartz@cchmc.org).

Elliot Fisch, Atrus, Inc., presented information on his company’s AED Link system. AED Link informs 911 dispatchers about AEDs at, and nearby, the locations of sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) victims and automatically dispatches nearby trained volunteer citizen AED responders to the location of SCA emergencies. The cost of AED Link is $40,000 for initial setup, then an annual fee of $5,000. Mark Johnson reported that Project Heart ReStart is willing to pay the initial fee and two years’ annual fee for Hamilton County. PHCOC members present voted to endorse AED Link; Dr. Van Zile indicated that a letter to that effect could be written to support any presentations Mr. Fisch had planned.

4. **Protocol Subcommittee.**

Dr. Lempert reported that the 2013 Protocols have been available for review since October 1 and he has asked for comments, etc. by December 1. Corrections will be made and the document will become effective January 1, 2013. Several presentations are available on his web site for training purposes. He also reported that his web site has information on a smart phone app (Paramedic Protocol Provider) that can be purchased. Dr. Lempert and his Protocol Subcommittee were thanked for all their hard work updating the Protocols.

5. **EMS Caucus.**

6. **Continuing Education.**

   - Trihealth/Good Samaritan Hospital: Basic 12-Lead EKG Interpretation; December 5, 2012.

Information should be sent to Nancy Coomer at the Academy, ncoomer@academyofmedicine, to be distributed to PHCOC members and to be put up on the EMS web site.

7. **Membership Concerns.**

8. **New Business.**

9. **Future Meetings.**

   January 23, 2013 – Green Township
   March 27, 2013 – Good Samaritan Hospital
   May 22, 2013 – UC Air Care & Mobile Care
   July 24, 2013 – West Chester Hospital
   September 25, 2013 – need EMS location
   December 4, 2013 – Veterans Administration Hospital

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Jonathan Van Zile, MD, Chairman