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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING **Minutes** **Tuesday, May 5, 2015**

Members Present

Parks, Sherryl – City of Del Mar
Rich, Deanna – Torrey Pines Community Planning Group (Alt)
Tanner, John – Citizen-at-Large
Zahn, Peter – City of Solana Beach
Zovanyi, Peter – Citizen -at-Large

Agency Representatives Present

Austin, David – American Medical Response (AMR)
Cox, Fred – Rancho Santa Fe
Daigle, Mike – Encinitas Fire Department
Mercer, Kevin - AMR
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire
Murphy, Mary – CSA-17 EMS Coordinator
Peltier, Pat - AMR
Twohy, Frank – Elfin Forest Fire

County Staff Present

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Brewton, Linda
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

Guests

Heiser, Don
Keiholtz, Bob

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherryl Parks, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

EMS week is May 17–23, 2015. Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District firefighting crew and AMR CSA-17 ambulance crew are featured on the front cover of EMS Strong.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Peter Zovanyi, seconded by Sherryl Parks to approve the CSA-17 Advisory Committee minutes from February 3, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION

A. According to the CSA-17 bylaws, citizen-at-large positions are selected by the five organization members of the CSA-17 Advisory Board.

- City of Encinitas
- City of Del Mar
- City of Solana Beach
- Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
- Torrey Pines Community Planning Group

B. Sherryl Parks, CSA-17 Chairperson, introduced the candidates for citizen-at-large representative, Seat 7. Citizen-at-Large members serve staggered two year terms. The following candidates submitted applications and resume/biographies for the position and shared their background and experience:

1. Don Heiser – resident of City of Encinitas, retired Encinitas Fire Chief, and currently an outside technical consultant with County of San Diego County Fire. Mr. Heiser has 45 years with the fire service.
2. John Tanner – currently holds the Citizen-at-Large position. Mr. Tanner has been a member of the CSA-17 Advisory Committee for eight (8) years serving as a representative from Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District and the Citizen-at-large member. Mr. Tanner is a US Navy veteran.

A ballot vote was taken. Mr. Don Heiser was selected by the Advisory Board members to be the CSA-17 Citizen-at-Large member representative for a term of two (2) years.

Action Item:

A letter of nomination and application for Don Heiser will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board via the appropriate County Departments to be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

V. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Finance Report – Linda Brewton Third Quarter Financial Review for FY 2014/15

1. Revenue Growth by Source

Ambulance Transports		\$1,516,900
Residents	\$ 870,500	

Non-Resident	<u>\$ 646,400</u>
Benefit fee	\$1,021,300
Property Tax	\$ 971,200
Interest Penalties & Other	<u>\$ 9,400</u>
Total Revenue	\$3,518,800

- Total revenue growth is down 8% from FY 2013/14. This is primarily driven by a decline year over year of resident and non-resident transports.

2. Expense Growth by Source

Ambulance	\$2,385,800
Dispatch Services	\$ 7,500
Billing & Collection Services	\$ 53,100
County – Admin Services	<u>\$ 83,600</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,530,000

- Expenses are down 1%. Because expenses are primarily from fixed price contracts, fluctuations year-over year are due to timing differences in the receipt and processing of invoices. Billing and collections services vendor expense is a percentage of their billing collections.

3. Resident and non-resident Transports

- Performance indicators comparison for the current year and past two (2) years: Resident transports are up 13% and non-resident transports are down 15% versus the prior year.
 - Monthly ambulance payments/gross receipts received from patients using transport services: Resident receipts are down 13% versus the average and down 9% from last year; non-resident receipts are down 26% versus last year as well as versus the historic average.
4. Year-to-date 2014/15 trending within the budget: The last two (2) fiscal year actuals, current year-to date projection, and current year budget for revenue and expenses were given.
5. The Reserve Balance is targeted at a range of 120 days to 180 days of expenses. Actual reserve shown was from FY 2009/10 through FY 2013/14. Projected reserve balances included FY 2014/15 and beyond.

B. Administrative Report – Susan Smith

1. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) trauma center hospital surveys will conclude this month with Palomar and Scripps Mercy.
2. Over 1,400 tickets were sold for the *Strike Out Stroke* event held on April 25, 2015. Hospitals set up kiosks with screening tools, magnets and Stroke awareness materials.

Supervisor Roberts presented a Proclamation to the Stroke Consortium. Stroke survivors were introduced on the field and stroke warning signs were shown on the Jumbotron.

3. *Sidewalk CPR Day* is scheduled for June 4, 2015 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Letters inviting agencies and hospitals to participate have been sent out. The goal for this year is to train over 4,000 individuals in compression only CPR. Mannequins are available on loan for the event through Project Heart Beat. If you need more information on the event, contact Sue Dickinson at EMS.
4. May 20, 2015 is the Statewide Emergency Preparedness Exercise. The scenario will be a power outage and multi-casualty incident involving a vehicle and train, with a chemical spill. Decontamination will be practiced and take place at Qualcomm Stadium. County EMS Operation Center will be fully activated. Scripps Encinitas is participating on a full scale with 100 volunteers.
5. National EMS Week is May 17 - 23, 2015. San Diego EMS system providers were thanked for their participation by providing optimal prehospital care to patients and for striving to continually improve services to the residents and visitors to San Diego County.
6. County EMS is recruiting for a Communication Unit Coordinator to replace Brenda Dunn who has retired. Recruitment is open through May 8, 2015.
7. The EMS Administrative Association of California (EMSAAC) annual conference will be held at Loews Coronado on May 27-28, 2015. Fliers on the conference were provided.

C. Medical Director's Report - Bruce E. Haynes, M.D.

1. There has been an increase in deaths due to the misuse of narcotics both nationwide and in San Diego. Currently there is State legislature to legalize the use of naloxone which is a reversal agent for narcotic overdoses. Pharmacists will be able to dispense naloxone with a prescription from a physician and give training. There will also be narcotic treatment and training programs for family members of users with a narcotic problem. The Sheriff Department has a program for deputies to administer naloxone inter-nasally for apparent overdoses before First Responders arrive.

Discussion continued on the cost of naloxone for individuals and prehospital agencies, and the different methods to administer the drug. Examples of narcotic drugs abused were given as well as the action and effects of naloxone. Research and studies have been conducted on the effectiveness of the reversal agent.

2. EpiPens are used to treat severe allergic reactions. The EpiPens contain epinephrine or adrenaline to help decrease the body's allergic reaction by relaxing the muscles in the airways to make breathing easier, and relax the muscles in the stomach, intestines and bladder. Legislation has been signed that would allow off duty EMS personnel and family members to use the EpiPen on individuals and/or family members in cases of severe allergic reaction.

3. There has been research on using stent retrievers in acute stroke patient cases. Strokes are caused by lack of blood flow to the brain from blood clots. Administering tissue plasminogen activator (tPA), a clot dissolving agent is common treatment practice. There is now a mechanical device that can be used to remove the clot to increase blood flow to the brain and is used with tPA.
4. Peter Zovanyi asked about the latest article regarding hospital ratings in the County. Dr. Haynes responded that criteria and accuracy of reports should be taken into consideration. Information can be found on the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) website.
5. Sherryl Parks asked about location and safety of marijuana use dispensaries as several cities were voting on the issue. Dr. Haynes will follow-up on information regarding marijuana dispensaries.

D. Paramedic Provider Report – Dave Austin

1. AMR quarterly compliance reports for January, February and March were distributed and sent out prior to the meeting. First quarter 2015 performance reports were presented and included details regarding response time compliance.

Monthly highlight summary:

- January compliance was 97.20% based on 644 calls and 455 transports.
- February performance was 95.80% based on 595 calls and 417 transports.
- March performance was at 92.7% based on 719 calls and 451 transports.
- There was an increase of 4.6 responses/per day for the quarter and 1.9 transports compared to the first quarter of 2014.

Reports of monthly mutual aid, transport to the hospitals and community service were given.

2. Community Service and Public Education:
Community public service hours completed were 147, serving 458 people with 235 trained in compression only CPR.
3. San Diego Wellness and PulsePoint program are being promoted, with PulsePoint decals being affixed to all ambulances.
4. Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) data collection started in January 2014 to track and improve cardiac survival rate in CSA-17. Dr. Schwartz presented information and a handout with CSA-17 cardiac arrest data for 2014.
 - Cardiac arrest is the number one (1) killer of people over 40 years of age. Further Quality Assurance (QA), Continuing Education (CE) programs and training in compression only CPR can increase bystander CPR involvement and skills. CSA-17's cardiac arrest survival percentage of 16% is significantly better than the national average of 10.6%.

- Mary Murphy reported that so far in 2015, CSA-17 has had 22 cardiac arrests, of which 17 survived; this translates to a 30% survival rate. The CSA's high survival rate is attributable to the CSA's ongoing community outreach and education efforts. In 2014, 60% of CPR was initiated by bystanders and 10% involved AED usage.
 - Phillips monitors are operational for cardiac arrest data tracking.
5. The theme for EMS week May 17-23 is EMS Strong. A flier with information on events taking place at the fire stations during EMS week was available.
 6. Discussion ensued on identifying training and cardiac arrest per area via audits, and identifying the positions of AED's in the community.

E. Operations Report – Mike Stein

1. Fire Departments will be participating in the Statewide Disaster drill on May 20, 2015. City of Encinitas and City of Solana Beach Emergency Operation Centers (EOC's) will be open as well as Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District Department Operation Center (DOC).
2. The County is currently performing their site visit surveys and Advanced Life Support (ALS) inspections with North County Fire Departments.

F. CSA-17 EMS Coordinator Report – Mary Murphy

Education:

- In April an infection control mandated education class was given with a special emphasis on Ebola and Measles.
- Starting today there will be a class on drowning and bee stings awareness.
- June is protocol review month.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Annexation of CSA-107 (Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove) Update –Linda Brewton

The LAFCO application is under internal review. CSA-17 Advisory comments were recommended. There should be some information on completion of the application by the end of the week.

B. Mileage/Transport Routes

Follow-up on the public comment regarding transportation direct routes is being completed. There will be a final response issued when all information has been reviewed.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Information on the mileage/transportation routes will be added to the next CSA-17 Advisory Committee agenda. Peter Zahn asked to have a report sent in advance to the Advisory Board.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

It was suggested to change the date of the next CSA-17 Advisory Committee meeting from August 4, 2015 to July 28, 2015 as the Chair and Vice-Chair will not be available on August 4th. Members were asked to check their schedules and the meeting facility will be contacted to make sure there is no conflict with the meeting place schedule.

Mr. Tanner commented on his eight (8) years as member to the CSA-17 Advisory Committee. The members expressed their thanks to John Tanner for his contributions to the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Submitted by
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