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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.

**XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for January 20, 2015 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.