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## BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 15, 2014

### Present Members

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  
Klingensmith, Todd – SD County Paramedics Assoc.  
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD  
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  
Wang, M.D. Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD  
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Programs

### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Conte, R.N., Meredith  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Stepanski, Barbara  
Trujillo, Amy (Recorder)

### In Attendance

Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC  
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire  
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC  
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR  
Chavez, Amanda – Mercy Air  
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD

### In Attendance (cont'd)

Drum, Daryn – Heartland Fire  
Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire  
Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College  
Ferraro, Joseph – Miramar Fire  
Fisher, Roger – San Diego Fire  
Gardiner, Yana – Tri-City Medical Center  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center  
Hotka, Brian – Mercy Air  
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR  
Jensen, Anne – Rural/Metro  
Lemire, Harold – SD Fire Department  
Lindsey, Matt – North County Fire  
McEwan, Michael - USBP BORSTAR  
Murphy, Mary – CSA 17  
Osborn, Steve – Rural/Metro  
Rod, Rick – SD City EMS/Rural/Metro  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial  
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR  
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire  
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural/Metro  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Vilke, Gary – Carlsbad Fire  
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 11:00 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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.