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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Marcus Wang, M.D., Chairperson

Sharp Spectrum Auditorium
8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa
San Diego, CA 92123

Tuesday, Mar. 29, 2016 – Minutes

Present Members

Grad, M.D., Michelle – Palomar BHMD
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – County EMS
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memoria
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
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

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Dickinson, R.N., Sue
Eldridge, Brett
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Stepanski, Barbara
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

In Attendance

Anderson, Mary – Federal Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Bratton, R.N., Oseana – Rady Children's
Catibog, Luvern – Sharp Memorial
Cochran, Jennifer – REACH
DeGuzman, Mike -- SDFD
DeKlerk, R.N., Maude – RCCP
Donofrio, M.D., Joelle – Rady/UCSD
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD

In Attendance (cont'd)

Ferraro, Joe – Miramar Fire
Gardiner, Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Heiser, Chris -- SDFD
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Lindsey, Matt – NCFPD
Lopez, Brent -- REACH
Mahr, Kevin – N County
Maisonet, Scott -- BORSTAR
McFarland, Jeanne – Escondido Fire
McLuckie, Matthew – REACH Air
Murphy, R.N., Mary -- CBF
Nakajima, Yuko – UCSD EMS Fellow
Neill, Mark – REACH Air
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College
Parsons, David – Oceanside FD
Pearson, R.N., Danielle – Vista Fire
Peltier, R.N., Patricia – AMR
Rod, Rick – Rural/Metro/SD City EMS
Russo, R.N., Joe -- SDFD
Scott, R.N., Chris – CVFD
Sloan, Christian – Mercy Air
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

Guest

Bellezzo, M.D., Joe – Sharp Memorial Hospital

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Wang, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from Feb. 16, 2016. Motion carried.

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

- A. Bob Metz is out of the hospital and is doing well.
- B. There has been an outbreak of mumps recently at USD. There is no need for EMS personnel to get additional vaccinations at this time.
- C. Certification and recertification volume is up with the end of the month is especially busy. It is suggested to submit your documents early to allow for processing.
- D. Dr. Jim Dunford has been named to the State EMS Commission.
- E. The American College of Surgeons is taking a look at the trauma system statewide. They were here in San Diego three days last week.
- F. SB867 is a Legislative bill to extend payment through the Maddy Fund to physicians and hospitals for patients who do not pay on their own. The bill will continue the funding and will not require extending funding every few years.
- G. A questionnaire has been sent to other counties in California on their use of Fentanyl (including any issues, etc.)
- H. There is currently a couple of bills in the legislature on the issue of calling 911. There are issues when the 911 calls do not go through quickly. The 911 system also does not allow for exact location of calls when a cell phone is used.
- I. There are some concerns with opioid use and chronic dependence. The CDC published an article on this subject last week.
- J. With recent terrorist events using explosives review of your hospital disaster plans is recommended.
- K. A hospital in Los Angeles and one in San Diego had their hospital computer system hacked, preventing hospital staff to access electronic records until the ransom money was paid.

IV. OFFLOAD DELAYS (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Offload times in the Emergency Departments (ED) continue to be high. The Operational Core Group has convened to look at this issue of wall times. The Operational Core Group is having daily conference call meetings.

Topics include possibility of adding first watch turnover of care module to an existing County contact. Capacity plan was redistributed to hospital administration. Discussion also included:

- The duty officers are studying the time it takes for patient turnover, etc. It is possible that people are using the 911 system when they could reach the hospital using an alternate form of transport. In some instances, perhaps home care could be provided.
- There was a news conference held on this issue on March 18, 2016, and an informational article appeared in the Union Tribune. Perhaps insurance companies could also make their patients aware of other resources for care, including urgent care facilities.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Chris Wells, R.N.)

There will be a drill on May 4, 2016. On April 21 & 22, there will be a Pediatric surge exercise. These will be full day exercises, but facilities are only required to take part in one of these two dates.

VI. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

Dan Chavez was not present. Diane Ameng reported San Diego Health Connect is working through finalizing the details with California EMSA to secure the Health Information Exchange (HIE) grant. This would involve County EMS, as well as Imperial and Orange Counties. The contract is expected to be finalized by May 1, 2016.

VII. ROC (Donna Kelly Aker, R.N.)

No report.

VIII. CARDIAC ARREST TASK FORCE (Diane Ameng, R.N.)

The task force has created a draft charter. The goal is that cardiac arrest survival rates in San Diego County will meet or exceed the national average. The task force would like to increase CPR training and awareness. The duration of the task force is two years. There are now compression only CPR classes for grades 5, 7 and 9 in the San Diego Unified School District. AB1719 legislation would make CPR and AED training a requirement for high school graduation. Letters of support for the legislation would be appreciated. The American Heart Association representative is working with the task force on the elementary school project. They have created low cost CPR kits to be used in the schools. Thanks to all those who assisted with entering the data from San Diego County into the 2015 CARES registry. The Cardiac Arrest Task Force will report updates to BSPC. The next meeting will be April 25, 2016.

IX. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT (Diane Ameng, R.N.)

Both pilots are undergoing site visits from the State Advisory Board. Enrollment in both pilots remains slow. For Carlsbad the age cutoff, and hours of operation for the urgent care, seem to be impacting the ability to enroll more patients.

X. RESUSCITATIVE EXTRA-CORPOREAL LIFE SUPPORT (ECMO)-Joe Bellezo, M.D.

Dr. Bellezo is the Chief of Emergency Medicine and the ECMO Director at Sharp Memorial Hospital. Dr. Bellezo discussed how ECMO is used in the ED at Sharp Memorial Hospital.

ECMO has been used to treat cardiac arrest patients for the past 5 years recovering 30% of the patients while maintaining neurological function.

XI. PROTOCOL/POLICY REVIEW (Meredith Mahoney, R.N., Diane Ameng, R.N. and Sue Dickinson, R.N.)

A. S141-Treatment Protocol, Pain Management: changes made under special considerations to remove age.

B. S169-Treatment Protocol-Trauma Pediatrics: Discussion ensued on whether to separate Trauma arrest to Blunt and penetrating. Dr. Donofrio would follow up with recommendations from the Pediatric Trauma Surgeons.

C. S400-Management of Controlled Drugs on Advanced Life Support Units: Sue Dickinson, R.N. The policy was last updated in 2010. The current draft is updated with California regulations and a combination of previous policy. Review included: definitions added, addition of security mechanisms and procedures, order tracking, receipt and accountability. Tampering and theft: added tracking, accountability, reporting and documentation. Master vault supply: storage, security and documentation, audited every six (6) months internally.

D. A475- Air Medical Support Utilization: Diane Ameng R.N. Based on suggestions/feedback A-1 will now read: Ground transport time to the appropriate hospital exceeds 30 minutes and the helicopter can deliver the patient to the hospital in a shorter time than the ground unit based on the time the patient is ready to transport **or**, a patient whose condition requires advanced skills not available on a paramedic unit.

A motion was made and seconded to move forward with Policy S400, as presented by Sue Dickinson. Motion carried.

XII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

No report.

XIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting will be on April 19, 2016. It will be held in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.