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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, Nov. 17, 2015 – Minutes

Present Members

DeMers, M.D. Gerard – Naval Medical Center
Harley, M.D., Jim – Rady Children's Hospital
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
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

In Attendance

Aker, R.N. Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC

In Attendance (cont'd)

Baird, Robert – BORSTAR
Bennett, Don -- Kaiser
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Bratton, R.N., Oseana – Rady Children's Hospital
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Donofreio, M.D., Joelle – UCSD/Rady Children's
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Duffy, R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire
Feess, John – Carlsbad Fire
Gardiner, R.N., Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Lewis, Jennifer – Mercy Air
Long, Mike – Rady Children's Hospital
Maisonet, Scott – BORSTAR
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA 12
Peltier, R.N., Pat – AMR
Peterson, Brad – Santee Fire
Scott, R.N., Chris -- CVFD
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Wang, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:06 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from Sept. 15 and Oct. 20, 2015. Motion carried.

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

- A. AMR purchased Rural Metro (RM) and has assumed some operations of the city of San Diego. AMR is working with Rural Metro to improve response times. The City of San Diego has accepted the agency's Plan to Cure to improve response times; times have improved in recent weeks
- B. ALS transports remain high, above last year's average. Bypassed patients in last month were the highest they have been in the past 12 months. Total hours of EDs on bypass have been rising since last November.
- C. This Health Services Capacity Plan update was finalized and distributed. For 911 ambulance providers off load delay at the ED is defined as three (3) or more ambulances at any 3 EDs in a region with off load delays >30 minutes.

For units meeting the above criterion, or likely to, the crew should speak with the ED charge nurse regarding expected off-load time. Crews may want to involve their own supervisor. When the above criteria are met, the crew should notify the EMS agency Duty Officer so the EMS Duty Officer may contact hospital administration. The Duty Officer should not be called for situations that are resolved or about to be resolved. They should not be called after the unit has left the hospital.

- D. The statewide disaster drill occurring this week will simulate an anthrax release in the county, requiring distribution of antibiotics. There will be a full scale exercise on Thursday, Nov. 19th with smaller specific related events Tuesday and Wednesday.
- E. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is a standing EMS committee. Information was distributed to EDs recently on non-investigative reports when a victim will have an evidentiary examination but does not wish to pursue a law enforcement process. They have 18 months to involve law enforcement before the kit of evidence will be destroyed. New prophylaxis regimens from the CDC were outlined.
- F. Over the years the EMS system in the State has seen numerous lawsuits attempting to settle the rights and responsibilities of providers and local EMS agencies. The state and providers have been meeting to reach some middle ground. Apparently this has failed, as the California Fire Chiefs Association has gone to federal court, to clarify anti-trust immunity for section "201" providers.
- G. The Emergency Cardiovascular Care update will be in San Diego December 8-11. The National Association of EMS Physicians will be in San Diego as well, January 14-16.
- H. Several recent articles were released. An AHA Statement of Cardiac Arrest in Pregnant Patients was released. The ROC study group released a trial comparing continuous vs interrupted (30:2) chest compressions during CPR. Outcome was survival to hospital

discharge among 23,711 patients. In patients with out-of-hospital cardiac arrest, continuous chest compressions during CPR performed by EMS providers did not result in significantly higher rates of survival or favorable neurologic function than did interrupted chest compressions.

I. Trauma resource: There is discussion on developing a specific policy.

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

There is a statewide exercise this week, with a prophylaxis dispensing component happening on Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015.

On Jan. 6, 2016, there will be an active shooter drill at Cal State San Marcos.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

There will be three new work groups formed.. Dr. Haynes will be working on the statewide advisory board. There was a webinar available for training on the system.

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

The enrollment has been completed as of Oct. 24, 2015. The database will be closed by approximately Dec. 31, 2015.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT

Carlsbad Pilot: There have been two transports since Oct. 9, 2015. Nausea and vomiting were added to the exclusion criteria. City of San Diego Pilot: Three patients enrolled to date. The first patient was referred by a psychologist.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

The Cardiac Arrest Task Force will hold their first meeting on Dec. 3, 2015 at AMR. The first meeting will focus on developing a charter.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for Jan. 19, 2016 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 p.m.