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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, June 26, 2014

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District Three
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Green, Katy – District 1
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District Four
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two
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
McCutenseon, Gene – Reach Air Medical
Rod, Rick – San Diego City EMS
Tomada, Andrea - NMCSO
Yates, Judith – Hosp. Assoc. of
S.D./Imperial Co.

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Buttrick, Patrick
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Rosenberg, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 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 Christine Wells, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the EMCC minutes from March 27, 2014. Motion carried.

IV. 30 YEARS OF TRAUMA: INJURIES AND OUTCOMES - Josh Smith, PhD

2014 represents the 30th year anniversary of the San Diego Trauma System. The San Diego Trauma System started August 1, 1984. At that time ambulances began transporting trauma patients to designated trauma centers. A 30 year review of the trauma system volume, cause of injury and trauma outcome was presented.

Comments and discussion included:

- Data comparison with other communities across the state.
 - Major challenges in the next 10 years.
 - Geriatric and pediatric trauma.
 - Mortality and penetrating trauma injury curve.
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V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee did not meet in June.

B. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

1. The April 9, 2014 hospital community disaster drill was successful. The drill included hospital late shifts and practiced Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) evacuation.
2. In March, hospitals with their disaster partnerships participated in a Mass Rescue Operations (MRO) drill on Mission Bay with the Coast Guard, Lifeguards, and San Diego Fire Rescue Department. There will be another drill in October.
3. San Diego hospital disaster partnerships are invited to participate with UCSD and the airport in an airport drill on October 8, 2014. The drill will include identifying patients as a result of an air disaster. Hospitals will set up a temporary Medical Operations Center (MOC) in the airport parking lot working with the Red Cross to practice communications with identifying patients.
4. The 5th Annual Disaster Partnership Conference will be held on July 29, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The conference is open to the public. Registration is 7:30 a.m.; the conference will start at 8 a.m. and end at 12 noon. Registration information will be forwarded to the committee.

5. The November 20, 2014 Statewide Medical Health Exercise drill will have a Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV) scenario and include a pediatric surge and practicing communication.
6. Patrick Buttron announced that the updated County Operations Services Plan is due to the California Unified Disaster Council by August 21, 2014. EMS and OES will be reviewing Annex D Mass Casualty Operations. The Annex D workgroup has met to review the document and will have a second meeting on July 8, 2014. Edits/revisions will be reviewed by the EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee on July 17, 2014 and forwarded to the EMCC meeting on July 24, 2014. Once approved by EMCC, the draft document will go for approval and adoption to the County Board of Supervisors meeting on September 23, 2014 during Disaster Preparedness Month.

It was requested to send the draft Annex D document to Base Station Physicians Committee for comment.

C. Education and Research Subcommittee

In response to public comments, Community Paramedicine (CP) projects were asked to resubmit their applications with additional detailed information. The EMS Authority (EMSA) resubmitted the states' application to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The next Public Hearing is scheduled for July 30, 2014. The OSHPD Director is expected to reach a decision on whether or not to approve the pilot projects in August.

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

- A. Drug shortages continue. The most recent shortage is with normal saline. Steps taken by EMS during the shortage were sent out to the providers and the field.
- B. Pulse Point is an application for phone notification of cardiac arrest. Those who have signed up with the application will receive notification when a cardiac arrest occurs in the area. The location of the nearest AED is also tied to the notification.
- C. Epidemiology is assessing the number of base hospitals and base hospital needs for the future.
- D. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine and Placebo (ALPS) trial, Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) study is to determine the best method for treating those who suffer from cardiac arrest outside of the hospital, and ensure the highest rate of survival. There are 176 patients enrolled locally in the study and close to 1,600 in the entire study.
- E. A number of Protocols and Policy minor changes have been released for the following Policies/Protocols:
 - P-401, Scope of Practice of Paramedic in San Diego County

- P-402, Prehospital Determination of Death
- P-403, Physician on Scene
- S-143, Treatment Protocol-Sepsis

The revisions have been reviewed and approved. Every two years prehospital protocols are reviewed for major revision.

- F. It is planned to evaluate the use of naloxone by Deputy Sheriffs who may administer naloxone nasally on suspected opioid overdoses before EMS arrives. The study will start in the next two months.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. Community Events

1. The *Sidewalk CPR* event was held on June 5, 2014. Twenty-four agencies participated at 35 sites throughout the County, 3,143 individuals were trained in adult compression CPR. The total number of individuals trained in Southern California was estimated to be 17,000.
2. Celebration of the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System included activities and a Gala at the Grand Manchester Hyatt. The Trauma Research Education Foundation (TREF) was involved with a number of activities to celebrate recognition of the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System that included setting up a booth at the San Diego Marathon. There will be a trauma day at the Padres game on August 29, 2014, at 7:10 p.m. with the Padres playing the Dodgers. 300 seats are available at a discounted rate. The website to purchase the tickets is www.padres.com/trauma.

B. EMS personnel changes:

1. Jamie Beam who was the EMS Principal Administrative Analyst in charge of contracts and finance has been promoted to Public Health Services (PHS) Agency Program and Operations Manager. A new Principal Analyst has been hired and will start on July 11, 2014.
2. Alicia Sampson, EMS Epidemiologist, last day at EMS is today. Alicia is moving to Virginia.

- C. In May, the connection between the EMS Hub and the County's Quality Collector System was established. San Diego Health Connect EMS Hub Quality Collection System will begin testing data transfer with agencies in July.

San Diego Health Connect has a workgroup of community members including First Responder agencies, transport agencies, hospitals and the County to review the operational aspect of the EMS Hub. The first meeting is July 19, 2014.

- D. Announcement: Scripps Encinitas has opened their new critical care and emergency room.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – Marcy Metz

A. EMS Fees

In November 2012, EMCC discussed and approved fee increases for EMT's, certification/accreditation of prehospital personnel and ambulance permit fees. EMS fees were submitted to County departments for review and approval with other Public Health (PH) Branch fees. The lapse fee proposed will not move forward due to full cost recovery policy justification.

After reviewing the full cost recovery, there may be slight increases in some of the fees. Information will be presented on the certification fees and implementation plan at the next EMCC meeting. The fee increase will be in 2015.

It was suggested to have the fee increase implemented at one time instead of in intervals to incorporate the total increase in the agency budgets. Notification of the approved fee increases was requested for the agencies to include the fees in their budget.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for July 24, 2014.
The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Submitted by
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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services