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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, June 21, 2016 – Minutes

Present Members

Dunford, M.D., Jim – Naval Medical Ctr.
Grad, M.D., Michelle – Palomar BHMD
Harley, M.D., Jim – Rady Children's
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – County EMS
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Klingensmith, Todd – SD Co. Paramedics
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP Director
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

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

In Attendance

Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Calhoun, Jeff – Escondido Fire
Chavez, Dan – SD Health Connect

In Attendance (cont'd)

Clements, Jason – Coronado Fire Department
DeKlerk, R.N., Maude – RCCP
Donofrio, M.D., Joelle – Rady/UCSD
Duffy, R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire
Emloe, Rolan -- Sharp
Ferraro, Joe – Miramar Fire
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
Fried, Ray – Poway FD
Gardiner, Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hinton, Bill – Mercy Air
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Mahr, Kevin – North County
McFarland, Jeanne – Escondido Fire
Murphy, Mary -- CBD
Nakajima, Yuko – UCSD EMS Fellow
Neill, Mark – REACH Air
Pearson, Danielle -- Vista
Peltier, R.N., Patricia – AMR
Pringle, John -- Water
Sapida, Juliet -- UCSD
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wallace, Amy – Sharp Grossmont
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Wang, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:08 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 17, 2016. Motion carried.

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

The new EMS Chief for the City of Poway is Chief Ray Fried.

Sidewalk CPR day on May 18, 2016, total for individuals trained in hands only CPR was approximately 3,400.

Strike-Out Stroke night was held on June 4, 2016. There was a media event held the day before the event.

For certifications-it was reminded that EMTs, MICN, and paramedics should not wait until the last week of the month to renew certifications. The renewal cards will be mailed in approximately 2-3 days. Credit/debit cards are now accepted for payment.

Prehospital assessment-EMS is working to select a NEMSIS compliant system. The expected timeline is to have a system identified by the end of the year. There is no anticipated charge for agencies to use the system.

Offload delays have decreased in the last few weeks. When there is an issue, the EMS duty officer works to immediately remedy the situation. The First Watch program will be used in all San Diego county hospitals in the near future. Discussion of strategies for putting First Watch in place will be discussed at the Capacity Task Force meeting on June 30, 2016. The County is considering Washington State's Seven Best Practices as a model to use here in San Diego. Redlands Hospital has experience using the First Watch program and will give a presentation to the County of San Diego.

The County of San Diego is working to complete agreements with Temecula Valley Hospital on Stroke and STEMI designation. Temecula Valley Hospital has Riverside EMS stroke and STEMI designation.

The five year stroke summary data will be presented at BSPC in the near future.

AB 15 End of Life Legislature was passed in a special session. Los Angeles County has a policy, and parts of that policy could possibly be used in San Diego County. There will be a procedure for first responders to follow in the event that emergency responders are called to the scene.

The Adult Protocol Task Force will take place on July 7, 2016 from 1-4pm at EMS. Suggestions can be emailed to Meredith Mahoney prior to this meeting. The Pediatric Protocol Task Force will take place on July 28, 2016. There will be a public comment period following bringing protocols to BSPC in Nov. 2016. The major protocol review will take place in 2017.

The state requires that all agencies report offload delays since this is an important issue at the present time. At this time, using a landline to call 9-1-1 enables the user to have a more reliable connection. When the next generation technology becomes available, tracking 9-1-1 calls made from cell phones will become more accurate. Texting 9-1-1 will also become available with next generation technology.

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

Upcoming events in San Diego: All-Star Game and festivities, San Diego Pride and Comic-Con are all coming up in July 2016.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

San Diego Health Connect is expecting a decision on the PULSE proposal by the end of the month.

VI. CARDIAC ARREST TASK FORCE (Brad Schwartz, M.D.)

The first annual cardiac arrest survival luncheon in CSA 17 was held on June 1st. This was a great event to raise public awareness and for survivors and their families to meet the paramedics who responded to their call.

The Cardiac Arrest Task Force is working to enroll all ALS transporting agencies in the CARES registry by the end of 2016.

The assembly bill AB1719 passed at the assembly bill level and now moves to the Senate. This bill if passed will require CPR training be a requirement in order to graduate high school. We are hopeful this bill will be passed into law in the near future.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT

The Carlsbad pilot currently has 2 patients enrolled in the Alternate Destination Pilot. There are strict guidelines, which exclude many of the patients from being included in the program.

San Diego Fire-Rescue's pilot program for frequent 911 users continues to enroll patients and will add a PERT clinician to the team once the details are worked out. The medics will be evaluated after encounters with frequent users, to ask them how their experience was.

VIII. ALPS DISCUSSION

This was presented by Dr. Chris Kahn from UCSD. The ALPS study involved 55 EMS agencies, over a period of approximately 3 ½ years. The study involved patients in persistent or recurrent VFIB or VTACH when one shock had been administered. The patients were required to be 18 years of age or older. Three (3) drugs were measured, including Amiodarone, Lidocaine and a placebo. Outcome measures included survival and survival with favorable neurological outcome. There were 3,000 people involved in the study. The drugs and placebo did not result in a substantially improved rate of survival for the majority of the people. However, survival was improved in cases of bystander witnessed cardiac arrest. Bystander CPR improved survival rates by approximately 10%.

Discussion ensued on the results related to San Diego County treatment protocols.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

No report.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting will be on July 19, 2016. It will be held in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:32 p.m.