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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, May 20, 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
Neison, M.D., Dave – Sharp Grossmont BHMD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR Medical Director
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
Wang, M.D., Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD
Wiesner, M.D., Christopher – Scripps La Jolla

County Staff

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

In Attendance (cont'd)

Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College
Fickas, Lance – Express Ambulance
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
Gardiner, Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hoberecht, Travis – AMR
Howard, James – UCSD
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Killeen, Jim – San Diego Health Connect
Lemire, Harold – SD Fire Department
Lindsey, Matt – North County Fire
Monreal, Angelo – Express Ambulance
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR
Serra, John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Tomada, Andrea – NMC San Diego
Virgen, Carlos – Sycuan Fire
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

In Attendance

Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Bennett, M.D., Donald – USMC EMS/NCHP
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire
Chavez, Dan – SD Health Connect
Cruz, Ron – NMC San Diego
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD

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

Chris Kahn, M.D., requested an addendum to Section IX stating that a recommendation was made for a task force to be formed and that County EMS will provide an update about the base hospital assessment. A **motion** was made by James Dunford, M.D., and seconded by Christopher Wiesner, M.D., to approve the minutes as corrected from April 15, 2014. **Motion** carried.

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

- A. Dr. Haynes reported the base hospital assessment continues to be worked on.
- B. Dr. Haynes gave a brief summary of the recent wildfires. Dr. Haynes spoke with Bruce Potenza, M.D., on the first day during the wildfires, and Dr. Potenza stated there were ten beds available that could be critical care beds if needed. If more than ten beds were needed, then the burn surge plan would have gone into effect. For the first time, a review team was sent out to the shelters to evaluate the medical issues. There were some waivers granted from routine daily practice. There were also some issues with mapping, so County EMS will be working with County Office of Emergency Services (OES).
- C. Dr. Haynes reported that the Heat Response Task Force has met. The Task Force meets annually and works on the San Diego County Heat Emergency Plan.
- D. Dr. Haynes sent out some information on Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) and the personal protection equipment (PPE) that is needed.
- E. *Sidewalk CPR* is scheduled for June 5, 2014.
- F. Dr. Dunford added that Dr. Potenza will be coming to the Education Committee for the City of San Diego. Dr. Potenza will be sharing some preliminary film on burn triage practice.
- G. Dr. Dunford also added there is some concern with the heat during the upcoming Rock 'n' Roll Marathon occurring on June 1, 2014.
- H. On behalf of Chief Davis and Carlsbad Fire, Linda Allington, R.N., thanked Dr. Haynes and Mr. Johnson from Rural/Metro with their assistance during the recent wildfires. Dr. Haynes thanked all who were involved with the wildfires.
- I. Dr. Dunford added that there is a new system for fire personnel called Next-Generation Incident Command System (NICS). Discussion ensued.

**IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)
This was reported during the Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) Meeting.**

- A. September 22-24, 2014 is the California Hospital Association (CHA) Conference.
- B. There will be a Golden Guardian in May 2015, and the focus will most likely be an earthquake.
- C. Planning for the November exercise will be including MERS-CoV.

D. There will be a violent threat evacuation drill at Scripps Encinitas on June 6, 2014.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Jim Killeen, M.D.)

Dr. Killeen presented on San Diego Health Connect. The topics included: EMS Hub, EMS Report, Street Sense Real Time Data Report and Reporting Tool MDRTB Lab Update. Discussion ensued.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Kelly, R.N.)

A. The annual meeting of the ROC investigators was held on April 16, 2014.

B. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS) is still ongoing and has reached 162 patients. There are no new trials pending at this time.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

A. Ms. Allington reported that there was an addendum made to subsection OSHPD. The addendum largely focused on concern for patient safety and education. There was confusion initially because it was believed that the paramedics only needed 200 hours of training, when in fact it is 200 hours in addition to their regular amount of training. There will be another public comment hearing and there are twelve sites now. Ms. Allington added they are currently in the base line data collection phase, and that will continue until they move into the next phase.

B. Dr. Dunford reported the State came and spoke at the County. The encouraging factor is that even if all the programs do not move forward, it is still possible that the OSHPD can enable one or two projects to move forward. The City of San Diego is a super user and has offered positions for four (4) paramedics.

VIII. RESUSCITATION (Brad Schwartz, M.D.)

A. Dr. Schwartz gave a presentation entitled "The Business of Saving Lives." The topics included: Are We Competitive in the Market, Leading Cause of Death in Adults Over Age 40, Next Steps and a Strategy, 2007 C.A.R.E.S Data, C.A.R.E.S Summary Report, C.A.R.E.S Data Comparison of 2012 and 2013, Nine Critical Tasks of Strategic Management, Easy to Improve...10 Steps, Discussion Points, CPR Dashboard and PulsePoint.

B. Dr. Haynes stated County EMS will appoint a subcommittee to tie in with the protocol review.

IX. POLICIES AND PROTOCOLS (Meredith Conte, R.N.)

A. S-143, Treatment Protocol – Sepsis: Ms. Conte outlined the changes to the committee in regards to fluids. It was recommended to bold or underline the suggestive wording. Ms. Grad requested if Dopamine can be a Base Hospital Physician Order. Discussion ensued. After further consideration, it was decided it will be a Base Hospital Physician Order.

B. Dr. Dunford showed a brief summary of sepsis information from Orlando Regional Medical Center.

X. MISCELLANEOUS FIELD INTERVENTIONS (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- Humeral IO will continue to be a MD variation.

- The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) and American College of Surgeons Committee on Trauma (ACS COT) issued an article on some of the disadvantages of using the long backboard. Discussion ensued.
- The NAEMSP and ACS COT have also released guidelines for external hemorrhage. Dr. Haynes stated it appears consistent with the current practice.
- Dr. Haynes reported the Medical Audit Committee (MAC) was asked if their view on using tranexamic acid (TXA) has changed. The consensus from MAC was it is still not needed in the field.
- Dr. Haynes stated pelvic binders and chest seals are still being reviewed.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There was nothing to report.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING (June 17, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:47 p.m.