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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)

Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair
Education/Research Subcommittee
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Wednesday, September 21, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Green, Katy – District 1
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Contreras, Lyn
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad/SDCFE
Feess, John – Carlsbad Fire
Hums, Jason – Southwest Community College
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial County

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Wells called the meeting to order at 10:06 am in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Attendees introduced themselves.

It was announced that Linda Allington of Carlsbad Fire has moved to Northern California. John Feess, Carlsbad Captain will be representing City of Carlsbad Fire. Captain Feess

will be working with Dr. Silver who is the Kaiser project leader for the City of Carlsbad County Paramedicine (CP) Project.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of members was not present to approve the minutes from July 20, 2015.

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

- A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation.
- B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation. No changes.
- C. Local Treatment Protocols – Completed and submitted prior to pilot approval. City of San Diego is administering their final competency testing for paramedics on protocols and the pilot project Institutional Review Board (IRB).
- D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan – Both pilots have provided site specific training in preparation for go-live.
- E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
City of Carlsbad agreement with Kaiser and Kaiser personnel changes brought up concerns regarding Kaiser patients that may be excluded due to having a Medicare Advantage or a supplement plan.
- F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
 1. Originally City of San Diego was going to have a physician oversight contact for the first six (6) months of the pilot project and then reevaluate. The agreement now is to have approval from a physician for pilot intervention.
 2. City of Carlsbad has been testing their IPADs for telemedicine. Telephone contact with the physician in the urgent care will likely be the initial telemedicine tool per protocol.
- G. Informed Consent
City of San Diego IRB document is at the State for review.
Time frame for the pilot projects to start is September 30 or October 1.

V. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Susan Smith

- A. The State Advisory Committee will meet on October 15th in Sacramento. The committee will be reviewing project baseline data.
- B. Discussion topics:
 1. Release of CP pilot project information to the public and stakeholders.
 2. Hospital interaction with EMS personnel, the community and hospital caregivers to improve service to the community.

3. Freestanding emergency departments (ED's) interest in rural communities where there are no hospitals and legislation for freestanding ED's and freestanding emergency rooms (ERs) under license and supervision of a hospital.
4. Level of acute care needs patients and psychiatric patient placement. Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) development in North County. Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) and medical clearance to transport psychiatric patients to a CSU. Psychiatric patients impact hospital and prehospital ED's.
5. Representation from the County Paramedic Agency Committee (CPAC) at the Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC) meetings to address offloads issues and the Capacity Plan.
6. City of San Diego CP pilot program referring individuals to intoxication sobering centers, psychiatric and substance abuse services. Referral is approved by a physician.

C. Conclusion:

1. Data gathering and start dates will begin the same time.
2. There will be a coordinated communication approach after the pilots have started when there is enough data to provide information to share with community stakeholders.
3. Offload triggers and when it affects EMS and Fire. The Health Services Capacity Taskforce meets October 9, 8 am – 9:30 am at the Medical Society. Capacity Plan triggers, wall time and diversion will be discussed.

VI. FUTURE ITEMS

Announcement:

Congratulations to Chief Abbott on his appointment as North County Fire Chief.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee next meeting is October 19, 2015.