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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting

Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Workman, R.N., Debra – Paramedic Training Agency

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Eldridge, Brett
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Forman, Kelly – Air Methods
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Mike Rice to approve the minutes from September 11, 2014. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

A. Update on the Ebola virus - Dr. Haynes

1. On August 20, 2014 EMS sent out a document that summarized how the field should proceed in identifying patients with potential Ebola. A CAHAN alert had been released as well as the CDC guidelines for *Donning and Doffing*.
2. Discussion ensued on isolation in the emergency departments. The State EMSA and CDC websites have information for emergency departments regarding identifying potential patients and 911 callers and decontamination guidelines
3. Comments:
 - Forehead temperature accuracy.
 - Precautions used with confirmed cases of Ebola.
 - Ambulance decontamination issues with suspected patients.
 - Using alcohol based hand sanitizers. It was recommended to avoid bleach.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Mike Rice reported that there have been no changes regarding off-load issues. Daryn Drum noted that offload crews are not waiting as long, a case was sited.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW – Brett Eldridge

A. Review of Policies

1. S-830, Ambulance Provider's Permit Application Process
 - Updated to reflect information in the Ambulance ordinance.
 - *Statement of fact in good faith* comes from the application process.
 - *Medical Director* is needed for CCT programs.
 - Evidence of insurance coverage was noted.
2. S-831, Permit Appeal Process
 - Minimum of twelve (12) months to re-apply for a permit after denial of application. This is updated from the latest revision of the Ambulance Ordinance.
3. SB-833, Ground Ambulance Vehicle Requirements
 - Standards for ambulances are in the process of change. The original KKK series hasn't been supported since 2007.
 - Additions were made to Emergency Care Equipment and Supplies. Essential equipment and supplies required by County of San Diego EMS Policy S-109 and standards for exposure to aerosol transmissible diseases.
4. N-840, Non-Emergency Medical Transport Wheelchair/Gurney Van Provider's Permit Application Process
 - Update current Ambulance Ordinance number.

- Change MTDB to MTS. Brett provided information regarding MTS permitting requirements, process and transport of ambulatory patients.
 - Information added/changed to bring the policy in line with the current Ambulance Ordinance.
5. N-841, Non-Emergency Medical Transport Wheelchair/Gurney Van Service Requirements
- Liability insurance amount updated. The original requirements for insurance have not been updated since 1993.
6. B-850, Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Provider Requirements
- No changes were made.
 - Standards apply to public providers. EMS does not inspect public providers; exemptions are in the Ambulance Ordinance. Brett will review policy regarding public and private BLS ambulance service.

A motion was made by Chris Wells to approve Policies S-830, S-831, SB-833, N-840 and N-841 with the changes made. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT – Meredith Conte

- A. Adult and pediatric protocols were reviewed. Suggestions from the review committee will be forwarded to BSPC.
- B. Community Paramedicine (CP) Projects are being reviewed by OSHPD. The OSHPD Director will be making a decision around November 12, 2014.
- C. The revised California State Trauma Plan is available for public comment on the EMSA website. Public comment period ends today at 5 pm.
- D. November 20, 2014 is the Statewide Medical Healthcare Exercise. Scenario is going to be an infectious disease. The Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) grant hospitals will be participating, the EMS DOC will be activated.
- E. The Naloxone trial is successful. Dr. Haynes will be meeting with the Sheriff Department regarding the outcome of the study.
- F. Public Safety regulations 15-day comment period is available online.
- G. The Prehospital IT assessment has been completed.
- H. The State will switch to Nemsis 3.0 January 2015. Correspondence will be sent out.
- I. EMSA's review of the City of San Diego Request for Proposal (RFP) contract for paramedic ambulance transport. The Director has determined that the County of San Diego cannot delegate its authority to the City. On August 29, 2014, the County filed an appeal of the denial to the EMS Commission. The EMS Commission is expected to decide on an appeal process at their December 2014 meeting. Discussion ensued on RFP procurement and selection process.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on November 13, 2014.

Submitted by

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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services