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**CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Peter Zahn, Chair/Nancy Hillgren, Vice-Chair  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

**Members Present**

Cerny, Barbara – Torrey Pines Community Planning Group  
Hillgren, Nancy – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District  
Muir, Mark – City of Encinitas  
Parks, Sherryl – City of Del Mar  
Zahn, Peter – City of Solana Beach  
Zovanyi, Peter – Citizen at Large

**County Staff Present**

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce  
Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Shahri, Sheri  
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)  
Yaghmaee, Saman

**Agency Representatives Present**

Austin, David – American Medical Response (AMR)  
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire  
Peltier, Patricia - AMR  
Stein, Mike – Encinitas Fire Department  
Twohy, Frank – Elfin Forest Fire

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Peter Zahn, CSA-17 Chair called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.  
CSA-17 members introduced themselves.

Two (2) testimonials from CSA-17 members were given regarding dispatch and paramedic responses to calls, and the timely response and professional care that was received.

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Nancy Hillgren, seconded by Sherryl Parks to approve the February 2, 2016 and April 5, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried.**

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### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions.

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### IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

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#### A. Budget and Finance Report – Sheri Shahri

EMS presented the CSA-17 Financial Report Year to Date as of April 25, 2016.

##### 1. Revenue Growth by Source

Ambulance Transport Fee		\$1,544,700
Resident Transport Fees	\$921,600	
Non-Resident Transport Fees	<u>623,100</u>	
Property Taxes		1,023,700
Benefit Taxes		1,056,000
Interest/Adjustment/Other		<u>21,000</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$3,645,800</b>

- Tax revenue was up by 5% from last year.
- Resident transport fees are up 16%, the number of resident transport is up 20% and non-resident transport fees are down 18%.
- Benefit fee growth is at 3%.

##### 2. Expense Growth by Source

Ambulance Contracts		\$2,728,000
Dispatch Services		11,000
Billing & Collection Services		49,200
County – Admin Services		<u>78,300</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$2,866,600</b>

- Ambulance Contracts show a 13% increase from the prior year.
- Dispatch services are up 47% from last year.
- Billing and collection services are down 7%.
- Total expenses are up 12%.

##### 3. Summary

- Property taxes and benefit fees are trending on target.
- It was noted that contract expenditure costs listed are through December 2015.

#### B. Administrative Report – Marcy Metz

1. Mary Metz thanked everyone for their support during her husband's recovery from his cardiac arrest.
2. The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Sidewalk CPR Day is May 18, 2016, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The goal is to train 4,000 individuals in adult compression only CPR. Twelve (12) agencies have registered to participate at several locations throughout the County to instruct the community in adult compression only CPR.

3. The 5<sup>th</sup> *Annual Strike out Stroke* event at the Padres is on June 4, 2016, Padres versus the Rockies. It is a community event to remind people to call 911 at the first sign of stroke symptoms. The acronym FAST (F –facial drooping, A-being able to raise both arms, S- for speech/slurring of words and T- for time/call 911 describes stroke symptoms. There will be a press event prior to the game. A flier was providing information regarding the event as well as discount ticket information.
4. May 4<sup>th</sup> is the Countywide Medical Health exercise. The emergency medical services operation center (MOC) will be fully activated. The exercise will have an El Niño scenario. Alternative care sites will be set up at Carlsbad. Rady Children's Hospital and UCSD will participate in the exercise practicing pediatric and neonatal evacuation in a disaster situation. In the South Bay they will practice a scenario where a roof collapses at a school.

#### **C. Medical Director's Report – Bruce E. Haynes, MD**

1. To follow up on the question regarding Wittman and Associates billing. Wittman is reviewing the accuracy of transport reports.
2. Zika virus:
  - The California Disease Control (CDC) website has up-to-date information on protection from mosquitos and management.
  - New England Journal of Medicine April 21, 2016 article has information regarding Zika virus infections.
  - Zika and Guillian-Barre Syndrome incidents have increased.
  - Zika virus may be the cause of microcephaly in neonates.
3. An article in the UT regarding San Diego slow responses to 911, a case was cited. The majority of 911 calls are received by the police agencies. If it is a medical call it is referred to the fire department Northcom dispatch center. It is suggested to call on a hard line as the location can be determined more easily.

A Northcom audit shows that calls from Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP) are 99% within the 10 second recommended interval.

State level funding for 911 was cut a few years ago. Legislation is moving forward to renew the 911 funding.

#### **D. Paramedic Provider Report – Dave Austin**

1. AMR first quarter compliance reports for January, February and March were sent to the Advisory Committee members prior to the meeting. AMR performance reports were presented and included response time compliance, mutual aid and transport by community.

Monthly highlight summary:

- January compliance performance was 96.23% based on 664 calls and 446 transports.
- February compliance performance was 94.90% based on 647 calls and 449 transports.

- March compliance performance was at 95.75% based on 659 calls and 447 transports.
  - Mutual Aid for the quarter: There were 28 inbound mutual aid calls and 35 outbound calls. The 35 outbound mutual aid calls were provided with no negative impact.
  - Monthly transports to the hospitals were unchanged. Call volume was down this month.
2. Community Service and Public Education:  
There were 70 community public service hours completed during the quarter, serving 400 people. Highlights include:
    - Rancho Santa Fe Easter Egg hunt
    - Encinitas Easter Egg hunt
    - Community CPR
    - Child safety seat inspections
    - Ambulance show and tell
  3. Paramedic Training:
    - January: Advance cardiac life support research, certification and CPR
    - February: Prehospital trauma life support
    - March: Anaphylaxis (e.g. bee stings), aorta aneurisms and stroke
    - Education: Case review, progression and outcomes
  4. The Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) is a national data registry that measures community's performance and helps identify how to improve cardiac arrest survival rates. In 2015 CSA-69 had a 23.5% cardiac arrest survival rate.
  5. An EMS week flier was distributed. Encinitas Station 5 is having a taco lunch. Dave Austin, Chief Cox and Chief Twohy received a copy of the EMS Week proclamation for First responder recognition by the Board of Supervisors for EMS week.
  6. EMS Coordinator Position:
    - The position was posted on April 8. Three applications have been received but did not meet the qualifications.
    - The position has been posted on monster.com and facebook.
  7. A survivor luncheon is scheduled on June 1, 2016. There will be seven (7) survivors from CSA-69 who will be giving testimonies.
  8. Questions and discussion:
    - Statistics on cardiac arrest survival, Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and CPR.
      - Non-resident transport decline inquiry. There is no data on why non-resident transports are down. The decline may be due to fewer travelers.

#### **E. Operations Report and EMS Coordinator Report – Mike Stein**

1. Encinitas EMT licenses are renewed as of this month.

2. There was an active shooter drill at Del Mar on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The drill was coordinated with Del Mar Fairground security in preparation for the fair and racing season. The drill included Del Mar Fairground security and San Diego County Sheriff's Department, using their active shooter protocol. A warm zone protection area was set up by the Sheriff Department for personnel to triage victims.

In conjunction with the drill, Del Mar practiced a partial activation of their EOC.

3. Paramedics and Fire are preparing for the fire season.

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## V. OLD BUSINESS

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### A. 4-S Ranch Property Tax - Saman Yaghamee

Summary information was distributed. Chief Michel provided maps of the area.

1. Background: December 1992, at the time of annexation of 4S Ranch into CSA-17 it was determined that no property tax exchange would occur since CSAs have the ability to levy benefit fees and since there is no loss of service responsibility by any agency.
2. The 4S Ranch four (4) area divisions are referred to as Tax Rate Areas (TRAs). Group properties are taxed by the same combination of taxing agencies. TRAs are reassessed on an annual basis and rates vary within each TRA. An estimate of revenue from the 4S Ranch four (4) TRAs depends on the assessed value of each TRA property.
3. Discussion:
  - Policy change, renegotiation of the property tax and allocation of funds. Currently the revenue is going into the County General Fund.
  - CSA-17 is receiving benefit fees for the areas that are annexed in to CSA-17.
  - A Board Letter is required to request for renegotiation of the 4S Ranch property tax exchange from the County General Fund revenue into CSA-17.
  - The 4S Ranch taxation issue is not related to the CSA-107 annexation.
  - The CSA-17 Advisory Board asked that the 4S tax issue be a condition of the Annexation application. The 4S tax issue and the CSA-107 annexation are not related. EMS staff will make sure that the tax issue that happened with 4S will not happen again during the LAFCO annexation process

### B. LAFCO Application – Annexation of CSA-107 (Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove)

The LAFCO impact analysis updates were presented.

1. New as of December 31, 2015 the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District (RSFFPD) has been providing, under contract with the County of San Diego, an ALS Engine Company out of the temporary fire station in Harmony Grove Village.
2. A section was removed under new housing development that was not in the CSA-107 area.

3. In addition to the Harmony Grove project, there are plans for the development of 453 residential units (single-family and multi-family) within 229 habitable structures on approximately 111 acres referred to as Harmony Grove Village South. Currently there is a discretionary application in process with Planning & Development Services for this project and the decision maker for this project will be the Board of Supervisors.
4. The analysis showed current and projected ambulance usage due to population. Potential revenue was projected with housing units benefit fee and property tax revenue.
5. Mutual Aid agreement by the Fire Chiefs of San Marcos and Escondido. This will be part of the terms and agreements in the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) application.
6. Recommendation is to move forward with the application process parallel with the 4S Ranch tax issue.
7. Joe Sorrano, Analyst with San Diego LAFCO gave a summary of the process. CSA-107 was annexed into Rancho Santa Fe to provide fire services. During the application analysis, the commission noticed that half of CSA-107 was in CSA-17 for Advanced Life Support (ALS) services, the remaining 3,000 acres was outside CSA-17. A condition was added to include an application by CSA-17 to ensure the current and future residents would receive ALS services. Therefore, there is a request for CSA-17 to initiate an application to annex the remaining portion so residents have ALS services.

Discussion:

- LAFCO representation from the San Diego area was explained.
- Financial analysis, terms and conditions include the parcel and property tax.
- Approval of the LAFCO application and concerns regarding 4S Ranch should be addressed via separate Board Letters.

**A motion was made by Mark Muir, seconded by Nancy Hillgren to initiate the LAFCO application to annex CSA-107 into CSA-17. Motion carried.**

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**VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

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Follow-up report regarding the LAFCO application.

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**VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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Next CSA-17 Advisory meeting is August 2, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.