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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

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2015

Members Present

Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Maxwell, Paul – SD Co. Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parra, Frank – S.D. County Fire Chiefs Association
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians’ Society

In Attendance

Allen, Francis – CA Correctional Health
Care Services
Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

County Staff

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 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 Linda Rosenberg, R.N., seconded by Chris Wells, R.N. to approve the minutes from January 22, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee did not meet last month. Offload issues were added as an agenda item for discussion.

B. Discussion ensued on the following offload issues:

1. Facility and 'medical home' transport concerns. Discussion at Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) and Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) meetings to request that paramedics clarify/state why they are diverting, for Quality Assurance (QA) documentation.
2. Policy/protocol for bypass by base hospital and communication between the medics and the hospital.
3. The Health Services Capacity Task Force (HSCTF) regarding plan's triggers for levels of activation during a medical surge. It was suggested to invite prehospital agencies to the 2015 HSCTF meeting to participate in the Capacity Plan review.
4. Communication and authority to bypass, contacting the EMS Duty Officer, charge nurse, BHNC and hospital administration. Utilization of the hospital internal surge plan.
5. Treatment/medical care by the medic/ambulance, and their scope of practice while waiting on the wall.
6. Agency participation regarding offload delays is welcome at the Emergency Medicine Oversight Committee (EMOC) meetings.

Action Item:

Distribute the Capacity Plan

C. Education and Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg, R.N.

The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee is the Advisory Committee for the Community Paramedicine (CP) pilot projects.

1. CP projects are currently working on their Institutional Review Board (IRB) documents.
2. Tentative start date for the Carlsbad and City of San Diego pilot projects is June or July.
3. Hospitals are assisting in collection of data regarding arrival and discharge time as well as participating in the Health Information Exchange (HIE) project, allowing information to be shared. HIE may also help with addressing basic records regarding offload issues.

D. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson, RN

The Disaster/Operations Subcommittee has not met recently but will schedule a meeting following the May 20th drill.

Sharon Carlson reported on upcoming events:

1. The Capstone Community exercise on May 20th will drill a situation where there is a regional power outage due to an attack. Activation will start after the first 10 to 12 hours into the power outage. The scenario also includes a bus/freight train collision resulting in mass casualty/mass decontamination issues to be addressed. The exercise will test the after action plan from the 2011 power outage drill.
2. In March, the SD Healthcare Disaster Council and hospitals were invited to tour the EMS alternate care site set up. Alternative care sites are set up as medical evaluation centers during a disaster.
3. The Statewide exercise scenario in November will be a mass prophylaxis drill.

V. EMS CORE MEASURES – Joshua Smith, PhD, MPH

Josh Smith, PhD, MPH, Epidemiologist II gave a PowerPoint presentation on the California Emergency Medical Services Authority Core Quality Measures Project.

1. The purpose of the EMS system Core Measures Project is to increase the accessibility and accuracy of prehospital data for public, policy, academic and research purposes, and facilitate EMS system evaluation and improvement for a grant from the California Healthcare Foundation. The project will highlight opportunities to improve the quality of patient care delivered in EMS systems.
2. Core measures use prehospital data collected at the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) level and are submitted to the State by each LEMSA. They are used for comparison and Quality Improvement (QI). Data from 2010 to 2014 was collected for the presentation.
3. Four recurring themes include:
 - Arrival at and departure of the scene in a timely manner.
 - Accurate patient assessment by EMS personnel.
 - Delivery of time sensitive prehospital therapy.
 - Transport to a hospital capable of providing the necessary care.
4. Core measures are divided into the following categories:
 - Trauma Patient
 - Suspected Acute coronary syndrome/heart attack
 - Cardiac Arrest
 - Suspected Acute stroke patients
 - Respiratory/pediatric respiratory
 - Pain Intervention
 - Skill Performance
 - EMS response and transport
5. Moving forward:
 - Destinations of trauma
 - Validity of data and missing data
 - Additional proposed core measures modified
 - Performance Improvement (PI)

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

- A. On Saturday, April 25, 2015 there is a San Diego Symposium addressing Concussions in Youth. Registration is 7:30 am, the program is from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park; registration is \$25. The symposium is sponsored by Rady Children's Hospital and the Kiwanis.
- B. Dr. Gausche, Pediatric Specialist, has a publication out on the Pediatric Readiness Surveys of hospitals. EMS is reviewing this as a comparison to past surveys.
- C. PulsePoint is the application that can be loaded on your phone and alerts you to cardiac arrests that may be occurring in your area. There have been some activations of the application in San Diego.
- D. BSPPC is reviewing protocol changes of the treatment guidelines.
- E. There are fewer cases of Ebola. Individuals that have traveled to West Africa as a volunteer are being monitored by taking their temperature once or twice a day. UCSD is the designated Ebola treatment facility in the County. The CDC is involved in evaluating potential Ebola assessment hospitals.
- F. The naloxone pilot project is used to assist in preventing deaths with narcotic overdoses. The Sheriff's Department trial is to determine if there is any benefit for deputies to administer naloxone to individuals with apparent narcotic overdoses before First Responders arrive on scene. The trial is working and may expand the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's trial.

There is a new law regarding individuals purchasing and using naloxone if they know of someone who is a narcotic user. Instruction on use is given by the Pharmacy and the New Path organization that is involved with narcotic addiction will be organizing classes as well.

- G. The State law regarding epi pen use for anaphylactic shock was broadened for individual use as well as licensed agency use.
- H. Over the last two years there has been research on using stent retrievers in acute stroke patient cases. The devices are used to extract the clot that is causing the stroke. Three or four papers presented at the International Stroke meetings showed less damage to the brain if the stent retriever was used.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

- A. The American College of Surgeon (ACS) review of trauma centers continues in May to review the remaining trauma centers, Palomar and Scripps Mercy.
- B. The *Strike Out Stroke* event at the Padre's game has sold over 1,400 tickets. Hospitals will set up kiosks with screening tools and stroke awareness information. The Stroke Consortium will be awarded a Board of Supervisors' Proclamation for the

4th annual event. There will be a press conference on Friday at Petco Park the day before the game.

C. EMS personnel:

1. EMS new hires include an Office Assistant, Office Support Specialist and Administrative Analyst II.
2. Communications Unit EMS Coordinator recruitment is open. The DI contract employee and the Temporary Expert Professional position are also vacant. The Medical Records Technician position will be vacant as of May 8. IT issues will be covered by Max Carreon.

D. The County Fire Authority, contracted with Cal Fire, has submitted a letter of intent to become an ALS provider and will be positioning some ALS First Responders at their fire stations. As of July 1, Pine Valley and surrounding rural area will be under the County Fire Authority and become newly designated ALS First Responders.

E. Information on emergency and non-emergency responses will be collected as part of the EMS Plan updates that will be sent to the State. Agencies will be asked to collect data needed for Fiscal Years 2012/2013/2014.

F. Request for Proposals (RFP's):

- Zone II ambulance operating area contract was awarded to Mercy Medical as of April 1, 2015.
- Ocotillo RFP will be out to bid. A community meeting will be scheduled around the second week in May. A notice will be sent out via BuyNet and email.

G. The ENA 9-1-1 Conference is tomorrow, April 24th at the Vista Civic Center.

H. The EMSAAC annual conference held at Lowes Coronado is scheduled on May 27 and 28, 2015. Brochures for the conference were provided.

I. Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) forms reporting the needs of the community identified by the HPP group will be finalized.

VIII. EMCC MEMBERSHIP/VACANCIES

There will be a follow-up on EMCC primary and alternate vacancies as well as member term expirations that are coming up.

IX. 2015 SIDEWALK CPR DAY – Sue Dickinson

The goal for this year's *Sidewalk CPR* event is to instruct 4,000 individuals in chest compression only CPR and to surpass last year's total of 3,154. The goal is to strengthen the chain of survival in the County communities by instructing individuals on how to use hands only CPR until 9-1-1 responders arrive.

The event will involve the community setting up site areas for instruction in adult hands only CPR. Last year 24 agencies registered and participated in the event at 42 locations.

This year's event is on June 4, 2015 from 10 am – 4 pm. Forms will be distributed to register for an instruction location area, and if needed availability of a mannequin to use in the training.

X. OLD BUSINESS – Marcy Metz

There is no new information on the EMS fees.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Due to the EMSAAC Conference on May 27 – 28, 2015. EMCC will not meet in May. The next regularly scheduled EMCC meeting will be June 25, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Submitted by
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County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services