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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, Sept. 15, 2015 – Minutes

Present Members

DeMers, Gerard – Naval Medical Center
Grad, M.D., Michelle – Palomar BHMD
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – County EMS
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
Smith, R.N., Susan – County EMS
Vilke, M.D., Gary – Carlsbad Fire
Wang, M.D., Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

In Attendance

Aker, R.N., Donna Kelly
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy

In Attendance (cont'd)

Bratton, Oseana – RCHSD ER
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Chavez, Dan – SD Health Connect
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Feess, John – Carlsbad Fire
Gardiner, R.N., Yana – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hinton, William – Mercy Air
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Lindsey, Matt -- NCFPD
Maisonet, Scott – BORSTAR
Neill, Mark -- REACH
Rod, Rick – Rural/Metro/SD County EMS
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Marcus Wang, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from July 21, 2015. Motion carried.

*There was no BSPC meeting in August 2015.

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

- A. The EMS Commission met in San Diego on Sept. 2, 2015. Regulations addressing EMS plan appeals were approved by the Commission and will now go to the Office of Administrative Law for final review.
Firescope: If your agency sends a fireline medic out please notify San Diego EMS by emailing Susan Smith with the name, P-number, date of deployment and location. This information will be entered in WebEOC under "Fireline medic deployment". Please notify us when the fireline medic returns.
- B. Tactical EMS curriculum has been developed and will go out for public comment. Comments are due September 18th.
- C. Community paramedicine: Lou Meyer provided an update. All core and site specific training has been completed. The baseline data has been submitted. With the exception of two sites, all projects have received EMSA and OSPHD approval to move forward. A few sites are up and running and the rest should be up soon.
- D. The Health Capacity Task Force will meet September 28th. They will review plan with onset of "flu" season.
- E. The Heat plan is activated and cool zones are implemented. The number of heat event days doubled from 2013 to 2014 from 7 to 14. We are currently in the 5th heat wave for 2015. The number of patients responded to by paramedics quadrupled from 2013 to 2014, from 54 to 213. So far this year there were 198 paramedic responses; an average of 14.1 per heat event day
- F. EMOG Emergency Care Summit is October 15. Registration is now open. https://www.sdcms.org/PhysicianQuicklinks/UpcomingEvents/SDCMSEvents/Eventinfo.aspx?sessionaltcd=SDIEGO_ECS_20151015
- G. San Diego Day of Trauma sponsored by Mercy Hospital will be held on November 6, 2015.
- H. On November 6, 2015, the statewide Drug Summit on prescription drug abuse will take place here in San Diego.
- I. The annual California Statewide Medical and Healthcare Disaster Exercise "SoCalREADI" will take place November 16-20, 2015. The subject of the drill would be a possible Anthrax release. The exercise will include assessment, diagnosis, setting up of PODS to administer medication to the community, etc.
- J. Continuous Quality Improvement. County EMS has a contract with base hospitals to perform county-wide quality assurance. Issues in patient care, including medication errors, need to be reported to the BHNCs so a PAC report can be completed. (S-004, S-006 & S-409) If

your agency identifies an issue, investigates it and takes action such as education, this information should be provided to the BHNC and included in the PAC report.

- K. Quarterly Reporting: a letter will go out shortly regarding quarterly reporting of ambulance response times. Who should measure this: All advanced life support ambulance agencies. What to include: All 911 emergency response runs in which the response mode was "lights and sirens" and the primary role of the unit was "transport". Times are to be reported only for transport ambulances for runs in which a patient transport occurred. Do not report this response time for non-transport first responders.
- L. The Prehospital Assessment final report identified areas for advancement. A common issue heard from our community stakeholders was the need for an IT system suitable for our large and complex EMS system. A Request for Information (RFI) for an IT system has been posted, and closes on September 18th.
- M. Congratulations to Jim Dunford. Dr. Dunford was this year's recipient of the national American College of Emergency Physicians Outstanding Contribution in EMS award.

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

There will be an airport drill taking place on Sept. 30, 2015. This will involve the landing of an aircraft in Mission Bay. There will be a CTA Conference taking place at the same time.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

The San Diego Health Connect program has continued to grow. Sharp and Scripps are now live and sharing information. There are now 3.1 million patients identified in the program. Over seven million transactions take place every month. Palomar and Tri-City have initiated their projects and should be live shortly. An EMS hub will be launching soon.

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

There are 299 people enrolled in the program. The last 100 people are now in trials. The program is expected to close in mid-October.

VII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE REPORT

In Carlsbad, there is a start date of Sept. 30, 2015. The trainings and site visits have been completed.

San Diego City is coming close to getting IRB approval.

VIII. CARDIAC ARREST SUBCOMMITTEE/TASK FORCE

Dr. Brad Schwartz is working on this data. The CARES system is currently used by most registries for cardiac arrest data collection. This system is going through some changes now. Local EMS agencies not currently included in CARES might possibly be eligible to be part of the CARES system in the future.

IX. STROKE CONSORTIUM UPDATE (Lindsay Olson Mack)

There was a meeting to discuss the possibility of having the witness of a stroke incident communicate by phone with the neurologist and ED department. This witness communication could provide the best history of the patient and onset of symptoms prior to the stroke. More information on this will be provided later.

Also, a five year report on the stroke system in San Diego County is being completed. This report is expected to be released soon.

Discussion on rapid transport and the use of stent retrievers. These have been shown to improve patient outcome.

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

No report.

XI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting is scheduled for Oct. 20, 2015 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.