

Base Station Physicians' Committee (BSPC) – 2014 Meeting Minutes

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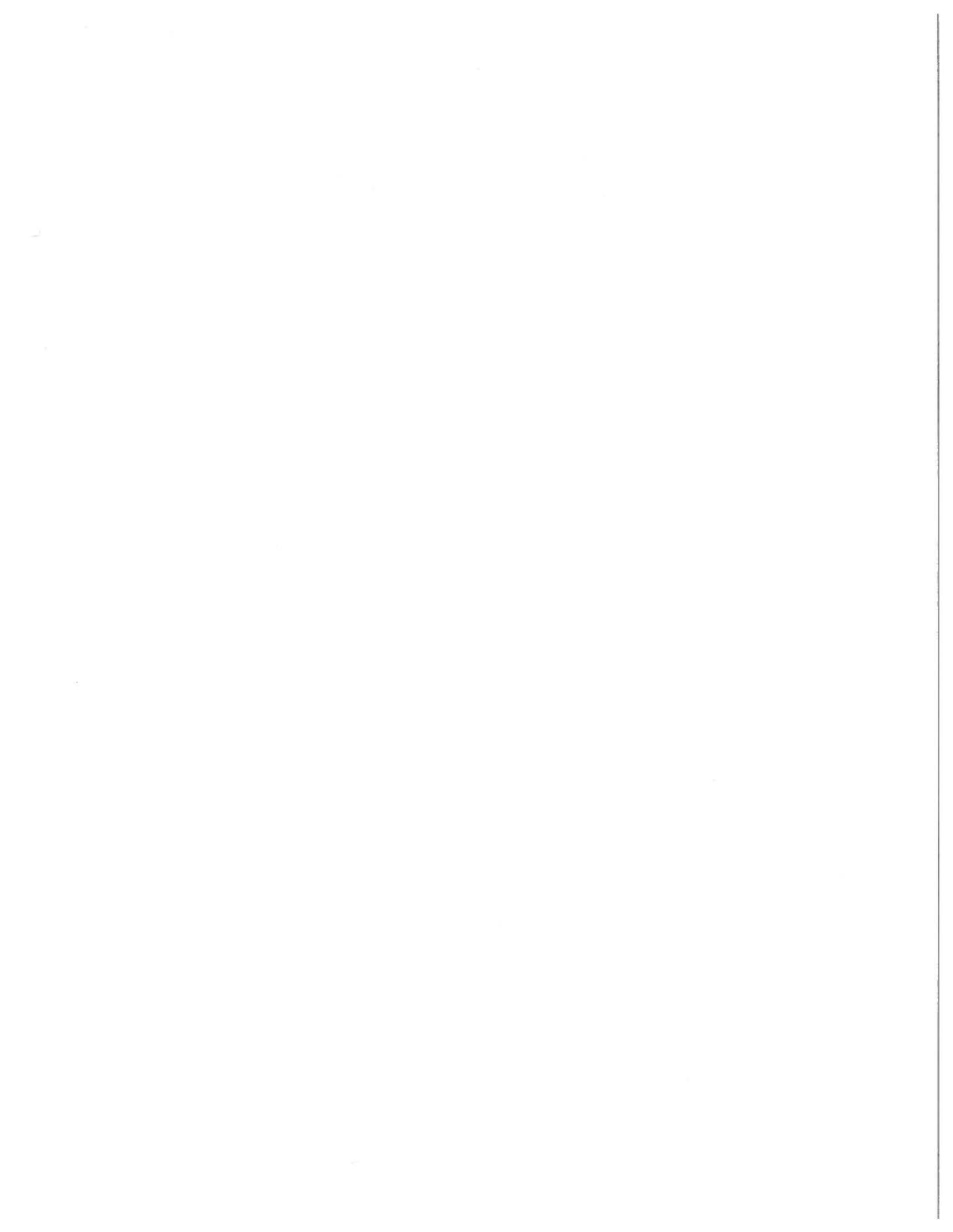
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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

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In Attendance

Abbott, Stephen – North County Fire
Aker, Donna – UCSD ROC
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR
Carrasquillo, Ralph – San Diego Fire

In Attendance (cont'd)

Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Drum, Daryn – Heartland Fire
Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Ferraro, Joe – Miramar Fire Department
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Howard, James – UCSD
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Johnson, Charlie – Mercy Air
Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR
Lemire, Harold – San Diego Fire
McEwan, Michael – USBP BORSTAR
Moriarty, Doug – Pala Fire/Mercy
Napier, Jeremy – Mercy Medical
Nichols, R.N., Mardi – Tri-City Medical Center
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – San Diego Fire
Rod, Rick – SD City EMS/Rural/Metro
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR
Saltzstein, Doug – NCTI
Saner, Dan – San Diego Fire
Scott, Chris – Chula Vista Fire
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC
Williams, Amy – Rady Children's Hospital

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected from November 19, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Four people from our EMS system were honored at the state EMS Authority (EMSA) awards ceremony in December. Those individuals were: Ennis Jackson, Jym Bridger, Chris Van Gorder and Dave Austin.
- B. The Health Services Capacity Plan has been distributed. The Plan has four (4) levels in it. Use it as guidance, and let County EMS know if you have any comments or suggestions for next year's Plan.
- C. The *Love Your Heart* event will take place on February 14, 2014. EMS venues across the County will be set up to take blood pressures. Contact County EMS if you would like to take part in this event.
- D. This year's *Sidewalk CPR* will be held June 5, 2014. This event trains the public in compression only CPR. Contact County EMS if you would like to take part in this event.
- E. PulsePoint is a new downloadable application that allows individuals the ability to provide life-saving assistance to victims of cardiac arrest. Users who have indicated that they are trained in CPR are notified if someone in a public place is having a cardiac emergency and requires CPR. The application also directs citizen rescuers to the location of the closest AED.
- F. The State has put out a pre public comment draft for first aid and CPR regulations. The draft is due February 2, 2014.

IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

Jim Dunford, M.D., presented a PowerPoint on the overview of Community Paramedicine. The applications for Community Paramedic were submitted. If officially approved in April, training begins in June and the program is set to start in September.

Linda Allington, R.N, gave a brief verbal overview. Ms. Allington stated that they are looking at transporting to an alternate destination with the use of telemedicine. Their first meeting was held on January 9, 2014 with the EMCC Research and Education Subcommittee and roles are being defined. Ms. Allington also stated they are working on their curriculum and the program is set to start in September.

V. FLU SEASON (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- 1. Dr. Haynes reported that the hospitals are very busy and thanked them for staying off bypass. In the last week, influenza detections and influenza deaths have risen. There were six (6) deaths reported

in San Diego County. As of last week, the State numbers were forty-five deaths, with fifty more still under investigation. It is encouraged to get influenza vaccinations. The vaccinations are fifty to eighty percent effective.

2. The State put out an advisory at the end of December about the treatment of severe influenza due to the influenza A virus. The largest influenza virus circulating is the H1N1.
3. After some concern from the San Diego County Group to Eradicate Resistant Microorganisms (GERM) Commission, the hospitals are being surveyed on their capabilities with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) and rotoprone beds.
4. It was reported that a patient in Canada, passed away from the H5N1 influenza virus. There was an article put out on California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) on how to detect individuals infected with the H5N1 virus.

VI. NAEMSP REPORT

Dr. Haynes stated at the recent National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) Annual Meeting there was a real interest in the Community Paramedic Program. Other topics discussed were cutting back further on spinal immobilization, the interpretation of recently published articles about therapeutic hypothermia and the use of artificial chest thumpers. Dr. Haynes asked others in the group, who attended the Annual Meeting, what observations they made. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Dunford added this was the first year there was an EMS sub-specialty exam for physicians. The passing rate for those who took the exam was fifty-five percent.

VII. POLICY S-029 STROKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Policy S-029 was distributed. Dr. Haynes stated this policy has been approved by EMCC. Chris Kahn, M.D., stated section G of the policy causes concern in regards to violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Dr. Haynes stated County EMS will look into the matter.

VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

1. Ms. Rosenberg reported November 21, 2014 is the Statewide Drill. The drill will focus on a foodborne illness.
2. There is a subcommittee being formed for maternal/newborn evacuation plans. Contact Sharon Carlson, R.N., with Sharp Healthcare or Ms. Rosenberg if you are interested.
3. There was a CHEMPACK Tabletop Exercise held January 14, 2014 and it went well.

IX. BEACON UPDATE

Beacon is no longer; will change name to San Diego Connect for future topic items.

X. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC)

Donna Aker reported ROC is working with the City of San Diego for the Amiodarone, Lidocaine,

Placebo Study (ALPS). Ms. Aker also reported that ROC is closing as of December 2015. There is a proposal set to carry on in a similar format that is under negotiation with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Nothing new to report for any other trials, everything is proceeding as planned.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There was nothing discussed.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING (February 18, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.



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Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Vilke, Gary – Carlsbad Fire
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC
White, Patricia – San Diego Fire
Xu, Marian – UCSD

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Smith, D.O., called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from January 21, 2014. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. The influenza season appears to be tapering down. The number of deaths is currently at 35. Dr. Haynes thanked all the hospitals for their hard work.
- B. The personal protective equipment (PPE) has come up for patients who have influenza like illness or influenza. Influenza is spread from a droplet transmission. Surgical masks and gloves should be used and if there is a risk for possible splashes, then eye protection and a gown would be appropriate. The only time an N-95 mask would be necessary is when doing a procedure that may cause aerosolize secretions such as CPR, BVM, intubation or suctioning. Dr. Haynes added that state health recently talked to Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) about this subject and they reinforced what Dr. Haynes just stated.
- C. The number of Pertussis cases are increasing. It is recommended to get a Tdap vaccine.
- D. Drug shortages continue, with 1000 mL bags of normal saline being the most common right now. County EMS recently made a change in inventory so that 500 mL bags of normal saline could be used and use saline locks.
- E. The burn surge plan is coming along in development. The plan is in case of wildfires or a large fire, and the burn center exceeds capacity, this would help provide care for patients. Patients with large cutaneous burns would go to the burn center and patients with smaller cutaneous burns would go to one of the trauma centers. Patients with the least severe burns would go to one of the emergency departments. The plan also includes moving patients around if necessary.
- F. The Medical Society Prescription Drug Abuse Task Force is meeting February 28, 2014. There will be an opportunity there to sign up for CURES. Sign up for CURES will be a requirement by next year.
- G. At the Emergency Medicine Oversight Commission (EMOC) it was mentioned there was some discussion by the Medical Society about the attack on Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA). The trial lawyers are making an effort to overturn MICRA.
- H. 5150 Task Force meetings with behavioral health have taken place. The interest to County EMS is BLS ambulance transportation of 5150 patients and legal protection for the ambulance companies.
- I. *Sidewalk CPR* is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2014. The event trains the public in compression only CPR.
- J. *Strike Out Stroke* at the Padres game is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014.
- K. Dr. Haynes asked the group if there has been any criticism by the trauma surgeons when paramedics bring patients in following the County protocol for spinal immobilization. Discussion ensued.

- L. The next BSPC meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014. That date conflicts with State meetings in Los Angeles. Dr. Haynes asked the group how many attendees would be available if the meeting date was moved to March 25, 2014. It was also noted a location would be needed if the date changed.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. The statewide drill will occur on November 20, 2014.
- B. Juvenile Hall is attempting to contact some hospitals to participate in an active shooter drill. The drill is currently in the forming stages.
- C. It is being encouraged to take WebEOC training if you have not yet to participate in the November drill.

V. SAN DIEGO CONNECT (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

Dr. Vilke had nothing to report.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

- A. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS) is still ongoing.
- B. It was reported all the ROC investigators will be meeting in April.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

- A. The curriculum for the Carlsbad alternate destination project is currently being worked on. The training will be done in-house and there will be an outside formality of testing. Carlsbad is currently working to create a policy/guideline for transporting patients.
- B. City of San Diego and Rural/Metro reported they will be interviewing candidates to augment the practitioner position. They are having ongoing meetings and working with partners in regards to the research access program. There is an eight (8) person task force working on the program.

VIII. PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES (Meredith Conte, R.N.)

- A. P-111, Adult Standing Orders for Communication Failure: Correct the typo under Respiratory Distress (S-136).
- B. P-117, Pediatric (<15 yo and < 37kg) Drug Chart: Change Versed dosage for pediatrics from 7mg to 5mg. It was noted that the volume should also be changed.
- C. S-138, Shock: It was brought forward that additional wording is needed to clarify practice of giving fluids in patients with suspected sepsis regardless of blood pressure. It was agreed by the group to add a separate sepsis protocol.

IX. REVIEW OF NATIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTION SYSTEMS (Chris Kahn, M.D.)

Held over until next meeting.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Nothing was reported.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Haynes added that there was a great article in the newspaper regarding Oceanside Fire and Rescue. Lynne Seabloom, R.N., reported Oceanside Fire and Rescue responded to a call in regards to a first time mother going into labor a month early. The woman's water broke in the ambulance and the baby arrived. Captain Morgan immediately started CPR on the baby. The woman was transported to Tri-City Hospital and the baby survived.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING (February 18, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.



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Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Metz, R.N., Marcy – County EMS
Neison, M.D., Dave – Sharp Grossmont BHMD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR Medical Director
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Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Programs

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Murphy, Mary – CSA 17
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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 18, 2014. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes thanked the agencies that provided information for the Core Measures report to State EMS Authority.
- B. *Strike Out Stroke* at the Padres game is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014.
- C. A reminder from the various hospital neurologists to bring the witness to the hospital with the stroke patient to obtain last known time normal to help determine the patient's treatment. If the witness wishes to not go to the hospital it would be helpful to get their cell phone number.
- D. There have been some issues recently with recognizing aphasia as a deficit in the field. Pointers will be provided in the future.
- E. *Sidewalk CPR* is scheduled for Thursday, June 5, 2014.
- F. This year marks to the 30th year for the San Diego County Trauma System. There will be a dinner to celebrate the anniversary on June 13, 2014.
- G. There will be a revision of Annex D this year. If you have any suggestions contact Patrick Buttron at County EMS.
- H. Activated charcoal is only necessary in a small number of cases. Jim Dunford, M.D., added that a medical student is currently doing a report on charcoal that can be shared with the committee when finished.
- I. There was a recent CAHAN alert about wound botulism.
- J. The administration of Naloxone by Sheriff deputies is still being looked at.
- K. Congratulations to the San Diego County Medical Society and Foundation; they received an award as a public health leader for their program to help indigent patients get necessary health care.
- L. *Prescription Drug Take Back Day* is scheduled for April 26, 2014
- M. Tom Chippendale recently passed away after he was diagnosed with malignant lung cancer.
- N. Nurse practitioner, Leslie Eldridge, was running in the recent San Diego Half Marathon with another nurse practitioner, when another participant collapsed. They performed CPR and the participant was taken to a nearby hospital. He is doing well.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. Copies of the April Newsletter for San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council were available.
- B. There was a drill on April 9, 2014, which gave emergency room personnel at Sharp Memorial an

opportunity to set up the tents.

- C. November 20, 2014 is the next statewide disaster exercise. The focus will include pediatric surge, communications, operational coordination and volunteer management.
- D. There will be a Disaster Expo at Sharp Spectrum on September 27, 2014 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- E. June 7, 2014 will be *Touch A Truck* at Qualcomm Stadium.
- F. Emergency Medical Services Administrators' Association of California (EMSAAC) will be May 28 and 29, 2014 in Coronado.
- G. There will be a 9-1-1 Conference for Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) in La Mesa on April 25, 2014.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (J. Killeen, M.D.)

Dr. Killeen was not present. Dr. Haynes stated that County EMS is working on some of the connections and data compilations. Dr. Haynes added that Dan Chavez and others are making presentations to various groups to encourage them to join in July, 2014.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Kelly, R.N.)

- A. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS) is still ongoing and has reached 150 patients. The plan is to continue until December 2015.
- B. The annual meeting of the ROC investigators will be held April 16, 2014.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

- A. Gary Vilke, M.D. stated a protocol proposal has been submitted to the County for review.
- B. Dr. Dunford stated there were two (2) hearings to decide whether community paramedicine goes forward. All 13 projects are grouped together and turned into the OSHPD as one (1) composite. There were some concerns raised at the hearings about certain sites being able to measure whether community paramedics were beneficial.
- C. There was a PowerPoint presentation by Cary Mells, M.D., from Tri-City Medical Center. The presentation was entitled *Community Paramedicine Pilot Project, A Bad Idea for San Diego County*. Some of the topics were :
 - Purpose/Objective
 - Status
 - Legislation
 - Types of Patients
 - Pilot Site Information
 - Local Impact in North County
 - Is This Good for the Emergency Medicine Community?
 - Opposing Statements
 - Risks to the Community
 - Recommendations
- D. Dr. Haynes added that the Research Education Subcommittee of Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) is currently working on the community paramedicine project.

VIII. POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS (Diane Ameng, R.N., and Meredith Conte, R.N.)

- A. P-401, Scope of Practice of EMT-Paramedic in San Diego County: Ms. Ameng outlined the changes to the committee and added this is bringing the protocol in line with the new regulations.
- B. S-136, Treatment Protocol – Respiratory Distress: Discussion ensued to include pneumonia in this protocol. After discussion, no changes made to protocol.
- C. S-143, Treatment Protocol – Sepsis: This was a new protocol introduced. Discussion topics included: including two (2) categories one (1) for BP less than 90 and one (1) for BP greater than 90. Add 'x1' next to 500ml fluid under Administer and add *if BP is greater than 90, may repeat on Base Hospital order and if BP is less than 90, may repeat on standing order*. Remove *except for patients on beta blockers* and the word *shock*.
- D. S-402, Prehospital Determination of Death: Ms. Conte stated this policy was reviewed by the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. Some of protocol S-406 was added as well as a couple of changes suggested by the Subcommittee.
- E. P-403, Physician on Scene: Ms. Conte this policy was also reviewed by the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. It was suggested to use consistent language throughout in regards to identification and license. It was suggested to add *scope of practice* in Attachment A. It was also suggested under section F, line 2, to remove the word 'except' and replace with a semi-colon (;).

IX. REVIEW OF NATIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTION SYSTEMS (Chris Kahn, M.D.)

Dr. Kahn gave a PowerPoint presentation on *Review of National Medical Direction Systems*. A survey was conducted on how medical direction is provided to some of the largest EMS systems in the United States and London. Dr. Kahn presented his responses from 44 systems including seven (7) local EMS authorities in California. The highlights on online medical control (OLMC) were:

- Why is OLMC requested?
- Thoughts from the Field
- Summary of Field Comments
- Overall Field Impressions
- Suggested Actions

Discussion ensued. It was suggested putting a task force together to work on this. Dr. Haynes stated after County EMS presents their base assessment then a task force can be decided upon.

X. MISCELLANEOUS FIELD INTERVENTIONS

Held over until next meeting.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Data on the PulsePoint app was requested.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING (May 20, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 1:27 p.m.



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Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
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Hoberecht, Travis – AMR
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Killeen, Jim – San Diego Health Connect
Lemire, Harold – SD Fire Department
Lindsey, Matt – North County Fire
Monreal, Angelo – Express Ambulance
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Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

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Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Bennett, M.D., Donald – USMC EMS/NCHP
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire
Chavez, Dan – SD Health Connect
Cruz, Ron – NMC San Diego
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chris Kahn, M.D., requested an addendum to Section IX stating that a recommendation was made for a task force to be formed and that County EMS will provide an update about the base hospital assessment. A **motion** was made by James Dunford, M.D., and seconded by Christopher Wiesner, M.D., to approve the minutes as corrected from April 15, 2014. **Motion** carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes reported the base hospital assessment continues to be worked on.
- B. Dr. Haynes gave a brief summary of the recent wildfires. Dr. Haynes spoke with Bruce Potenza, M.D., on the first day during the wildfires, and Dr. Potenza stated there were ten beds available that could be critical care beds if needed. If more than ten beds were needed, then the burn surge plan would have gone into effect. For the first time, a review team was sent out to the shelters to evaluate the medical issues. There were some waivers granted from routine daily practice. There were also some issues with mapping, so County EMS will be working with County Office of Emergency Services (OES).
- C. Dr. Haynes reported that the Heat Response Task Force has met. The Task Force meets annually and works on the San Diego County Heat Emergency Plan.
- D. Dr. Haynes sent out some information on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and the personal protection equipment (PPE) that is needed.
- E. *Sidewalk CPR* is scheduled for June 5, 2014.
- F. Dr. Dunford added that Dr. Potenza will be coming to the Education Committee for the City of San Diego. Dr. Potenza will be sharing some preliminary film on burn triage practice.
- G. Dr. Dunford also added there is some concern with the heat during the upcoming Rock 'n' Roll Marathon occurring on June 1, 2014.
- H. On behalf of Chief Davis and Carlsbad Fire, Linda Allington, R.N., thanked Dr. Haynes and Mr. Johnson from Rural/Metro with their assistance during the recent wildfires. Dr. Haynes thanked all who were involved with the wildfires.
- I. Dr. Dunford added that there is a new system for fire personnel called Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS). Discussion ensued.

**IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)
This was reported during the Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) Meeting.**

- A. September 22-24, 2014 is the California Hospital Association (CHA) Conference.
- B. There will be a Golden Guardian in May 2015, and the focus will most likely be an earthquake.
- C. Planning for the November exercise will be including MERS-CoV.

D. There will be a violent threat evacuation drill at Scripps Encinitas on June 6, 2014.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Jim Killeen, M.D.)

Dr. Killeen presented on San Diego Health Connect. The topics included: EMS Hub, EMS Report, Street Sense Real Time Data Report and Reporting Tool MDRTB Lab Update. Discussion ensued.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Kelly, R.N.)

A. The annual meeting of the ROC investigators was held on April 16, 2014.

B. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS) is still ongoing and has reached 162 patients. There are no new trials pending at this time.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

A. Ms. Allington reported that there was an addendum made to subsection OSHPD. The addendum largely focused on concern for patient safety and education. There was confusion initially because it was believed that the paramedics only needed 200 hours of training, when in fact it is 200 hours in addition to their regular amount of training. There will be another public comment hearing and there are twelve sites now. Ms. Allington added they are currently in the base line data collection phase, and that will continue until they move into the next phase.

B. Dr. Dunford reported the State came and spoke at the County. The encouraging factor is that even if all the programs do not move forward, it is still possible that the OSHPD can enable one or two projects to move forward. The City of San Diego is a super user and has offered positions for four (4) paramedics.

VIII. RESUSCITATION (Brad Schwartz, M.D.)

A. Dr. Schwartz gave a presentation entitled "The Business of Saving Lives." The topics included: Are We Competitive in the Market, Leading Cause of Death in Adults Over Age 40, Next Steps and a Strategy, 2007 C.A.R.E.S Data, C.A.R.E.S Summary Report, C.A.R.E.S Data Comparison of 2012 and 2013, Nine Critical Tasks of Strategic Management, Easy to Improve...10 Steps, Discussion Points, CPR Dashboard and PulsePoint.

B. Dr. Haynes stated County EMS will appoint a subcommittee to tie in with the protocol review.

IX. POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS (Meredith Conte, R.N.)

A. S-143, Treatment Protocol – Sepsis: Ms. Conte outlined the changes to the committee in regards to fluids. It was recommended to bold or underline the suggestive wording. Ms. Grad requested if Dopamine can be a Base Hospital Physician Order. Discussion ensued. After further consideration, it was decided it will be a Base Hospital Physician Order.

B. Dr. Dunford showed a brief summary of sepsis information from Orlando Regional Medical Center.

X. MISCELLANEOUS FIELD INTERVENTIONS (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- Humeral IO will continue to be a MD variation.

- The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) issued an article on some of the disadvantages of using the long backboard. Discussion ensued.
- The NAEMSP and ACS COT have also released guidelines for external hemorrhage. Dr. Haynes stated it appears consistent with the current practice.
- Dr. Haynes reported the Medical Audit Committee (MAC) was asked if their view on using tranexamic acid (TXA) has changed. The consensus from MAC was it is still not needed in the field.
- Dr. Haynes stated pelvic binders and chest seals are still being reviewed.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There was nothing to report.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING (June 17, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.



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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, June 17, 2014

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Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – County EMS
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In Attendance

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire

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Jimenez, Marvin – Reach Air
Lafree, Andrew – UCSD
Maisonet, Scott – USBP BORSTAR
Miller, Ben – Mercy Air
Osborn, Steve – Rural/Metro
Pierce, Jodie – SDFD
Rod, Rick – Rural/Metro/SD City EMS
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Saltzstein, Doug – NCTI
Saner, Dan – SDFD
Scott, Chris – Chula Vista Fire
Serra, John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
Shinar, M.D., Zack – Sharp Memorial
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Tomada, Andrea – NMC San Diego
Wardi, Gabriel – UCSD
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC
Williams, Amy – Rady Children's Hospital

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A **motion** was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 20, 2014. **Motion carried.**

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes reported some drug shortages continue. The most recent is normal saline. A memo from Dr. Haynes dated June 10, 2014 was sent out to the Committee. The memo suggested only hanging an IV bag when fluids are needed. If fluids are necessary in the future or if medications are needed, use a saline lock. It is encouraged to use saline locks and not hang fluids because an IV is being started. Dr. Haynes added that even though in the inventory there are 1000mL and 250mL size bags, other sizes such as 500mL would be acceptable if there is nothing else. The medics should be checking the bags for leakage. Ringer's lactate solution is acceptable as an alternative; just let the hospital know when you arrive. Dr. Haynes also added to call County EMS if you have problems.
- B. The 30th Anniversary of the San Diego County Trauma System was celebrated on Friday, June 13, 2014. There were 300 attendees and Dr. David Hoyt and Dr. Brent Eastman both spoke at the event. The Trauma System began on August 1, 1984 and has treated 225,000 patients in its 30 years. A study completed before the trauma system began showed a 21% rate of preventable or potentially preventable death in the trauma patients. Once the system was established that rate quickly dropped to 2-3% and for many years now it has been below 1%. The death rate among the most severely injured patients with ISS scores of 15 or greater have been dropping for 20 years. Over the years there has been a large increase of the number of patients going to the trauma center much faster than the population growth. Most recently there has been a change of the most common type of injury that results in trauma activation and that is falls rather than motor vehicles.
- C. The State has put out proposed revisions to the public safety first aid and CPR regulations; comments are due July 7, 2014.
- D. There are some revised policies that will be taking effect July 1, 2014: P-401 is bringing the policy up to date with the paramedic scope of practice, P-402 is combining prehospital determination of death with the aeromedical determination of death, and P-403 addresses the changes of physician on scene.
- E. The Pulse Point app plans to start mid-July 2014. Jim Dunford, M.D., added that the City of San Diego is working with the County of San Diego to geo locate automated external defibrillators (AED). The hope is that all the AEDs accessible to the public will be geo located by the time the app goes live. Dr. Dunford also added there will be two (2) apps, one for the alert and another app that will be used to geo locate the device and provide a photo. Dr. Dunford will provide more detail to the Committee in July. Gerard Demers, D.O., added that they are attempting to locate each AED on the Navy bases.
- F. Dr. Haynes reported work on the base assessment continues.
- G. The Protocol Revision Task Force will start this summer and consider changes to protocols for next year.
- H. Dr. Haynes also reported Annex D is undergoing revision this summer.

- I. The law enforcement effort of allowing deputies to use naloxone intranasally on suspected opioid overdoses is continuing and they are getting things ready for instruction which should begin in the next few weeks.
- J. During *Sidewalk CPR* held on June 5, 2014, there were 3,100 people taught hands only CPR. Dr. Haynes added CPR delivered during cardiac arrest is a strong indicator of survival.
- K. The POLST document is being revised by a State committee. Dr. Haynes added changes should only be minor and should take effect in October 2014. Dr. Haynes also added the older POLST forms never expire.
- L. Sharp Memorial Hospital received the Lantern Award by the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA). The award will be presented in October at their annual ENA Gala.
- M. Brad Schwartz added that after today's meeting he is going to Alpine to present a certificate to two (2) bystanders that provided compression only CPR and the cardiac arrest survivor. The wife of the cardiac arrest survivor had recently learned compression-only CPR when her husband collapsed.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. There was a violent threat evacuation drill at Scripps Encinitas on June 6, 2014. There is a video pending of the event.
- B. There was a point of dispensing (POD) drill at Qualcomm Stadium on June 5, 2014. The plan is to serve the County's population if ever needed.
- C. This is the time of year for hospitals to internally look at their POD of medications for staff and their family.
- D. September 22-24, 2014 is the California Hospital Association (CHA) Conference in Sacramento, CA.
- E. WebEOC is starting a workshop on July 31, 2014 for those who haven't updated their email address and/or passwords.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Jim Killeen, M.D.)

No report given.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Kelly, R.N.)

No report given.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT

- A. Diane Ameng, R.N., reported the advisory committee met June 16, 2014. The supplemental applications are still being reviewed before a decision on approving the pilot projects is made. There will be another public comment hearing on July 30, 2014. Following that hearing, it will be reviewed by an administrative law judge (ALJ) and then OSHPD directly will make a decision.
- B. Linda Allington, R.N., added that the ALJ will verify everything is done correctly and then it is given to the OSHPD director to render a decision. The addendum was sent June 16, 2014 and is on the web. The addendum is almost 600 pages and includes an update of all the proposals and some samples from the data

collection looking at the different programs. The education was also released. Ms. Allington added that they will send their recommendations to Dr. Haynes to forward to the State.

- C. Dr. Dunford reported that the San Diego project has hired four (4) Rural/Metro paramedics to function as community paramedics and their training began June 16, 2014. If they cannot do the scope of practice that is in the study then they'll be resource access program paramedics. The City of San Diego's focus is on 911 frequent users. The San Diego program was put on the Innovation Exchange which is through the government's Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research. Dr. Dunford also added San Diego was selected as the second best practice in the country. Dr. Dunford stated San Diego does a lot of community information exchange (CIE).

VIII. EXTRACORPOREAL RESUSCITATION (Zach Shinar, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Shinar gave a presentation entitled "*Resuscitation in San Diego. How Can We Make it Better?*" The topics included:

- Problem
- JAMA
- What Should Post-Arrest Care Consist Of?
- What Could We Do?
- Our Data
- Conclusions

Email Dr. Shinar at Zshinar@hotmail.com for any questions/comments.

- B. Dr. Dunford presented 2013 C.A.R.E.S Data for the City of San Diego.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There was nothing to report.

X. SET NEXT MEETING (July 15, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 p.m.



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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves. Bruce Haynes, M.D., introduced Jim Levenson as the new Principal Administrative Analyst for County EMS.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ryan Smith, D.O., and seconded by Marcus Wang, M.D., to approve the minutes from June 17, 2014. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes reported the pertussis epidemic continues. The County is close to 1,000 cases. Dr. Haynes stated vaccinations of healthcare personnel including EMS personnel are very critical to avoid the transmittal of pertussis from adults to young children. If adults haven't had the Tdap shot, they need that rather than a tetanus shot.
- B. The flu season is on its way. The hospitals were advised to get their flu programs and vaccines ready.
- C. Obtaining the 'last known normal time' for stroke patients is important. Still working to obtain.
- D. Some San Diego County deputies have now been trained to administer intranasal naloxone in suspected narcotic overdoses. When EMS personnel arrive on scene they will take over.
- E. Dr. Haynes reported Diane Ameng, R.N., with County EMS, is working on the best approach for changes presented during Brad Schwartz's CPR presentation from May 2014.
- F. County EMS is doing an IT assessment. There will be another upcoming meeting July 28, 2014 from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Any who are interested in attending are welcome.
- G. The Protocol Revision Task Force will be meeting in August for adult protocols and in September for children protocols. If you have any suggestions send them to Meredith Conte, R.N., with County EMS.
- H. Dr. Haynes also reported Annex D is undergoing revision this summer. Contact Patrick Buttron from County EMS with any questions.
- I. An emerging virus called Chikungunya is a viral illness. The first case was reported in the County and was from a patient that visited Haiti.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. September 22-24, 2014 is the California Hospital Association (CHA) Conference in Sacramento, CA.
- B. WebEOC is having a workshop on July 31, 2014. The first half is for those who haven't updated their email address and/or passwords and to learn the basics. The second half is a specific job description. Ms. Rosenberg added that passwords will no longer expire.
- C. The Statewide Medical Health Exercise is in November. The tabletop for the Exercise is coming up.
- D. The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant fund is slowly declining. Hospitals will look into whether it's still beneficial to continue to keep up with the grant's requirements.
- E. September 9, 2014 is Sharp's Disaster Expo at Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Dan Chavez)

Mr. Chavez stated San Diego Health Connect continues to grow. There are 84 organizations signed up on secure email. Sharp and Scripps will come online in August. Palomar has also joined the Health Information Exchange (HIE). On July 16, 2014, an EMS workgroup will start. There will be an upgrade on August 5, 2014 to include an expanded search capability, admission discharge transfer (ADT) matching, transport view, and agency view.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Kelly Aker, R.N.)

Ms. Aker reported there are now 185 participants enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS). The program itself has a total of 3,000 which is almost at its 2/3 mark. Ms. Aker also reported Gary Vilke, M.D., will be taking over as principal investigator.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT

A. Dr. Haynes reported Carlsbad has sent some additional information to UC San Francisco researchers who are collecting the data and analyzing. The second public hearing will take place July 30, 2014. There will be a summary of issues prepared by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and then the Director of the State office of Health Planning and Development will make a determination on the outcomes of the projects.

B. Jim Dunford, M.D., reported that the San Diego project has hired four (4) Rural/Metro paramedics to function as community paramedics. If they cannot do the scope of practice that is in the study then they'll be resource access program paramedics. The City of San Diego's focus is on 911 frequent users. Dr. Dunford added there is a concern how the State is going to measure the outcome of the projects.

VIII. PULSE POINT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes reported Pulse Point is an app for persons to download to their mobile telephone to be notified of cardiac arrest dispatches in their location so they may respond and assist. The meetings for this app have recently been focused on the location of the nearest automated external defibrillator (AED). The deadline to go-live is July 28, 2014. Dr. Dunford added that there is a software app you can download that allows you to identify the location of the nearest AED.

IX. MEDICATION SHORTAGES (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes reported there is a current shortage of normal saline nationwide. County EMS put out a notice to only hang an IV bag when fluids are needed. If fluids are necessary in the future or if medications are needed, use a saline lock. It is encouraged to use saline locks and not hang fluids because an IV is being started. Dr. Haynes added that even though in the inventory there are 1000mL and 250mL size bags, other sizes such as 500mL would be acceptable if there is nothing else. The medics should be checking the bags for leakage. Ringer's lactate solution is acceptable as an alternative. Dr. Haynes also added to call County EMS if you cannot find any normal saline.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There was nothing reported.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING (September 16, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.



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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ryan Smith, D.O. called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wiesner, M.D., seconded by Marcus Wang, M.D. to approve the minutes from July 15, 2014. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Volumes of ALS transports, number of patients who bypassed the requested hospital, emergency department (ED) saturation, ED bypass and percent of patients bypassed per hospital were given.
- B. Protocol Review: Adult and pediatric protocol review has been done. A summary of the protocol review will be brought to BSPC for discussion.
- C. Fallbrook Hospital has issued a request to drop their basic emergency medical services. The hospital may close as an acute care hospital as well.
 - 1. EMS is required to do impact report and send it to the California Licensing and Certification. The report should be released soon.
 - 2. North County Fire that serves most of the calls in the area feels they will be able to maintain response in the area adequately. Palomar Hospital and Tri-City also feel they will be able to handle any overflow volume.
 - 3. Temecula Valley Hospital in Riverside County impact regarding Stroke and STEMI resources will be considered.
- D. Naloxone trial with the Sheriff Deputies had nine (9) cases reported and is going smooth. Naloxone is being used in the correct circumstances; everyone has had a clinical response to the naloxone.
- E. Public safety regulations that apply to fire fighters, lifeguards and law enforcement went out for public comment on October 20, 2014. The revision will be out in six (6) months.
- F. Prehospital IT assessment has concluded and is waiting for the HP report. The State has established a January 1, 2015 date to switch to Nemsis 3.0. Notification will be sent out as well as additional information.
- G. City of San Diego RFP:
EMS who has local jurisdiction, and providers of ambulance services in the area have a number of mutual operation agreements (MOA's) that are traditionally bid on and reviewed every 10 years for ambulances services in the area and establish the new emergency operations agreement (EOA).

EMSA's review of the City of San Diego Request for Proposal (RFP) has determined that the County of San Diego cannot delegate its authority to the City. The County filed an appeal of the denial to the EMS Commission.
- H. Stroke last known normal time should be reported to the Base Hospital for the hospital to decide what kind of treatment the patient should be given when they arrive. Stroke processes to get tPA have been reviewed.

- I. Issue from the Trauma there have been reports that patient care records are not making it to hospital charts when patients are delivered to the hospital.
- J. Flu season is coming up; people should be encouraged to get vaccinated.
- K. PulsePoint started a few months ago. Dr. Dunford stated that the City of San Diego started PulsePoint on July 30, 2014. Since then there have been 34 alerts of cardiac arrest, four (4) were actual arrests, the rest were dead on scene (DOS), seizures and alcohol wake-ups. Of those who were real cardiac arrests, no lay responses were reported. The fire department 911 reported engine response arrived first, nine (9) out of 10 times.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. The Statewide Medical Healthcare exercise on November 20, 2014. The scenario has been changed to Ebola.
- B. October 30, 2014 is the Emergency Care Summit at Scripps La Jolla.
- C. Melody Dotson reported on the Airport drill. Sharp and Mercy Hospital included 100 patients, there were 18 agency ambulances that participated. Transport times were good.
- D. Scripps La Jolla Hospital's is opening new building and will have an active shooter drill, on January 30, 2015.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

No report was given

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Gary Vilke)

The study has 293 patients; total national enrollment in the study was 2,000 to 3,000 people. San Diego is the leader in enrolling eligible patients for the study.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) REPORT (Linda Allington)

- A. The OSHPD Director expressed concerns on issues brought up at public hearings regarding public safety, treating and data collection. Final decision on the CP projects should be made by November 12, 2014.
- B. Yesterday there was a webinar regarding current projects with LEMSA. There are 50 project participants all over the country working on performance and standardization benchmarking.
- C. Dr. Dunford added there will be a formal curriculum that the paramedics will receive through UCLA to a local site of 100 to 200 hours of training. The Community Information Exchange (CIE) is being used by San Diego City for the homeless where case coordinators and housing providers are on the same system. NYC awarded Dr. Dunford with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) grant for analysis of the limits and challenges of CP in the country. Dr. Dunford will be joining Kevin Munjal, Medical Director of Mount Sinai who is discussing the need of financial reform. There will be some bicoastal sessions on analysis of CP.

VIII. PSYCHIATRIC CASE (D. Neison, M.D.)

Dr. Neison was not present.

IX. EBOLA (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. In August, EMS distributed guidance in conjunction with one of the CAHAN alert regarding assessment, diagnosis and treatment of the Ebola disease. The guidance included recommendations for personal protective equipment (PPE), how to identify the patient, and included taking a travel history. Frequently asked questions will be posted.
- B. The CDC in response to two nurses in Dallas that contracted Ebola has a new guidance on personal protective equipment (PPE). Additional elements to the guidance include:
 - 1. Site manager responsibility making sure there is no contamination.
 - 2. Trained observers to monitor for correct PPE use and safe work practices.
 - 3. Designated areas for Donning and Doffing (D&D) for the hospitals which will be adopted for field use.
 - 4. PPE for observers who are watching people providing the nursing care.
 - 5. The CDC Website has the guidance.
- C. The Ebola outbreak is the largest that has occurred outside of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Countries affected are:
 - 1. Guinea
 - 2. Liberia
 - 3. Sierra Leone
 - 4. Nigeria and Senegal due to their Public Health practice are off the list of countries for suspected watch.

There are 9,200 suspect/probable and confirmed cases of Ebola reported with 4,500 deaths. Cases are leveling off in some of the areas. Documents are distributed to the people in the areas to try to limit them in some of the practices that may have caused the outbreak of Ebola such as bush hunting of infected meats and cultural burial practices of contact with the person who has died.

- D. Guidelines include recognizing symptoms, screening at departure and arrival in airports. Atlanta, Omaha and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) have specialized treatment centers.
- E. Review of the illness and travel history is important. PHS epidemiology stresses getting a travel history. Symptoms start with a fever of 100.4 or higher. The CDC website has documents that can be used to guide your approach and a check off list to assess a patient.
- F. Call Public Health Epidemiology (EPI) on possible Ebola cases going over risk factors and travel history. Contact numbers are 619-692-8499 (day), after hours and weekends 858-565-5255.
- G. Blood tests are sent to Los Angeles and CDC in Atlanta. A second testing should be done, there should be no physical contact without PPE, do not neglect the patient's medical needs and look for alternative diagnosis, and do not perform elective tests or procedures. The original guidance states to limit the number of procedures that might cause aerosolization and cause the medics to be exposed unnecessarily.

H. Comments and discussion topics:

1. Linda Rosenberg R.N. stated that there was a conference call yesterday that focused on leadership of EMS, ambulance transport teams, DPH and CDC lab. CDC lab confirmation turnaround is two (2) to three (3) days. PPE level of protection was covered.
2. San Diego County OES released their concept of operations this morning. They also issued a fact sheet on 10 things to know about Ebola and frequently asked questions.
3. There is guidance in the CDC documents regarding cleaning of ambulances, screening at the border, cruise ship terminals and airport. San Diego has a quarantine office at the Public Health Services offices with CDC officers. There are 20 CDC quarantine centers in the US. County health resources are available as well as facilities, receiving centers and training.
4. Discussion ensued on PPE, goggles, shoe covers, clothing decontamination and disposal, training on D&D, hazmat training and ambulance level of protection. Dr. Haynes stated that the PH epidemiology section and Dr. McDonald are involved in the process. Facilities should have hazmat PPE. An update was received less than 12 hours ago on recommended PPE, which will be reviewed, update and sent out by EMS/PHS.
5. Inquiries included delayed entry and clarification of stabilization, stable versus unstable patient. Also, questions as to limited access to the patient, who is medical control and a check list distribution.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Ebola updates.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for November 18, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.



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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 18, 2104

Present Members

DeMers, D.O., Gerard – Navy Medical Center SD
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD
Harley, M.D., Jim – Rady Children's Hospital
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – County EMS
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
Wang, M.D., Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont
Wiesner, M.D., Christopher – Scripps La Jolla
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Programs

County Staff

Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Wolchko, Janet I/Vassiliou, Elaine (Recorders)

In Attendance

Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Anderson, Mary – San Diego Fed Fire
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP

In Attendance (cont'd)

Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire
Davis, M.D., Dan – Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Drum, Daryn – Heartland Fire
Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Ferrero, Joe – Miramar Fire
Fickas, Lance – Express Ambulance
Gardiner, R.N., Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hoffman, Caroline – Naval Medical Center
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – DMAT San Diego, for UCSD
Jimenez, Marvin – Reach Air
Murphy, Mary – CSA 17
Nakajima, Yuko – UCSD (EMS Fellow)
Osborn, Steve – Rural/Metro
Peltier, Patricia -- AMR
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR/CSA-17
Scott, Chris -- CVFD
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
Sloane, Christian – Mercy Air
Snell, James – San Diego Fed Fire
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Tomada, Andrea – NMC San Diego
Vilke, Gary – Carlsbad Fire/Rescue

In Attendance (cont'd)

Walker, Chris – Sharp Memorial
Watkins-Storm, Julie – UCSD EM
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Attendees introduced themselves. Janet Wolchko introduced Elaine Vassiliou, the new Administrative Secretary.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wiesner, M.D., seconded by Marcus Wang, M.D. to approve the minutes from October 21, 2014. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. The State EMS Authority will be giving awards during the State EMSAAC meeting in San Francisco. Recognition awards will be given to Ginger Ochs, R.N. who has 33 years of EMS service in San Diego County; Gabe Robinson, AMR; Travis Holbeck, AMR; David Martinez and six (6) Encinitas Lifeguards.
- B. Protocol review will be presented in January.
- C. Fallbrook Hospital has closed. North County Fire Authority will monitor any impact of the closure.
- D. Trauma center surveys by The American College of Surgeons will occur in 2015. This review is done every three (3) years.
- E. It is now influenza season. Everyone is encouraged to get a flu shot.
- F. Businesses and agencies will be participating in the 'Love Your Heart' event where blood pressure screenings will be given. Information on this program will be distributed soon.
- G. New POLST forms will be going into effect. The old forms can still be used, and will work just as well.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

The Statewide Medical and Healthcare disaster drill will take place on November 20, 2014. The scenario will be an exercise on management of Ebola patients.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

November 19, 2014 is the second annual health information exchange (HIE) summit in Los Angeles. Information on the summit will be reported at the meeting in January.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Gary Vilke)

There are now 231 participants enrolled in the San Diego study. The trial will be closed in December with the current enrollment. The next proposed study will be to review and compare types of endotracheal tubes.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) REPORT (Linda Allington)

A. The state has approved the current CP projects, which are set to begin in February or March of 2015. UCLA has the mandatory curriculum which will be used by twelve (12) cities in the state of California. In San Diego, training will be at the Naval Training Center on May 11, 2015.

VIII. PSYCHIATRIC CARE

There was no report.

IX. EBOLA (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Rural Metro and AMR will be participating in the drill next week with transporting patients to the hospitals and via inter-facility transfers.
- B. Community Epidemiology takes calls twenty-four (24) hours a day to screen for suspected Ebola patients.
- C. There are statewide Ebola conference calls several times each month. There will be an email notification before each call. The next call will be this Friday, Nov 21, 2014.
- D. There was a very informative practice drill this week involving a possible Ebola case on a cruise ship. The Port District and the Center for Disease Control participated.
- E. Discussion ensued on field response, managing and monitoring patient calls and PPE. In the case of a suspected Ebola patient, the community epidemiology department will speak to the patient by phone. Health care workers are advised to stand six (6) feet away from the suspected Ebola patient, and start a health history.
- F. Confirmed cases of the Ebola virus have now been found in the country of Mali. This makes a total of four (4) infected countries that are now on the watch list. People in these countries may continue their standard cultural practices of handling people who have died, which spreads the Ebola virus. People traveling from these countries are being screened through the airports when entering the U.S. Both a verbal screening and a medical screening are conducted. U.S. points of entry have kits that are available and include a thermometer, instructions on how to use the thermometer, and who to contact if the person develops a fever. The CDC will notify the local health department which will have the names, addresses and information on persons to monitor. The individual will then be under watch for twenty-one (21) days and receives phone calls and possibly a visit to monitor their condition.
- G. UCSD has converted an area to be used exclusively for the treatment of Ebola. In the containment unit there are two (2) beds and air circulation control. UCSD is also in communication with other bio-containment units. Health care personnel manning this bio-containment unit can call for HAZMAT if needed

Dr. Haynes noted that people traveling from the Arabian Peninsula should also be screened for the MERS virus.

H. Children's Hospital is conducting weekly practice drills in the safe handling of Ebola patients.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

The next BSPC meeting will be in January. At that time there will be a change in chairperson. Marcus Wang, M.D. has volunteered to be the BSPC Chairperson for 2015. Members confirmed the appointment.

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