**Minutes - April 2014 Staff meeting**

**Happy Birthday, TSL**

* 3 years since we opened as a full service Transfusion Services Laboratory.
* Thanks to every staff member for their focus on patient care through team work.

**2nd shift CT Lead selected**

* Max Louzon has been selected for the 2nd shift Lead position. He will start his duties on Monday, May 5th.
* There will be transition meetings with 2nd shift.

**Survey Monkey Results**

* Brenda considered the information provided in this anonymous survey as a great start towards understanding roles, expectations, and future goals.
* Copy of Survey Monkey results is in the Memo section of the Communications Book.

**PSBC Changes forthcoming**

* PSBC is part of a larger buying group. This group has purchased blood collection bags with the additive AS3.
* TSL will be getting some 30 AS3 units the week of April 20th as part of PSBC’s validation plan. We bought them at a good price. Waste Not, Want Not!
* Ecodes for all 38 products made from these bags are being added to SQ by Scott.
* One concern is the change in access ports. Brenda will post pictures in TSL so that if a nurse calls with a question, we have information to share with them. Patrick Ramos is also distributing information to nursing staff to prepare them for the new bags.

**Blood Product Usage**

* Actual figures were not available at the morning meeting but Brenda communicated that trauma usage was down.
* Plasma usage is now ½ again as much as RBC usage. This is a reflection of the use of plasma to “get ahead” of coagulopathy in massively transfused patients.
* Platelet wastage is high. Platelets are always hard to get a handle on as usage is variable. The ARC platelets will continue to come. Brenda’s attempts to get PSBC to take back short dated platelets have not been successful.
* QIM should be completed if TSL places an order that PSBC cannot fill. Even if PSBC fills the order later, a QIM is needed to record the incident. There are specific boxes to mark for delayed shipments, etc.

**AirLift NW**

* NIH is starting a study with money left over from the PROPPR Study to look at providing RBCs and liquid plasma for helicopter transportation.
* This is a multicenter study of 5 trauma centers.
* 2 RBCs and 2 Liquid Plasma will be stored in a container with a data logger. The container will be kept in the refrigerator at Boeing Field. Every 7 days the container will be swapped out. The data logger provides us with a record of temperature for the product.
* Never heard of Liquid Plasma? It is a new product for PSBC to make. It is NOT frozen plasma that has been thawed. It is plasma from a Whole Blood collection that has never been frozen. Storage requirements are the same as RBCs. The expiration is 26 days (FDA 21 CFR 610.53(c). Once returned to TSL with acceptable storage, it can be used for other patients.

**Service Culture Guidelines**

* We reviewed the April service culture guidelines of Accountability.
* Offer assistance to people who are lost or trying to find their way by escorting them to their destination or taking them to someone who can help them.
* Help those in need until their issues are resolved or another co-worker has assumed responsibility.
* Be dependable and timely.
* Take personal responsibility for keeping the work environment clean and safe by cleaning up litter and spills, or promptly contacting the appropriate resource.
* Practice consistent hand hygiene to prevent the spread of infection.

**Infection Control**

* EOC inspectors asked for our cleaning log for the portables. They were satisfied with the log, presence of cleaner and towels near the portables, and our assurance that staff understood the infection spreading implications of moving the portables from one clinical care area to another.

**Portables**

* Portables will be going away. E.D. is preparing a spot for a blood storage refrigerator in order to keep RBCs and Plasma in the E.D. There will be some type of notification in TSL when the door is opened. Purchase of a platelet storage chamber is undecided.
* Why? Portables are old and need to be replaced. Repairs are pricey. And they post an infection control issue. Employee Health is also concerned about injury pushing these heavy units.
* Replacement for MTP response outside E.D.? Coolers will be used. They can be validated for extended storage. They can also be thoroughly disinfected.

**Technical Meetings**

* There will be a CLT Technical Meeting in May. Topics include SCCA flag and Plasma Thawing.
* If you have additional topics, please pass them on to a CT Lead or Brenda.

**Portable Refrigerator Logs**

* We are going to have to live with the fact that our 2,200 nurses plus additional personnel are not completing the forms as we would wish them to do. Patrick is working on it but it is a slow go.

**Infinity Study**

* Still encountering instrument problems.

**Lab Week**

* Brunch/Dinner on Thursday.
* Awards Session is on Wednesday.

**MLS Students**

* Only 2 more students coming in April/May. They graduate in June.
* If you attend their presentations, give yourself 30 minutes CE on the form you turn in to Brenda.

**SCCA Flag**

* In a recent incident, it was discovered that the SCCA flag was not posted to the “H” number in BBI until about 20 minutes after pretransfusion testing was completed on a transferred patient. The SCCA flag did appear in BBI when the “U” number was used as the search parameter.
* Staff mentioned that APA patients seem to be missing attributes on their blood requests. Since many are Hem/Onc patients, it doesn’t hurt to call and check with APA before issuing products.