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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
Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Chris Wells, Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, September 10, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N. Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Broyles, Linda – RCCP
Hums, Jason – SWCC
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College

County Staff

Ameng, Diane
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Guests

Gomez, Jessica - SDSU
Scripps La Jolla

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

A. Call Volume

1. Call volume was discussed at the Fire Chiefs meeting. San Diego Fire reported 300 calls yesterday. Last month had the highest call volume in County history. Sharp and Scripps also had record days. The heat index was a factor.
2. Flu cases have consisted of 10 cases per month.

B. Offload Delays

1. Dr. Haynes is researching offload delays in other counties. Offload delays were discussed at the EMS Commission meeting in May and the Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC).
2. Riverside is using an electronic system to report and notify agencies which facilities are open and what hospital thresholds are.
3. Some hospitals are activating their Capacity Plans. Capacity Plan triggers and exercising clinical judgment was discussed. A Capacity Planning meeting with Dr. Wooten, Public Health Officer, will be held this month at Sharp.
4. The Overcrowding Summit is on October 15th at Scripps La Jolla.

C. Mary Meadows-Pitt reported that Grossmont Hospital has a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Nurse Officer (CNO). In December Sharp Grossmont is opening a floor which will add 32 beds. The emergency room (ER) will be taking over the Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) for 10 additional beds.

D. Linda Rosenberg reported that Sharp will be opening the ER2 on January 1st, adding 8 to 10 more beds. The eighth floor is also being renovated. Hospitals are preparing for the flu season.

V. STAFF REPORT – Susan Smith

A. Request for Information (RFI) for prehospital assessment was posted and will close on September 18.

B. Core measure reporting on ambulance response times.

- Core measure reporting will be reported to the Board of Supervisors.
- A letter will be sent out today describing the deadlines and data points to be reported each quarter.
- Discussion continued on ambulance leaving the scene field time, arrival on scene and arrival at hospital.

C. Continuous County Improvement will be reported every September. County EMS has a contract with Base Hospitals to perform countywide quality assurance (QA) on patient care including medication errors. The data will be reported to the Agency to complete the Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) report. Any agency identifying an issue which was investigated and action was taken, must be reported and entered into the PAC report.

- D. At the last EMS Commission meeting, proposed regulations regarding appeals were addressed. The EMS Plan Appeal Process was approved and will go to the Office of Administrative Law for review.
- E. Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) will be awarding \$2.5 million for HIE Grants that will be split between two (2) Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies (LEMSA's).
- F. Firescope/Fireline policy and notification to LEMSA's.
- Out-of-county protocols should be followed.
 - Review policy, education and process for Electronic Patient Care Record (EPCR) QA.
 - Review and enter LEMSA data reporting in Quality Certification Services (QCS).
 - Change the default according to the LEMSA. Give the information to the coordinator and enter the information into QCS.
 - A Fireline survey is on the Firescope website.
- G. Tactical EMS curriculum has been developed and is out for public comment, due by September 18th.
- H. Community Paramedicine (CP) Base plan data Update.
- City of San Diego is waiting on IRB approval.
 - City of Carlsbad has had a change in Kaiser Administration for the project.
- I. Epi Pen regulations for the public to receive training and obtain a card and prescription. If it is in your scope of practice you will not need training to get the card.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee met on September 17, 2015. Disaster triage during a disaster was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on October 8, 2015.