



# 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)**  
**Education/Research Subcommittee**  
**6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120**  
Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair  
**Monday, June 20, 2016**

## **MINUTES**

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### **IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members**

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Valley (Alt)  
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

#### **County Staff**

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

#### **Agency Representatives**

Contreras, Leto – AMR/RM  
Murphy, Mary – Carlsbad Fire  
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial County

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

Linda Rosenberg called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

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

There were no public comments or petitions received.

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

**A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Mike Rice to approve the May 16, 2016 EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee minutes. Motion carried.**

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### **IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) PILOT UPDATES**

#### **A. Carlsbad Update – Mary Murphy**

1. The State Advisory committee visit went well. There was discussion on why enrollment was low and exemptions regarding age and Kaiser Medicare patients.
2. Carlsbad is looking at expanding their Institutional Review Board (IRB) choices with Kaiser. Kaiser reimburses Carlsbad for the transport unless they are Medicare patients.

#### **B. San Diego Update – Leto Contreras**

1. There are 36 patients enrolled in the program.
2. As of May 25<sup>th</sup> the program is down to (2) team members.
3. The Psychological Emergency Response Team (PERT) clinician is part of the team. That contract is being revised and will need new signatures of approval.
4. Ann Jensen will be returning soon and her position will be a City employee.

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

Discussion topics and comments:

- Judith Yates commented that the State EMS Summit is in October. California Hospital Association (CHA) is preparing documents to go forward in reviewing EMS issues. San Francisco is doing a study of the EMS system.
- There was discussion on reviewing the expansion of the pilots, Medicare/Medical patient reimbursement, alternate care site destination becoming a nonpayment mandate and grant funding. Grant funding proposals have to be to the State by July 1.
- First Watch data time line will be discussed at the June 30 Capacity Taskforce meeting. Loma Linda Hospital and Redlands Community Hospital model rollout is scheduled to be presented at the next Capacity Taskforce meeting.

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### **VI. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Susan Smith**

Each pilot program submits a report for review. There are low enrollment and staffing turnover issues with criteria too narrow for alternate destination programs and issues with the training piece. The goal of the pilot projects was to expand paramedic's scope of practice.

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### **VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

- Temecula Valley has been designated as a STEMI/Stroke hospital. A transport agreement is being reviewed for North County area residents.
- The Health Care Academy would like to be on the list of EMT training programs. They have other training programs as well. They currently have agreements with Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs), an ambulance company and convalescent homes but are unable to get an agreement with an acute care facility. There was further discussion on hiring issues and the number of students at acute care facilities.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Next meeting is July 18, 2016.