



# County of San Diego

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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)**

Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair  
**Education/Research Subcommittee**  
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120  
Monday, November 16, 2015

## **MINUTES**

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### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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#### **Members**

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

#### **County Staff**

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce

#### **Agency Representatives**

Blacksberg, David – UCSD Health  
Dunford, M.D., James – City of San Diego  
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego  
Nakajima, Yuko – UCSD  
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial County

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Chris Wells called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

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### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

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There were no public comments or petitions received.

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### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A quorum of members was not present to approve the minutes from July 20, 2015 or September 21, 2015.

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### **IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) PILOT UPDATES (Anne Jensen/John Feess)**

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#### **A. San Diego Fire/Rescue-Rural Metro Update**

1. Institutional Review Board (IRB) not including patients with mental illness has been approved.
2. Three (3) patients have been enrolled since implementation starting October 26, 2015.
3. The pilot includes the Resource Access Program (RAP) criteria plus new components.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> step is pre-survey
  - Care plans are written for each participant
  - Physicians determine where they can go
  - Monthly meetings are held with physicians (Dr. Kahn, Dr. Dunford, Dr. Serra and the Primary Care Physician)
4. Anne Jensen has created a Community Paramedicine data dictionary using NEMSIS criteria.
5. Work to create a bi-directional device to alert crews and dispatch of participants is underway.
6. The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) would like to provide a clinician, implementation is being reviewed.
7. Police policy is requesting that Community Paramedics wear bullet proof vests to follow the same policy as the officers when responding to the scene.
8. Anne Jensen is looking for assistance to provide medical clearance for patients that have no acute medical complaint. The current social model prevents nurses, docs or the RAP pilot team to direct patients to sobering centers, etc.

#### **B. Carlsbad Update**

1. The pilot project started on October 9, 2015 and has had two (2) patients that met criteria so far. There have been no bad outcomes. Telephone reports between Community Paramedics and physicians at the Kaiser Urgent Care in San Marcos have a “bedside turnover feel” about them.
2. The volume of calls is expected to be very low based on the number of patients enrolled since October 9<sup>th</sup>. Two (2) calls per month is the estimate.
3. Alternate Destination pilots have been directed to remove “Nausea/Vomiting” from their inclusion criteria. An email outlining the change was sent from Lou Meyer to all Alternate Destination pilot sites. John Feess will forward the email to be shared with the Advisory Committee.

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### **V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS AND QUESTIONS**

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- A. There was discussion about two (2) new Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) opening soon. One (1) contracted through Tri-City and one (1) contracted through Palomar Health. Further discussion and debate is currently taking place at the state level regarding the units being considered a higher level of care.

B. Discussion topics:

1. There is concern regarding the process in place with alternate destination pilots that addresses EMTALA violations. No clear direction or answers have been received from EMSA.
2. Decision on alternate destination pilots and who decides if a patient meets criteria as a pilot participant. OSHPD and EMSAs input have driven guidelines for inclusion criteria.

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**VI. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

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Site visits have been scheduled. The Orange County site visit is in February and the San Diego site visits are in March. Specific dates are forthcoming.

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**VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting is on January 18, 2016. January 18, 2016 was identified as a holiday (Martin Luther King Day), as is the February 15, 2016 meeting date (Presidents Day). A list of alternative dates to hold a "make-up" meeting that will combine the January and February meetings will be sent out. Our regularly meetings will resume on March 21, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.