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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, July 15, 2014

Present Members

DeMers, D.O., Gerard – Navy Medical Center SD
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD
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
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Programs

County Staff

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

In Attendance

Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire

In Attendance (cont'd)

Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Chavez, Dan – San Diego Health Connect
Curnow, Robert – Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Ferraro Joe – Miramar Fire
Fickas, Lance – Express Ambulance
Gardiner, Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Maisonet, Scott – USBP BORSTAR
McCutcheon, Gene – Reach Air
McEwan, Michael – USBP BORSTAR
Mummert, Cathleen – UCSD ED
Neill, Mark – Reach Air
Osborn, Steve – Rural/Metro
Rod, Rick – Rural/Metro/SD City EMS
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR/CSA-17
Saltzstein, Doug – NCTI
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Tomada, Andrea – NMC San Diego
Topping, Chris – Express Ambulance
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Dan Chavez)

Mr. Chavez stated San Diego Health Connect continues to grow. There are 84 organizations signed up on secure email. Sharp and Scripps will come online in August. Palomar has also joined the Health Information Exchange (HIE). On July 16, 2014, an EMS workgroup will start. There will be an upgrade on August 5, 2014 to include an expanded search capability, admission discharge transfer (ADT) matching, transport view, and agency view.

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

Ms. Aker reported there are now 185 participants enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS). The program itself has a total of 3,000 which is almost at its 2/3 mark. Ms. Aker also reported Gary Vilke, M.D., will be taking over as principal investigator.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT

A. Dr. Haynes reported Carlsbad has sent some additional information to UC San Francisco researchers who are collecting the data and analyzing. The second public hearing will take place July 30, 2014. There will be a summary of issues prepared by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and then the Director of the State office of Health Planning and Development will make a determination on the outcomes of the projects.

B. Jim Dunford, M.D., reported that the San Diego project has hired four (4) Rural/Metro paramedics to function as community paramedics. If they cannot do the scope of practice that is in the study then they'll be resource access program paramedics. The City of San Diego's focus is on 911 frequent users. Dr. Dunford added there is a concern how the State is going to measure the outcome of the projects.

VIII. PULSE POINT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes reported Pulse Point is an app for persons to download to their mobile telephone to be notified of cardiac arrest dispatches in their location so they may respond and assist. The meetings for this app have recently been focused on the location of the nearest automated external defibrillator (AED). The deadline to go-live is July 28, 2014. Dr. Dunford added that there is a software app you can download that allows you to identify the location of the nearest AED.

IX. MEDICATION SHORTAGES (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes reported there is a current shortage of normal saline nationwide. County EMS put out a notice to only hang an IV bag when fluids are needed. If fluids are necessary in the future or if medications are needed, use a saline lock. It is encouraged to use saline locks and not hang fluids because an IV is being started. Dr. Haynes added that even though in the inventory there are 1000mL and 250mL size bags, other sizes such as 500mL would be acceptable if there is nothing else. The medics should be checking the bags for leakage. Ringer's lactate solution is acceptable as an alternative. Dr. Haynes also added to call County EMS if you cannot find any normal saline.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There was nothing reported.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING (September 16, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.