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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) MEETING

Mike Rice, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, March 27, 2014

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District Three
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District Four
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chief’s Association (Alt)
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Rice, Mike – Ambulance Association of San Diego
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Fire Districts Association
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians’ Society

In Attendance

Fickas, Lance – Express Ambulance
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Mercy Air
Innis, Steve – First Choice
Ambulance
Mercer, Kevin - AMR
Price, Nicholas - Flack
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR
Yates, Judith – Hosp. Assoc.
S.D./Imperial Co.
Wethey, Jack - CALFIRE

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Gardina, R.N., Les
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christine Wells to approve the EMCC minutes from January 23, 2014 as corrected. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee
Emergency Medical Services fee increase proposals have been submitted with Public Health fee proposals to the Auditor and Controller for consideration and review.
- B. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson
1. UCSD, Sharp, Scripps and Palomar/Pomerado participated in a Mass Rescue Operations (MRO) drill on Mission Bay with the Coast Guard, lifeguards, and San Diego Fire Rescue Department.
 2. A hospital community wide disaster drill is planned for April 9th at 6 pm which will include the hospital late shifts. The drill will have an earthquake scenario and will practice Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) evacuation. Color coding will be used to identify what NICU support equipment is needed for transportation.
 3. The NICU evacuation draft plan has been submitted to Les Gardina, Public Health Nurse Manager at EMS. The plan will include acuity levels and level descriptions.
- C. Education and Research Subcommittee
1. The EMCC Education and Research Subcommittee meeting is focused on the Community Paramedicine (CP) projects.
 2. Agenda items included the project deliverables to the state.
 3. The CP project implementation date has been moved to January 2015 as the curriculum has been extended from August to November. A public meeting will be held in Sacramento on April 9th to discuss the pilot programs.
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V. ANNEX D – Les Gardina

1. The Annex D document was last revised in 2010. A new format with additional revisions was started last year. The new format will create a higher level document with supporting attachments, procedural level components and to allow edits and updates.
2. The objective is to complete the revisions in August for Unified Disaster Council (UDC) approval and then for approval to the Board of Supervisors in September during National Preparedness month.

3. Changes to the Annex D include:
 - Separation of information
 - Attachments
 - New surge procedures
4. The EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will convene to discuss and review the Annex D revisions suggested by a Community Work Group. Donna Johnson and Patrick Buttron from EMS will facilitate the meetings. Suggestion for discussion include:
 - Mass casualty management – EMS casualty incident versus a multiple patient incident.
 - Declaring an incident using the correct terms and reporting procedures, and levels of response.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

- A. Public Health researchers at UCSD are interested in the use of Naloxone by Sheriff Deputies in the area. A survey was conducted with deputies arriving first on scene. In some cases they could administer nasal spray to patients that appear to have an Opiate overdose.
- B. Public Health sent out a CAHAN alert on wound botulism. People can get wound botulism from skin popping with narcotics as well as using black tar heroin. Symptoms are weakness of face muscles, eye muscles and a descending paralysis that can leave a person on a ventilator for a long period of time. Wound botulism can respond to anti-toxin, so it is important to make the diagnosis right away to reverse some of the paralysis. Information regarding wound botulism has been sent to hospital emergency departments.
- C. State regulations:
 1. Comments were received on First Aid and CPR state regulations for peace officers, fire fighters that are not EMT's, and lifeguards.
 2. There was discussion on spinal immobilization and the use of hemostatic gauze for hemorrhage.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

- A. Community Events
 1. The *Strike out Stroke Day* event will take place Saturday, May 10, 2014, at 5:40 pm with the Padres playing the Marlins. The *Strike out Stroke Day* event educates the community on the early warning signs and symptoms of stroke, and to call 911. Tickets and t-shirt bundles can be ordered through April 11.
 2. The third annual *Sidewalk CPR Day* event is scheduled for Thursday, June 5th. Sue Dickinson, EMS Quality Assurance Specialist is coordinating the event. Agencies that are participating are asked to sign up by April 30th to coordinate the event. The goal this year is to train 3,500 people in compression only CPR.
 3. This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System. Several activities are

planned by the Trauma Research Education Foundation (TREF) including setting up a booth during the San Diego Half Marathon to share awareness of the trauma catchment areas and involve participants in activities including blood alcohol level awareness. A 30th Trauma Anniversary Gala dinner is scheduled for June 13th at the Grand Manchester Hyatt. Dr. Hoyt and Dr. Eastman will be speakers at the event.

4. EMS has initiated a pilot project to include a consultant/investigator to assist EMS with EMT 2010 subsequent arrest and EMT investigations. The pilot project will be implemented April 1st and continue for three months through June 30th. Currently, EMS Nurse QA Specialists and EMS Specialists are conducting the investigations. The investigator will assist with investigations, interviews, and obtaining court documents that are part of the process.
- B. This is the second year reporting core measures to the State EMS Authority. Agencies have been asked to submit data April 1st. EMS will aggregate data for the State report.
- C. This is a transition year for the conversion to NEMESIS 3.0 format for data collection. The conversion date is set for January 1, 2015.
1. The transition will include a prehospital assessment of the prehospital computer system and a comprehensive look at the data collected.
 2. Data collection will include the trauma registry, PPR, Admin module certification data base, resource screens and alerting. Focus groups will meet between now until July and will be conducted by County Contractor, Hewlett Packard (HP).
- D. The 2014 EMSAAC Conference will be held at Loews Coronado, San Diego on May 28 and 29. Brochures were available and distributed.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2014.
The meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Submitted by
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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services