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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Mike Rice, Chair – Linda Rosenberg, Vice-Chair

Education/Research Subcommittee

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Monday, June 16, 2014

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imp. Counties
Green, R.N., Katy – District 1
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Allington, R.N., Linda – City of Carlsbad
Davis, Mike – S.D. County Fire Chiefs
Dunford, M.D., James – City of San Diego
Jensen, Anne – City of San Diego
Yates, Judith – Hospital Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, EMCC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Katy Green to approve the April 21, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) PILOT TIMELINE

A. Review updated timeline – Diane Ameng

1. Original applications were to be decided on by June 9th. In response to public comments, programs were asked to provide details to be added to the applications that were not originally requested.
 - Assessment gap for each individual pilot.
 - Provide policies and procedures and medical protocols.
 - Inclusion and exclusion criteria.
 - QA and QI detail with regards to metrics, indicators, thresholds for measuring and evaluating.
 - Site specific core curriculum.

B. Timeline Challenges

1. Carlsbad Fire Project – Linda Allington
 - Letters of intent were requested in September and did not include an outline for educational protocol and curriculum. CP additional paramedic training information was submitted.
2. San Diego City Project – Anne Jensen
 - Data collection rolled out in the middle of the Info-Tech change.
 - The state announced that the public hearing will be in Sacramento July 30, 2014. Pilots may be delayed and could be staggered starting in January
 - Education courses will start in February and March.
3. Discussion on procedure – Procedures will be reviewed by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) before the OSHPD Director makes a final decision on the projects.

V. CP UPDATED PROJECT REPORTS – APPLICATION PROCESS

A. Carlsbad Fire Project – Linda Allington

1. A gap analysis was presented and it was explained that the pilot program will not supplant existing professional positions.
2. The letter of intent was submitted and is on their website
3. Carlsbad discussed the pilot program with the stakeholders in the community including hospitals, North County Health Services, Scripps and Kaiser, healthcare sectors leaders from businesses and healthcare education.
4. Education curriculum was submitted with a flow chart of the plan.
5. Protocol framework originated from the current paramedic protocols.
6. The core education plan was submitted. The physician training outline is the same curriculum used by base hospital physicians in the County.
7. Discussion ensued on hospital reaction, hospital risk management and patient safety.

- B. San Diego City Project - Anne Jensen
1. Four paramedics were chosen for the program and will start local training on Friday. City of San Diego requested to be a training site. UCLA will broadcast the lecture and there will be a local site educator/facilitator.
 2. Protocols were updated as well as documentation, data analysis and QI.
- C. Discussion topics included:
1. Continuation of pilot (study) projects if not accepted by OSHPD.
 2. Dual eligible coverage.
 3. Study history of programs.
 4. Systems in place.

VI. REVIEW CP READINESS REPORT

- A. Carlsbad Fire Project - Linda Allington
1. Reports submitted each month include updates from the Advisory Committee. The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee which is the CP advisory committee did not meet in May due to the Santa Ana wind fires.
 2. There were no updated changes in protocol.
 3. Alternate destination training site names are required and were submitted to Dr. Haynes, EMS Medical Director.
 4. Data collection was discussed with Kaiser and submitted.
- B. San Diego City Project – Anne Jensen
1. Candidate selection has been submitted to the County. The ratio of supervisory to candidate will be 1:5 or 1:4 with one alternate in place.
 2. Data analysis
 - Psychiatric emergency patient classification will be evaluated each day.
 - Coordination with the analytic data base and the operations data base is being reviewed.
 3. Informed consent: there will be a universal consent form.
 4. The City of San Diego program is for the benefit of the frequent users and will exchange information via the Common Information Exchange (CIE). The CIE will provide Mercy and UCSD case managers with information on the patient's healthcare plan.
- C. Discussion topics included:
1. Hospital prospective on directing individuals to social services program and the impact on the hospitals in the community.
 2. How to approach care plans; how many are care plan members and how many have either Medical/Medicaid or dual coverage.
 3. Published studies, literature or controlled trials on Community Paramedicine.
 4. Case management.

VII. TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Judith Yates will discuss the CP plans with the Live Healthy San Diego group focusing on behavioral health issues and dual enrollment.

VIII. FUTURE ITEMS

Discuss timeline - pilot program acceptance, hospital EDs and emergency physician's involvement.

IX. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:36 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2014.

Submitted by
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