



# County of San Diego

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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/ Christine Wells, R.N., Vice-Chair

### Minutes

Thursday, July 28, 2016

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. County  
Drum, Daryn – Co. Paramedics Agency Committee  
Green, Katy – District 1  
Kahn, M.D. Christopher – District 4  
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross  
Rice, Mike – Ambulance Assoc. of San Diego County  
Vogt, Rick – SD County Fire Districts  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

#### Vacant Positions

League of California Cities  
San Diego County Medical Society  
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society  
Bi-National Emergency Care Committee

#### In Attendance

deKlerk, Maude RCCP  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Mercer, Kevin - AMR  
Neill, Mark – Reach Air  
Staats, Kathy - UCSF

#### County Staff

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

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Daryn Drum, EMCC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.  
Attendees introduced themselves.

It was announced that Dr. Haynes, EMS Medical Director is retiring. Dr. Haynes was congratulated on his retirement.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Steve Abbott, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the June 23, 2016 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.**

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## IV. CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD SUNSET REVIEW

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Board of Supervisors' Policy A-74, "Citizen Participation in County Boards, Commissions and Committees," requires that each year, one fourth of all advisory committees conduct a "Sunset Review." EMCC is listed for Sunset Review in 2016.

The "Sunset Review" report includes the advisory committee's level of involvement in County programs, actions accomplished or completed, and justification for continuance. After the "Sunset Review" report has been approved by the committee it will be forwarded to the Clerk of the Board.

The EMCC requested to add stroke to Section V, 'The EMCC will continue to review and improve EMS systems including prehospital services and relevant hospital services such as trauma, cardiac, stroke and pediatrics.'

**A motion was made by Steve Abbott, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the EMCC Sunset Review Report with correction. Motion carried.**

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## V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chris Wells

Policy S-836, Critical Care Transport Unit Inventory was reviewed.

1. Changes made were to move Capnography (Quantitative End Tidal CO2) from Airway Adjuncts to Monitoring.
2. Verapamil HCL was removed from Replaceable Medications

There was an inquiry regarding adding Amiodarone, it is currently carried and under inventory.

**A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the changes to S-836, Critical Care Transport Unit Inventory. Motion carried.**

### B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Diane Ameng

1. The Carlsbad pilot project has had slow enrollment and is reviewing the criteria at the State level regarding age limits and alternate destination. State summary on the site visit found that similar alternate destination pilot projects have the same low numbers. Urgent care facilities have limited hours.
2. The San Diego pilot project has 100 patients enrolled.

The Community Paramedicine Symposium is on September 22, 2016 at the Holiday Inn Bayside Hotel. Progress with the pilots will be reported. It was suggested to cancel the EMCC meeting in September due to the date conflict.

**C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson**

1. Sharp Healthcare Disaster Expo is taking place at Balboa Park on September 10, 2016 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The expo is a way of reaching out to the community to be prepared for disaster. Several agencies are participating in the Expo: AMR, Quake Cottage, Hazmat; vendors will have preparedness kits available for purchase. Last year attendance at the Expo was 400.
2. Statewide Medical Health Exercise is November 17, 2016. Hospitals and County EMS will be participating in the exercise; scenario is a mass casualty event. The link to the website will be sent to the EMCC committee.

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

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- A. The County is looking for a Medical Director to replace Dr. Haynes. Applications will be accepted as of August 1, 2016.
- B. The Cardiac Arrest Committee is reviewing the following issues: Dispatch, CPR in schools and Cardiac Arrest Protocols.
- C. AB15 End of Life legislation states a person's right to receive *end of life* prescription medication which will be determined by a physician and given to adults with terminal illness with less than six (6) months to live. Los Angeles policy has been finalized. Meredith Mahoney, EMS QA Specialist is working on an algorithm for 9-1-1.
- D. Palomar Hospital, North County Fire and Escondido are considering a pilot program where calls received from medics can be reviewed by physicians via telemedicine and assessed if they can be released, for example with a prescription. The program will require a review and an IRB due to working with patients.
- E. Naloxone use with the Law Enforcement Administration has received more interest.
- F. Stroke system results of the first five (5) year reports are posted on the EMS website.
- G. A pediatric protocol review meeting is being held today at 1 pm. The Medical Audit Committee (MAC) including Dr. Hillfiker, pediatric surgeon at Rady's Hospital will distribute a letter to pediatric providers regarding reduction of radiation exposure to kids, including imaging.
- H. During the shootings in Dallas, a number of policemen were taken to the hospital via police squad cars. There have also been other instances where patients were transported via police squad cars; cases are with penetrating trauma only.
- I. San Marcos has been working to help frequent system users, policy/protocol may be needed.
- J. Discussion topics and comments:
  1. A local incident was brought up where a patient transport with a police squad car was used.

2. Taking action with an Incident command system structure.
3. After Action Review (AAR) where an active shooter incident is different than mass casualty incident (MCI) algorithm. An Active Shooter protocol or MCI specifically used for a different approach to moving patients in and off the scene.
4. Office involved shootings with penetrating trauma and communication with a facility. Notification to destination trauma hospital.

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**VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz**

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- A. It is a Federal requirement that EMT licensing authorities in certification are to process and enter EMT disciplinary actions from 2013/14 into a National Practitioner Data Bank by July 31, 2016. The National Practitioner Data Bank does send notification to the EMT.
- B. The County is in the final stages of the procurement process for a Nemsis 3.4 compliant data system. An announcement will be sent out to EMS system participants. The component requirement will be ready by January 2017 for the Electronic Patient Care Reporting (EPCR).
- C. The EMS Commission is meeting Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn Bayside. The Community Paramedicine Symposium is scheduled directly after that on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- D. The Capacity Taskforce Operational Core Group meets via phone conference on Thursday. The group is actively reviewing the First Watch transfer of care module.
- E. Janet Wolchko is retiring October 11, 2016. Janet has been attending the Board Advisory Committee meetings bringing appointments up to date as well as knowledge of the Brown Act rules. There will be a period to train a replacement.
- F. EMS has open positions in the Budget Contracting Unit, Office Assistant and Account Clerk Specialist.

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**VIII. PREHOSPITAL PROTOCOL BOOKS – Susan Smith**

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EMS is phasing out selling the prehospital protocol books. The sales will stop by October 1, 2016. Palomar and South Western College websites are currently selling the protocol books.

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**IX. OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. A timeline is being developed to approach the Board of Supervisors regarding implementation and update of the EMS fees by July 2017. There should be more information by the October meeting.
- B. The Core Capacity Taskforce group meeting continues to progress with problem solving the offload issues.

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**X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 9:50 am.  
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2016.