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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

Christine Well, R.N., Chair/ Mary Meadows-Pitts, R.N., Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, May 12, 2016

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Drum, Daryn – County Paramedics Agency
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp.
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Wells, R.N. Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Ameng, RN, Diane
Barry, Michael
Eldridge, Brett
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

deKlerk, Maude - RCCP
McLuckie, Matthew - Reach
Walls, Brandon – Reach Air

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Wells, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:10 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum was not present to approve the Minutes from March 10, 2016 and April 14, 2016.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

The County has secured the contract Amendment with First Watch for the Transition of Care (TOC) module. The (TOC) module will allow uniform data collection across all ALS agencies and all receiving hospitals to document and track offload delay times. This data will be used to identify specific issues and to mitigate these specific issues. A subcommittee is developing the process and roll out plan.

V. CAPACITY PLAN

The Capacity Core Taskforce continues to meet weekly. It was recommended to decrease the level of activation to Level 1.

VI. STAFF REPORT – Diane Ameng

- A. *Sidewalk CPR* is next Wednesday, May 18, 2016.
 - B. *Strike out Stroke* at the Padres game is June 4, 2016. Fliers stating discount ticket sales were available. Kiosks will be set up for public awareness of stroke and recognizing stroke symptoms. There will be stroke survivors on the field prior to the start of the game.
 - C. Certification information:
 - 1. Due to the volume, it is difficult to provide same day service.
 - 2. Monday, credit cards and debit cards will be accepted. Cash is not accepted.
 - 3. Checks are only accepted for purchasing protocol books.
 - 4. EMS is working on and researching online recertification.
 - D. The prehospital assessment to replace the QCS system should be identified the end of the calendar year.
 - E. Black market Norco tablets are found containing fentanyl. San Diego has had one (1) case, but it is more prominent in Northern California. Regular doses of Narcan may not have the same effect to wake the patient up.
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VII. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

Policy A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance
Policy A-876 was updated to make it compatible with current dispatch technology. Changes are italicized.

- A. Added definitions:
 - 1. *Primary Response Air Ambulance is an ambulance that is permitted by the County in San Diego to respond to prehospital scene locations.*
 - 2. *Closest Most Appropriate. Defined as a County of San Diego permitted Primary Response Air Ambulance based within the borders of San Diego County utilizing*
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a map grid system. The air ambulance with the shortest response time to more than 50% of the map grid encompassing the incident requesting service as determined by the CAD shall be dispatched utilizing the specific aircraft designation, i.e. Air Rescue 1 or Air Rescue 2. (The CAD system uses the mapping system similar to that in the Thomas Bros).

3. Changed the word scramble under *Response Time* definition to dispatch.

- B. Under Policy, added statement *The designated air ambulance dispatch agency enter into agreements with all EMS air ambulance service providers for air ambulance dispatch services include a fee for dispatch services in order to offset operational costs.*

- C. Dispatch Procedure, Air Ambulance Services Request, add:
 1. *If the air ambulance originally dispatched to an incident is unavailable, the next most appropriate permitted San Diego County based Primary Response Air Ambulance regardless of agency will be dispatched.*
 2. *The designated dispatch center shall use discretion when dispatching the closest most appropriate Primary Response Air Ambulance when aircraft are already airborne.*
 3. *In the event that air ambulance provider is contacted directly for a pre-hospital EMS response the call information shall be transferred to the designated dispatch center to ensure that the closest most appropriate Primary Response Air Ambulance is dispatched to the incident.* This refers to going to the emergency scene, interfacility transports are not affected.

- D. Dispatch Procedure, Air ambulance unit selection for responses:
Add: *When more than one air ambulance is based within the same designation dispatch map grid, the aircraft are considered co-located and will be dispatched as first unit up on a monthly rotational basis using odd and even months.*

- E. Posting locations:
 1. Add *if appropriate rest area* to 'Move up' locations may also be used at the discretion of the provider. It was also suggested to add showers to facilities provided for flight crews as a minimum standard. The Health and Safety Code will be reviewed regarding shower requirements at posting locations.
 2. Add: *Air ambulance provider shall notify EMS in writing ninety (90) day prior to moving or adding a base to allow for inspection of crew quarters and to ensure that the base location has been built into the dispatch system.*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on June 9, 2016.