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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, September 24, 2015

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adams, Jason – American Red Cross
Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Boudreau, Sgt. Chad – Law Enforcement (Alt)
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. Co.
DeMers, CDR Gerard – Military Agencies
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee
Green, R.N., Katy – District 1
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parra, Frank – SD Co. Fire Chiefs (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

In Attendance

Broyles, Linda – RCCP/AMR
Hayward, Brian – Heartland Fire
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)

Vacant Positions

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

It was announced that Stephen Abbott will be the Chief of North County Fire starting January 2016.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the minutes from July 23, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N.

1. Offload delays were discussed at the subcommittee meeting.
2. The Health Capacity Plan Taskforce meets October 9, 8 – 9:30 am at the San Diego Medical Society on Ruffin Road. The taskforce meeting is being held prior to the Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC) meeting.

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

1. City of San Diego and City of Carlsbad will be starting their pilot projects next month.
2. Both pilot project IRB's are approved.
3. Kaiser Physician lead for the City of Carlsbad pilot project has changed.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson, R.N.

1. The November Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will practice mass prophylaxis. A table top exercise will take place October 5, 8 – 12 at Public Health Services (PHS).
 - The November exercise is a five (5) day drill with Region VI. The drill is a test to receive the Strategic National Stockpile. Scenario is based on an anthrax attack and is County wide.
 - The first day will consist of testing and confirmation of the agent, anthrax.
 - Second day Public Information Officers and the Joint Information Center will be looking at public messaging.
 - Third day of the drill there will be receiving and storage of the prophylaxis.
 - November 19, there will be 14 points of dispensing (PODS) open throughout the County. Two (2) drive through mega PODS will be located at Carlsbad and Qualcomm. Strategic National Stockpile will receive the prophylaxis medication. The EMS DOC/MOC will be activated for the drill.
 - November 20 will consist of disassembly and return of equipment.
 - Hospitals will be distributing their caches and setting up PODS which is a requirement for grant hospitals. Palomar, Scripps, UCSD and Sharp will be receiving medications (empty bottles) from the County.
2. The Subcommittee discussed updating the EMCC bylaws. The subcommittee is reviewing the EMCC bylaws and checking the status/vacancies of membership with the organizations listed in the bylaws
3. The next subcommittee meeting will be in January.

V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTER – Marcy Metz

Every two (2) years EMS submits a Board Letter to the Board of Supervisors to approve the CHP

Ambulance Spare Tire Exemption requirement for ambulances to carry a spare tire. The spare tire exemption provides room on ambulances for medical supplies and equipment.

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Katy Green to approve and forward the Ambulance Spare Tire Exemption request letter to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion carried.

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

A. There have been inquiries about flu vaccination for healthcare providers. A letter will be distributed clarifying that a provider who hasn't had the flu vaccine should wear a mask in the presence of a patient.

CPAC representatives and Fire Agencies have requested that the requirement should be addressed at the October 9th Capacity Plan meeting and include Fire and First Responders.

B. The Federal Government has a ChemPac program in the County for caches of nerve agent antidotes in preparation of a wide spread exposure to a nerve agent. Hospitals and prehospital agency caches that are not expired are tested each year and monitored.

C. Law Enforcement naloxone trial program with Sheriff Deputies has the narcotic antidote available to Sheriff Deputies. Training will be become available to all Sheriff Departments. The program's focus is on narcotic overdoses and approval for the use of the antidote.

D. Stroke – There will be a five (5) year report of the Stroke system. The report will include data from the hospitals on tPA and medications.

E. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) will be sending a notice to hospitals regarding changes such as victim's right not to have examination evidence processed in the lab for up to 18 months. These are Non Investigative Case Reports (NIRs) where the victim does not want the finding of the evidentiary exams reported. In June, CDC new guidelines on treatment and prophylaxis of individuals that have been sexually assaulted will be sent out, including medication prophylaxis for sexual transmitted disease available to victims.

F. The Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) Subcommittee on Cardiac Arrest will be meeting and discussing the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) program.

G. Shortage of morphine vials.

- There has been a discontinuation of the 10 mg morphine concentration vials and a shortage of the carpujets.
- In case of medication shortages, the use of expired morphine or other drugs in the field can be authorized by the Medical Director.
- Discussion continued on dosage and age specific issues.

H. Spinal stabilization issues are being reviewed.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. EMS Commission met in San Diego in September. The EMS Plan appeal process regulations

brought forward by the EMS Authority has been approved and is being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law.

- B. State trauma system review by American College of Surgeons (ACS) will be in March of 2016 and will be hosted in San Diego. Last year was the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System.
- C. Community Paramedicine (CP) pilots throughout the state have begun. City of San Diego and Carlsbad will begin reporting to the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee.
- D. The Valley Center Fire Protection District is starting an ALS First Responder program. Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) by all parties will start October 1st.
- E. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Borrego Springs/Ocotillo Wells will be reviewed by State EMSA next week.
- F. City of El Cajon City Council approved to have one AMR ambulance to assist staffing and deliver service to the community.
- G. A Request for Information (RFI) was issued for data collection. The RFI closed September 17th. Vendor proposals submitted are being reviewed and should meet NEMSIS 3.0 requirements.
- H. The EMS Authority Health Information Exchange (HIE) grant for \$2.75 million is to develop and connect regions. The grant will be awarded to two (2) EMS agencies through a competitive bid process. County of San Diego and San Diego Health Connect will be reviewing possible participation for the State HIE grant. Proposals are due in October.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. EMS Fees
Increases are undergoing further analysis due to the timeline. The EMS fee increases will be included in the County Budget that will take affect July 1st. There will be more information on the certification fee increases at the October meeting. EMCC approved the \$50 fee increases for EMT, Paramedics and MICNs. The increase will begin in 2016.
- B. Offload delays
EMOC conversation was on the practice of transporting to a hospital on bypass. There will be a panel discussion at the November EMOC meeting.
- C. Discussion topics:
 - 1. The Department of Defense Health Agency is pursuing a narcan initiative requiring all branches of services to initiate a first responder program across EMS and Security Forces. They are expecting to phase in the program by 2018. Medical direction and support infrastructure for security personnel is being set.
 - 2. The California Prescription Drug Abuse Summit is November 5 and 6 at the Catamaran.
 - 3. The ENA Conference is November 13th at the Kona Kai. Registration for the conference can be made at CAENA.ORG.
 - 4. The EMOC Summit is October 15. Registration is on the San Diego County Medical Society website.

5. Grossmont is having their ED Symposium on November 23. Dr. DeMers will speak on spinal immobilization.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled EMCC meeting will be October 22, 2015.
The meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.