

Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) - 2011 Meeting Minutes

EMCC Minutes Thursday, January 13, 2011 – subcommittee

EMCC Minutes Thursday, January 27, 2011

EMCC Minutes Thursday, February – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, March 10, 2011 – subcommittee

EMCC Minutes Thursday, March 24, 2011

EMCC Minutes Thursday, March 25, 2011 – subcommittee

EMCC Minutes Thursday, April – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, May – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, June 9, 2011 – subcommittee

EMCC Minutes Thursday, June 23, 2011

EMCC Minutes Thursday, July – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, August – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, September 8, 2011 – subcommittee

EMCC Minutes Thursday, September 22, 2011

EMCC Minutes Thursday, October – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, November 9, 2011

EMCC Minutes Thursday, December – no meeting



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes
Thursday, January 13, 2011

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency
Kusman, Travis – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Workman, Debbie – Paramedic Training Agency

Guests Present

Norris, Monica for Patty Skoglund
Ochs, Ginger – SD Fire & Rescue

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca – County EMS

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the October 14, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Jim Marugg)

The subcommittee discussed time delays and offload data collection. Tracking of offload issues was brought up at the last Fire Chiefs meeting. First watch subscribers, such as SDMS, are able to collect data on offload delays and the number of units at various facilities.

Action: Rebecca Pate will consult with Marcy Metz, EMS Chief and Dr. Haynes, EMS Medical Director on the groups and/or agencies that are collecting data and how often it should be reported.

Linda Rosenberg mentioned that there has been no reporting of offload issues at the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC).

There was discussion on patient turnover and time captured by ambulance providers and hospitals.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The following policies were reviewed by the committee.

S-461, Destination of Acute Stroke Patient. S-461 will be reviewed by BSPC, but was brought before the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for feedback on changes that were made. Documented onset of patient's acute stroke symptoms was changed from three to four hours. The "swallowing tests" statement in section III.A.5, was deleted.

S-306, Designation of Authorized Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education Providers. Changes were made to have consistent language throughout the policy.

P-701, Paramedic Base Hospital Designation. The policy was to designate a new base hospital.

P-801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service. Corrections were made to have the County EMS name consistent throughout the document. Susan Smith will be reviewing the policy to make BLS CPR wording consistent with previous policies. ALS response on ensuring that two paramedics initially respond to each ALS response was reviewed. There was discussion on American Heart Association (AHA) CPR and American Red Cross (ARC) equivalent educational requirements.

Effective dates on the policies will be updated to February 1, 2011 after they are reviewed by EMCC and approved.

A motion was made by Debbie Workman seconded by Melody Dotson to approve and forward the policy updates to the EMCC full committee. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

Hardware and software requirements to access iQCS were provided and reviewed. Deployment of iQCS will begin in February. Facilities and agencies should have the requirements in place at their workstations to access the new iQCS and QCS Legacy system. iQCS and QCS CEMSIS share the same database. There will be access to information from the previous year on the iQCS system. Charles Hawkins is the contact person for any issues. Transition will begin in a few weeks. There will be training information sent out to assist people with using iQCS.

The EMS building remodel will start in a few weeks. Construction will start with the lobby area and the restrooms. Access to the building will be temporarily moved to the street entrance on Mission Gorge.

County Counsel has reviewed the Ambulance Ordinance and has recommended changes. The EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will be reconvened in the next few months to review the County Counsel changes. There was discussion on contract updates and changes made between ambulance and hospitals.

The Health Capacity Taskforce released the capacity plan last month. A letter was sent to the jury commissioner regarding jury time.

VII. ELECTION OF CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2011

Linda Rosenberg made a motion to nominate Melody Dotson as Chair and Jim Marugg as Vice-Chair of EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for 2011. Motion carried.

Term limits for Chair and Vice-Chair are two years.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Submitted by

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, January 27, 2011

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc of S.D./Imp Co. (Alt)
Dotson, R.N., Melody – BHNC
Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Districts’ Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies’
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics’ Association
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

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Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – Fourth District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Milakovich, Lt. Jenene – Law Enforcement Agencies
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs’ Association

Guests Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR
Jeckell, Andrew – Loma Linda University
Smith, Lindsay – Loma Linda University
Valdez, Bob – Reach Air Medical

County Staff Present

Buttron, Patrick
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2011

A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Gary Fischer to re-nominate Jim Marugg as Chair and Travis Kusman as Vice-Chair of EMCC for 2011. Motion carried.

The Chairperson and Vice Chairperson may serve a maximum of two successive terms. Jim Marugg and Travis Kusman will be Chair and Vice-Chairs respectively for a second term.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

Cruz Ponce, American Red Cross (ARC) representative, announced that on October 22nd the ARC signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) to jointly lead in the planning and coordination of mass care services. ARC will assist states in planning and coordinating their mass care services for sheltering, feeding, distribution of emergency supplies, and reuniting families separated by disasters. On November 1, 2010, FEMA release a guidance plan for integration of functional needs support services in general population shelters. On the first or second week of March, the ARC will reconvene the Access and Functional Needs Committee to discuss the MOA and how the new planning guidance integrates with prehospital care during disasters.

Marcy Metz asked if there will be provisions for continued first aid at the shelters. Cruz Ponce responded that during evacuation, if a patient needs medication or equipment they have forgotten that cannot be provided readily by the shelter, that patient will be referred to a hospital.

Sharon Carlson suggested that the subject should be discussed at the Disaster Council and HPP group meetings regarding the impact it might have on the hospitals and agencies.

ARC has worked with the Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Paul Murray, Health and Human Services, on how the changes may affect emergency services within the County.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve the October 28, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Jim Marugg)

The EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee has forwarded the following policies for the full EMCC committee to review and approve.

S-360, Designation of Authorized Emergency Medical Service Continuing Education Providers.

P-701, Paramedic Base Hospital Designation.

P-801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service.

Motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Kelly Forman to approve the policies as written. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research

No report.

C. Disaster Operations (Travis Kusman)

The Disaster Operations Subcommittee did not meet in December and January. Chief Hanlon and Patrick Buttron are working on recruiting for the regional management team.

Patrick Buttron reported that there will be a San Onofre Nuclear Generation Station (SONGS) exercise on April 12, 2011. A tabletop exercise will occur on April 14, 2011 in Irvine. Public Health Officers, Directors and personnel from the Department of Environmental Health and Department of Agriculture that are within a 50 miles radius around the nuclear generating station will look at how to quarantine and certify produce and water supplies.

On February 12, 2011, there will be a celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Naval Aviation. Naval Air Station North Island is hosting an open house to the military and public. Over 200 naval aircraft from pre-World War II to the present, will participate in an aerial Parade of Flight over San Diego Bay.

Navy Region Southwest is conducting an anti-terrorism enforcement protection full scale exercise at all of their installations on February 22-24, 2011. The exercise will have a small number of mass casualties that can impact systems and security on base.

The San Diego Airport Authority is preparing for their mass casualty disaster exercise in September and October.

County OES and EMS will not be participating in the Golden Guardian 2011 exercise. Staff will be attending training and an exercise in Emmitsburg, Maryland at the Emergency Management Institute. Seventy-five people will be attending the Emergency Management Institute training and exercise, including County staff from EOC, SDOC and high level County executives.

The County of San Diego, hospitals and healthcare facilities are working on a pediatric surge plan for disaster. Children's Hospital has taken the lead on education and Sharp Healthcare is hosting two sessions of courses for adult hospital personnel. Those courses are set for March and April. This is a requirement for the adult hospitals as part of their HPP grant deliverables.

VI. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Marcy Metz, Chief EMS)

Four EMS providers from San Diego received awards from the EMS Commission during their meeting in San Francisco on December 1, 2010.

- Chris Olson was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal for providing superior EMS service and innovation for over 35 years with the County.
- Paul Santos was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal for performance of rescue on April 1, 2010.
- Anne Marie Jensen was presented with a Community Service Award for providing dedicated community service in organizing EMS social networking opportunities and linking that with disaster related activities with Homeland Security.
- Kevin Ruitzel was presented with a Community Service Award for providing dedicated community service organizing public access defibrillation programs in San Diego County.

Nominations for 2011 EMS Authority awards can be made throughout the year. Information can be found on the EMSA website.

Paradise Valley Hospital is now approved to receive patients with acute stroke. As of December 24, 2010, they are on the QCS system as a stroke center.

Alvarado Hospital has been purchased by Prime Healthcare. Prime Healthcare also operates Paradise Valley Hospital. There will be changes in personnel and operations; but the changes will not affect the emergency department.

Influenza has not been prominent in the community at this point in the season.

Pertussis: A News Release was sent out regarding the pertussis epidemic. In 2010, pertussis cases in the County reached a record-high of 1,140 which included two infant deaths.

Bath Salts/“Spice”: There have been several cases in the County with the synthetic cannabis “Spice”. The Poison Center has reported a number of cases with hallucinations and “bad trip” side effects. Cases of using “Bath salts”, a synthetic form of methamphetamine have also been reported. Neither of the two drugs will show up on a routine drug screening. Dr. Haynes has been working with the poison center to get information out regarding the chemical substances for medical intervention purposes.

POLST Form: The Physicians Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form is under revision. EMSA will have the changes out by April 2011. The POLST form compliments the advanced directives and is not intended to replace it.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, Chief EMS)

The EMS lobby is currently under remodel. The main entrance to the building has been moved from Glacier Avenue to Mission Gorge Road. The large conference room will be expanded and the restrooms will be made ADA compatible. Meetings may be rescheduled to alternate locations during the remodel.

The QCS system will be moved to the internet as of April 1, 2011. Computer workstation requirements should be met in order to access the iQCS system.

During the EMS Commission meeting in December, a subcommittee was appointed to review the issues that were included in the Fire “white” paper that was submitted last year. Recommendations will require legislative changes to clarify and understand sections of Health and Safety Code 1797.201, and scope of authority. The subcommittee met and presented their report to the commission with the following recommendations: support and

advise EMSA to utilize language for the basis and roadmap for developing regulations to meet the intent of the subcommittee work product, support and recommend the creation of a regulatory taskforce that mirrors EMT 2010 regulatory taskforce with the purpose to create the regulatory package that will meet the intent and recommended changes of the submitted statutory framework. The package should be completed and submitted back to the commission as soon as possible with the requested submission date of June 2011. Upon receiving the regulatory package the EMS coalition will review and modify, as necessary, the proposed language that would ensure proper authority and clarity to carry out the proposed regulations. The Commission meets again during March, in Los Angeles. Information is available on the EMS website.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, March 10, 2011

Members Present

Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

Guests Present

Norris, Monica - for Patty Skoglund
Ochs, Ginger – SD Fire & Rescue

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca – County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, R.N., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Kelly Forman to approve the January 13, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Jim Marugg)

Dr. Haynes gave a report at the County Chiefs meeting where they discussed placing the responsibility of offload and bypass issues on the hospitals. Dr. Haynes will meet with the hospitals to discuss the issues.

Facility delays and bed delays were discussed by the subcommittee. Monica Norris inquired if there was data on increased number of calls, and if the number was compared to the number of bases, nurses and radios available. Ginger Ochs mentioned a website the medics use to track off-load delay issues.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The following policies were reviewed by the committee.

S-411, Reporting of Suspected Child, Dependent Adult, or Elder Abuse/Neglect. S-411 will be reviewed by the Base Station Physicians Committee for approval. The policy was brought before the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for feedback on changes that were made. The reference to attached forms and reports has been deleted and phone numbers and contact information was updated. The documents are available on the County website.

A motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve S-411 and forward the policy updates to the Base Station Physicians Committee. Motion carried.

A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance. The chapter for County Code of Regulations on air ambulance transport was added under "Authority". Multiple air ambulance providers' coordination was discussed. The "Fees" item was deleted. There was discussion on who is coordinating fees.

A motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve A-876 and forward the policy updates to the Emergency Medical Care Committee after approval from County Counsel. Three members voted to approve and one abstain. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

Implementation of iQCS has been delayed for approximately two months. iQCS trial testing will resume after QCS access for all hospitals and agencies has been transferred onto new servers. Base access has already been transferred to the system and they are in the process of updating the satellites and agency access.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meeting will be April 14, 2011.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, March 24, 2011

Members Present

Dotson, R.N., Melody – BHNC
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies’
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – Fourth District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics’ Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Milakovich, Lt. Jenene – Law Enforcement Agencies
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs’ Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Salazar, Sgt. Stanley – Law Enforcement Agencies

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Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Districts’ Assoc.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hospital Assoc. of S.D./Imp Co.

Guests Present

Bermudez, Rodrigo – Pacific Ambulance
Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR
Francis, Alan – California Prison Health Services

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Melody Dotson to approve the January 27, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Melody Dotson)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee discussed offload delays and the number of radio calls made to the bases.

Two policies were reviewed at the subcommittee meeting:
A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance
S-411, Reporting of Suspected Child, Dependent Adult, or Elder Abuse/Neglect

iQCS implementation has been delayed due to Citrix server issues. Base access to QCS has been transferred to the new Citrix servers.

B. Education and Research

No report.

C. Disaster Operations (Travis Kusman)

EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee is meeting Friday, March 25, 2011.

V. LIVE WELL SAN DIEGO – FOSTERING SAFE COMMUNITIES (Marcy Metz)

A handout for the Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) Live Well, San Diego–Fostering Safe Communities Plan was distributed. Similar to the Health Strategy Agenda, the County is developing a comprehensive plan for safe communities. HHS supports safety by protecting children and seniors from abuse and neglect, providing basic needs assistance to families, acting as the public guardian for those that cannot care for themselves, protecting the community from diseases and supporting disaster response. The goal for the plan is to identify opportunities for HHS to integrate services, optimize resources and increase collaboration with partners in support of safety.

The County and HHS leadership met with the chairs of Advisory committees and are reaching out to the community to receive ideas on how to integrate community services with Public Health Services. Key components of Fostering Safe Communities are who do we serve and to focus on prevention, protection, preparedness and response. The overall strategy is to achieve the County's vision of healthy, safe and thriving communities.

There are no additional fees associated with the initiative. Existing resources will be used to include departments and agencies to work towards the same goal.

Community awareness such as training on how to recognize stroke, is integrated in the Health Strategy Agenda. The Health Strategy Agenda identifies risk factors as poor nutrition, tobacco use, and lack of physical activity which contribute to heart disease/stroke, cancer, type 2 diabetes and respiratory conditions. These diseases cause 50 percent of the deaths in San Diego County. The National Stroke Association has a campaign that advises people on how to recognize a stroke and recommends the patient go to a hospital immediately.

VI. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Offload Delays. The goal is to respond to offload delays as they occur. Hospitals and emergency rooms should use the provisions outlined in their Hospital Capacity Plan to improve efficiency, move patients quickly and create more capacity to prevent offload delays. Field staff should notify the ED Charge Nurse for assistance if offload delay occurs.

Dr. Jacoby inquired about the impact from County Mental Health (CMH). CMH patients are required to have a medical clearance before they go to a CMH facility. This situation results in more ED visits which contributes to offload delays.

Levels of dispatch and transporting patients at the correct transport level (BLS/ALS) were brought up. Discussion by the committee followed. There was a suggestion to have a hospital staff member in the facility emergency receiving room to contact the field personnel when they arrive and determine the severity of the patient.

The EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee is reviewing the County Ambulance Ordinance at their meeting tomorrow.

Japan. The earthquake and tsunami in Japan brings up concern with the nuclear power plant in Orange County. The San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) has many protection features such as a sea wall to shield against a tsunami and a minimum building standard to withstand a 7 point earthquake.

The Emergency Operations Center has ongoing training and conducts training every few years including a radiation detection plan exercise.

STEMI. In the Medical Director's report there was data on the median door-to-balloon times which are down to 60 minutes. During the past few years the door to balloon time of non-activated and walk-in patients is also down. Non-activated cases have a door-to-balloon mean time of 72 minutes and walk-ins have a door-to-balloon time of 75 minutes. Both are below the suggested 90 minutes.

Prehospital Protocols. Protocol revisions are ongoing and training is being organized.

EMOC. EMOC is working on guidelines for emergency room physicians regarding writing narcotic prescriptions for patients with chronic pain conditions. Chronic pain patients will be monitored to make sure their narcotics are given by one primary physician.

Influenza. The number of detected influenza cases in the County is declining. The percentage of deaths from pneumonia and other related issues have started to decline. The vaccine for next year will have the same components as last year's vaccine.

Pertussis. Although the number of pertussis cases has dropped, there are still a significant amount of cases reported in the County.

ROC Research Studies. There will be a ROC lactate study conducted in May. Lactate is a chemical that is a by-product of metabolism that goes up when someone is in shock. The study will include a sample of blood taken when the IV is started as a point of care testing for lactate, and another sample taken at the hospital. The study will be to determine if lactate measurement in the field will add to the accuracy of triage on the badly injured patient. The lactate study was discussed at the Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) meeting.

Later this year there will be a random interventional trial on outcome in cardiac arrest to compare amiodarone, lidocaine, and a placebo.

Dr. Jacoby commented on field EKGs and the problem in matching the patient to the EKG after transfer. It was suggested to use the 12 lead EKG that is transmitted electronic from the field to the hospital to identify the transport unit, time and the first and last initial of the patient.

ACTION: Dr. Haynes will review the issue of identifying EKGs and matching them to the patient after transfer.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, Chief EMS)

The EMS Commission met in Los Angeles yesterday. The EMS system coordination task force is looking at consolidating Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, Sections 1797.201 and 1797.224, and reviewing regulation definitions. Recommendations are based on the Fire Department “white” paper of EMS agencies requiring written agreements and their interpretations on the Health and Safety Code. The taskforce will take their recommended definitions and regulations and compare that to the current statute to combine Health and Safety Code Division 2.5 Sections 1797.201 and 1797.224. A formal report will go to the EMS Commission in June.

The Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is looking at writing regulations for STEMI, Stroke and EMS for children.

EMSA is considering adopting the national standards for EMS responders and writing regulations for training the emergency medical responder (EMR). The EMS Commission discussed adding another level of responder in California, background checks and certification.

The County EMS building remodel is completed. The lobby and conference room will be able to accommodate a larger number of customers and committee group meetings.

There are plans to demolish the HHSAs Askew building in June. Alternate locations for the EMCC meeting will be reviewed.

iQCS should be implemented by the first of July. In January it was determined that the old servers would not last until April 1, 2011. The system has been moved to new servers to provide stability that was needed.

A. EMS Fee Schedule

Ms. Metz brought forward the EMS fee schedule increase that had been discussed last year. At that time it was agreed to postpone implementing an increase of fees for two years. The initial recommendation was to increase the fee within two years to \$50. Another analysis of the labor study and fee schedule is being conducted and will be presented to the County analyst and budget office for approval. The recommended fee starting in 2012 will be \$50. Because of the time that has passed the recommendation will have to be submitted for analysis. Proposed implementation will be in July, 2012. These fees are for initial certification, recertification and accreditation for prehospital personnel and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

Submitted by

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Administrative Secretary
County Emergency Medical Services



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE DISASTER/OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

March 25, 2011

Members Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross (Alt)
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District 4
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Ambulance Association
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hospital Assoc. of S.D./Imperial County

Associate Members Present

Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air, CPAC
Marugg, James – S.D. Co. Paramedic Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial BHNC

Guests Present

Bermudez, Rodrigo – Pacific Ambulance
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance

County Staff Present

Buttron, Patrick
Pate, R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Travis Kusman, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jim Marugg and seconded by Patty Skoglund to approve the May 20, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS UPDATE (Patrick Buttron)

Patrick Buttron gave a brief update of County information regarding the March 11, 2011 earthquake and tsunami in Japan. The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) and EMS has been receiving inquiries on the availability and distribution of Potassium Iodide (KI). State and Federal departments recommend that people do not take KI. The County of San Diego works with the State to have KI available for residents near the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station.

The California Department of Public Health along with the State EMS Authority maintains a call center from 8-5, M-F. The week of March 17, 2011 there were several hundred calls received which has decreased to 36 calls.

USA.gov and the National Institute of Health (NIH) have additional information regarding KI and medical management of radiation event victims.

Action: Mr. Buttron will send out the contact information.

Jim Marugg inquired about radiation monitoring stations and their locations. Patty Skoglund responded that there were 10 monitoring stations in the County and it was reported that they were adding additional temporary stations.

V. AMBULANCE ORDINANCE (Rebecca Pate)

Revisions for the Ambulance Ordinance have been in effect for 3 years. Ms. Pate asked the subcommittee if there were any recommended committees that the Ambulance Ordinance should be routed through for review. Suggestions were to route through the Base Station Physicians Committee, (BSPC)/Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC), County Paramedic Agency Committee (CPAC) and County Fire Chiefs.

The Ambulance Association and County Counsel have reviewed the County Ambulance Ordinance updates and revisions.

A draft of the County Ambulance Ordinance was furnished to the subcommittee for review. Updates to reflect the 2010 State Regulations and definitions to state regulations for Health and Safety Code information have been noted. Changes and recommendations from the EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will be taken under consideration.

An overview of suggested changes and discussion will be summarized and retained with the minutes for the record.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee will be convened at the request of the full EMCC Committee when there are specific issues or requests by the County.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imperial Co.
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency/Mercy Air
Marugg, Jim – SD County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Agency

Guests Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – CPAC
Hudnet, Carlen – SDMS
Rice, Mike – AMR
Russo, Joe – SDMS
Uhde, Keith – AMR

County Staff Present

Smith, Susan
Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, R.N., Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Jim Marugg seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the March 10, 2011 minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Keith Udhe of AMR reported that they could provide system wide reports and an overview on hospital offload data. The reports would provide information on offload issues to AMR staff, the communication center and the field supervisors to discuss with the hospitals. The reports will also provide systems information on how the hospitals perform and where they are in comparison to the system.

Carlen Hudnet added that within the CE courses, SDMS is instructing medics to report delays directly to the charge nurse. If the delay is over 20 minutes they are to contact the County EMS officer and send an email to the DMS officer with the incident number and issue.

It would be helpful if the Base Hospitals had access to view hospital wide information that shows how many units are in route, how many units arrived and the elapse time. Consequently, when decisions are made, information will be available as to who had been contacted, which facility can accept the patient and which units are already there.

Mr. Udhe of AMR will mention the topic at the next “First Watch” meeting and bring back any information he receives at that meeting.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The following policies were reviewed by the Subcommittee:

S-019, Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) – The title QA specialist was replaced with Program Coordinator or Medical Director.

S-020, Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” receiving Center (SRC) – The date and title, County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services was updated.

S-021, De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center – The date and title, County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services was updated.

Motion was made by Linda Rosenberg to approve policies S-019, S-020 and S-021 and to forward them to the full EMCC. Motion Carried.

A-876, Air Ambulance Dispatch Center Designation/Dispatch of Air Ambulance, was reviewed and approved at the previous EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting on March 10, 2011.

VI. STAFF REPORT

iQCS: Susan Smith reported that EMS staff, the County CTO, the Project Manager and NG are devoting priority time to iQCS testing.

Medical Directors’ Report:

Ms. Smith inquired if there was any feedback from the Subcommittee on the protocols mentioned in the Medical Directors Report. The Subcommittee discussed issues

regarding abdominal pain and Zofran medication, blood sugar glucose testing and medication variation.

Measles: There have been a number of Measles cases seen lately. Many of the cases have been from those who have traveled outside of North or South America or have had contact with international travelers.

Roundtable

Sharon Carlson inquired if the Disaster Operations Subcommittee should meet and discuss disaster drills that have taken place and those that are currently scheduled. Patrick Buttron will be contacted and asked if the Disaster Operations Subcommittee should be reconvened.

The County Chiefs are coordinating with Les Gardina to roll out a “Ribbon Triage System” and the triage tags. The County has 50,000 tags that will be placed on the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) trailers. Jim Marugg presented a “ribbon” kit sample and an explanation of how it will be used.

The 2011 Statewide Medical and Health Exercise is scheduled for November 17, 2011. The scenario for the exercise will be a disruption in the public water system. The purpose of the exercise is to provide participants with an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans and capabilities for a response to a disruption in the public water system. Sharon Carlson and Donna Johnson are co-chairs of the design committee for the San Diego response for the statewide drill in November.

The SDHDC discussed topics from the 2011 Emergency Medical Service Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) conference that was held on June 7 and 8. Topics included mental health implications and triage and how to address the “worried well” during a mass casualty incident or public health emergency.

Hospitals are conducting a pediatric surge drill next Thursday, June 16, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The drill is a follow-up to the pediatric surge training program given by Children’s Hospital in March and April for educators and nurses in the emergency departments (EDs). The drill scenario conducted was with children from ages 3 to 12 years that were at camp and contracted e-coli. Children’s Hospital provided the adult hospitals with tools for assessment and evaluation. The drill will give hospitals a chance to identify how to make room for pediatric patients and how to calculate what they need for caching pediatric supplies.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meeting will be July 14, 2011.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Minutes

THURSDAY, June 23, 2011

Members Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – California Hospital Association
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire District Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies
Green, R.N., Katy – District One
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District Four
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics’ Association
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs’ Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Salazar, Sgt. Stanley – Law Enforcement Agencies

Vacant

Binational EMCC
San Diego Emergency Physicians’ Society
League of California Cities
S.D. County Medical Society

Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – District Three
Fried, Bruce – District Five
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two

Guests Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR
Cardenus, Claudia – Pacific Ambulance
Rice, Mike – S.D. Co. Ambulance Assoc.

County Staff

Buttron, Patrick
Metz, R.N., Marcy – Chief EMS

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Melody Dotson to approve the March 24, 2011 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Melody Dotson, R.N.)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee discussed offload delays. AMR, who is part of “First Watch”, will provide data to the bases and hospitals on offload delays.

Three policies were reviewed at the June 9, 2011 Subcommittee meeting:
S-019, Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC)
S-020, Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center (SRC)
S-021, De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center

Changes were made to the policy dates and the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services title.

A motion was made by Melody Dotson to approve Policies S-019, S-020 and S-021. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research

No report.

C. Disaster Operations

No report.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief EMS)

The 2011 Policy/Procedure and Treatment Guidelines have been distributed. Training is underway for implementation of those protocols on July 1, 2011. The guidelines added clarification regarding Lidocaine, Amioderone and external pacing.

The 2011 Policy/Procedure and Treatment Guidelines were discussed and reviewed at the Base Station Physicians’ Committee (BSPC) meeting on June 21, 2011. If you have questions regarding protocol changes, contact Susan Smith or Dr. Haynes.

Pertussis: Children entering 7-12 grades this year are required to have a Tdap booster.

Measles: There have been a number of measles cases. Some of the cases were reported with persons who have travelled to Europe or Asia and with the people they came in contact with.

The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) gave a presentation at BSPP. Discussion was on 5150 patients and designated LPS (psychiatric care) hospitals and facilities. Hospital emergency staff may use the 24 hour hold if they have issues with 5150 patients.

Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) forms and POLST forms are to clarify the patients advanced directive as to resuscitation, power of attorney for health care and patient decisions if they should become incapacitated. Information on the forms will make patient requests and treatment more clearly for the field providers.

ALS transports: Data on the number of patients who bypassed the requested hospital, and percentage of patients bypassed per hospital was reflect in the June 2011 Medical Director's' Update.

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief EMS)

EMS Commission

The EMS Commission met yesterday and received approval of the California Department of Public Health Manual. The manual links the California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CDMOM) and the Public Health Document (PHD).

Jim Marugg reported that during the "Fire Scope" EMS meeting they reviewed Chapter 15 of the field operations guide which deals with Mass Casualty Incidents. Chapter 15 will be sent out to the constituent groups for a 30 day review and will go to the "Fire Scope" task force and to field operations for approval.

Linda Broyles reported that there will be a local Commission meeting in September in San Diego and December in San Francisco. Draft regulations will be out for public comment in two to three weeks and will include EMT and EMR regulations. The Paramedic Regulations will be out in four weeks and will include a section for Critical Care Transport (CCT) Paramedics and Advanced Care Paramedics.

Advanced EMTs

There was an inquiry regarding active Advanced EMT's in the area and if anyone had expressed an interest in the training. Most of the Advanced EMT position interests are in Northern California, the Central Valley and in rural areas. San Diego County training programs are reviewing the Advanced EMT curriculum.

AB210

Currently there is no update on AB210, the Emergency Medical Services Bill. The Senate hearing is next week on June 29, 2011.

STEMI Transports

Dr. Jacoby asked if EMS has statistics on STEMI transports at hospitals in the County. Marcy Metz, EMS Chief, responded that EMS has aggregate reports on STEMI transports.

Numbers from each of the hospitals are presented at the Cardiac Advisory Committee. Times are also tracked through the EMS Cardiac Advisory Committee which meets quarterly. A presentation can be added as an agenda item for an upcoming EMCC meeting.

EMCC Bylaws

There was an article in the Union Tribune regarding the Board of Supervisors' County Advisory Committees and the number of open seats. The Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) was one of the committees listed as having numerous unfilled seats. The EMCC bylaws and specifically the list of organization and technical members should be reviewed to make them more current. Changes and review of the EMCC bylaws are done through the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee. There was discussion regarding the procedure for adding an agency or organization to the list and the procedure for making changes to the bylaws.

Action: A motion was made by Kelly Forman to bring the bylaws for review to the Disaster Operations Subcommittee. Motion carried.

EMS Remodel: The EMS building remodel is completed. There are TV monitors installed in Conference Room A which will allow the Conference Room to be used as an alternative backup location and/or an additional area for the Department Operations Center.

HHSA Administration Move: The HHSA administrative building on 1700 Pacific Highway is scheduled to be demolished. Many of the HHSA staff has been relocated to the Rosecrans facility. Future EMCC meetings can be conducted at the EMS office Conference Room A, or a conference room at Rosecrans can be reserved for the meetings. The committee agreed to meet at EMS.

iQCS is undergoing aggressive testing. Testing will continue through July. Currently there is no release date.

American Red Cross: Pat Bull, R.N. added that the American Red Cross (ARC) will be moving toward working within the scope of their license. Ms. Bull will meet with Marcy Metz to discuss the EMT scope of practice.

VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.

Submitted by

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, September 8, 2011 – 9:00 A.M.

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

Guests/Associations Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD Base Hospital Medical Director
Hudnet, Carlen – Rural Metro
Ochs, Ginger – San Diego Fire Department
Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association
Russo, Joe – Rural Metro

County Staff

Pate, Rebecca – County EMS
Wolchko, Janet I. – Recorder, County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:09 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the June 9, 2011 minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Ginger Ochs reported that there are an average of 90 off-load delays per day with 40 to 50 percent of the delays due to rig clean-up and trauma offload delays. The current offload delay notification process is for the agency to notify dispatch in 20 minutes and the County within 30 minutes. Mike Rice, representative from AMR, agreed with Ms. Ochs on the reasons and times for offload delays.

At the request of the facilities, Ms. Ochs will send offload reports on a monthly basis when requested. Melody Dotson and Linda Rosenberg requested a monthly report from Ms. Ochs and from Mr. Rice. Reports will be sent to the coordinators at the requesting facility.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The following policies were reviewed by the Subcommittee:

S-003, Program Recordkeeping: Training and Certification – Changes to the policy reflect what is reported to the State. Wording was changed from field personnel to EMT, and Paramedic accreditation written notification was added to actions taken on certificate holders.

S-422, Application of Patient Restraints – S-422 will be forwarded to, reviewed and approved by the Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC). Suggested items for review by BSPC included patient restraint positioning, police presence and accompanying the patient in the ambulance.

A motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve S-003 with suggested changes. Motion carried. S-003 will be forwarded to the full EMCC for approval.

VI. STAFF REPORT

iQCS testing is going through security testing and final changes.

Advanced EMT and EMT regulations are out for public comment. A few changes were made to training, curriculum and to scope of practice, i.e. pulse oximetry added to EMT scope as well as EMT's being able to assist with ALS procedures. Paramedic regulations will be open for public comment soon.

The Statewide Disaster Drill is November 17, 2011. A tabletop exercise is scheduled for September 14, 2011.

Training and applications for Advanced EMTs were discussed. Most of the Advanced EMT training and applications are expected to be within the rural community.

VII. SET NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2011.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Submitted by

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District Three
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies
Green, R.N., Katy – District One
Johnson, Wayne – San Diego County Ambulance Assoc.
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two
Salazar, Sgt. Stanley – Law Enforcement Agency

Vacant Positions

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District Five
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San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

County Staff

Pate, R.N., Rebecca

Members Absent

Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Dist. Assoc.
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District Four
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

Guests Present

Ballard, Rod – RCCP
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD
Healy, R.N., Marla – for Linda Rosenberg
Hussain, Tariq – NCT1
Nicolaisen, John – NCT1
Stuart, Lawson – NCT1

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, R.N. called the meeting to order at 9:15 in place of the Chairperson.

Marla Healy, R.N. introduced herself as representative from the Emergency Nurses Association for Linda Rosenberg, R.N.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman, seconded by Katy Green to approve the June 23, 2011 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee (Melody Dotson) – Policy review

Policy S-003 was reviewed at the September 8, 2011 Subcommittee meeting. Changes to the policy reflected information on EMS reports to the State. Wording and title changes were updated.

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Kelly Forman to approve Policy S-003. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee

No report.

C. Disaster Operations Subcommittee (Rebecca Pate, R.N.)

The Disaster Operations Subcommittee met on September 16, 2011 by request of the full EMCC to review the EMCC bylaws.

V. EMCC BYLAWS REVIEW

The EMCC bylaws were last reviewed in December of 2002.

After reviewing the bylaws a correction was made to the Health and Safety Code Section number 1797.276, title changes were made to Emergency Medical Services Division from Division to Branch and “Planning” was removed from the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee title.

Updating the EMCC organization membership list was discussed. EMS staff will contact the organizations who have vacant positions to confirm if they want to continue representation on the committee. According to the bylaws, “A maximum of three absences per fiscal year from the full Committee or three absences from any Subcommittee (separately) is allowable to remain a member or technical representative of the full Committee or respective

Subcommittee.” Exceptions such as a leave of absence and/or because of extraordinary circumstances are described in the bylaws under “Attendance”.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Rebecca Pate, R.N.)

1. EMCC reviewed the following issues and observations from the power outage on September 8, 2011:
 - Generators overheating, generator failure and generators not providing adequate back-up power to the hospitals.
 - Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) and assisted living facilities guidelines for loss of power, communication and procedures.
 - Ventilator and oxygen needs at home, board and care facilities and assisted living facilities. Skilled nursing generator guidelines for testing and fuel for prehospital transports and generators was mentioned.
 - Security - Sgt. Salazar inquired about security that was requested from the Sheriff Department for protection at the MOC during the loss of power. Fred Adler responded that at the Disaster Operations Subcommittee meeting it was mentioned that security card and magnetic entrances were affected due to the power outage. Places with security cards were locked down and magnetic entrances were left open and had to be secured.
 - A “hotwash” was conducted at the statewide exercise table top on September 14, 2011.
2. The Sixth Annual Overcrowding summit sponsored by EMOC will be held on October 27, 2011, at Scripps La Jolla from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.
3. Rebecca Pate attended the EMS Commission meeting on September 21, 2011. She reported that the public comment period for EMT and Advanced EMT regulations is closed. A revised version will be out for a 15 day public review.
4. The Paramedic regulations draft will be out for public comment through October 24, 2011. Significant changes were made to basic scope practices.
5. The influenza vaccine is available. The contra indicators with egg allergies in the past are more relaxed. If you have allergies, it is recommended to follow up with your physician regarding taking the vaccine.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate)

1. The State Medical Health Exercise and Disaster Drill is on November 17, 2011. The scenario is a disruption in the public water system. The Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be fully activated.
2. On December 12, 2011 there will be a Story of our Cities Conference based on an explosive bioterrorism attack. Sgt. Salazar asked if Law Enforcement will be involved. Dr. Buono responded that she will provide information on the event to Sgt. Salazar.
3. The San Diego, Los Angeles and Orange County Ambulance Association Leadership Training Conference is on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at Pala Casino and Resort. Two speakers are scheduled, Gordon Gray and Deputy Fire Chief Mike Metro from Los Angeles County Fire.
4. Every two years EMS presents a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding a “Spare Wheel Tire Exemption” for certain agencies within the County. The CHP requires an ambulance to have a full size spare tire available in the ambulance. The Board letter is a request to have that need exempt so ambulances can carry additional medical supplies.

5. The County of San Diego was one of five Counties awarded a U.S. Postal Grant. The grant will provide funds for planning and an exercise where U.S. Postal employee volunteers would distribute antibiotics to selected areas in the event of a bioterrorism event.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for October 27, 2011 at 9:00 am at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

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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

Minutes

Wednesday, November 9, 2011

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District Three
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agencies
Green, R.N., Katy – District One
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District Four
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District Two
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

Vacant Positions

Binational EMCC
District Five
League of California Cities
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

County Staff

Haynes M.D., Bruce – EMS Medical Director
Metz R.N., Marcy – EMS Chief

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

Members Absent

Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Dist. Assoc.
Johnson, Wayne – San Diego County
Ambulance Assoc.
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedic Assoc.
Pfohl, Chief Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs Assoc.
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Salazar, Sgt. Stanley – Law Enforcement
Agency
Skoglund, Patty – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp.
Co.

In attendance

Broyles, Linda – RCCP/AMR
DeBry, Westen – Loma Linda University
Demers, Gerard – UCSD
Hakam, Sean – Loma Linda University
Quintanilla, Eli – Loma Linda University
Shimmin, Russ – S.D. Sheriff for Sgt. Salazar
Thue, Tim – Loma Linda University
Valadez, Hector – Loma Linda University

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody Dotson, R.N. called the meeting to order at 9:10 for Chairperson Jim Marugg.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Katy Green to approve the September 22, 2011 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

No report

B. Education and Research Subcommittee

No report.

C. Disaster Operations Subcommittee

November 17, 2011 is the Statewide Medical Health Exercise that will have a contaminated water scenario. The EMS Department Operations Center (DOC) which is the Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be fully activated.

There will be an FCC Emergency Communication Systems testing at 11:00 am this morning, November 9, 2011. The purpose of the test is to assess the reliability and effectiveness of the system in alerting the public.

V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS K POLICY REVIEW

Board of Supervisor's policies K9 and K12 are due to sunset at the end of the year. The policies are being presented to the EMCC for review.

In 2010, the Board of Supervisors adopted the "Building Better Health" Strategy Agenda which has evolved into "Live Well San Diego." There are three components to the strategy agenda, building better health, safety and economic stability. Part of the "Building Better Health" Strategy is to incorporate "Live Well San Diego" into the policies to link them to the strategic plan.

Policy K9, Emergency Medical Services – Ambulance Services added a "Live Well San Diego" paragraph within the policy and covers emergency medical services in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Policy K12, Emergency Medical Systems Management is the foundation for EMS in the County of San Diego. The policy designated HHSA as the department to oversee EMS. Updates to K12 include word formatting of EMT, Paramedic and MICN; and adds a paragraph on “Live Well San Diego”.

A motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Kelly Forman to approve the K9 and K12 policies. Motion carried.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

1. There has been only one isolated influenza case reported in the community. The number of deaths from pneumonia and influenza is low. Cases of respiratory disease and respiratory disease with fever have been sited but are not related to influenza.
2. The FDA sent out an alert on the use of Zofran due to the concern with prolonged QT syndrome and arrhythmias that develop when Zofran is administered. The FDA is requiring the manufacturer to conduct a complete review.
3. The CDC republished the Ryan White Act notification requirements. The renewal will take effect on December 2, 2011. The Ryan White Act requires employees to report when they feel they have been exposed to an infectious disease and to ask the hospital for an evaluation to see if there is a chance they have been exposed. Potentially life threatening diseases include cutaneous anthrax, hepatitis B and C, HIV and rabies. The State also requires patients that have an infectious disease to be evaluated by a hospital and to notify the emergency response employee.

Discussion ensued on workman’s compensation, insurance authorization and EMTALA requirements.

4. Chief Mark Muir of the Encinitas Fire Department is retiring today and will be sworn in as an Encinitas Council Member to replace Maggie Houlihan. Chief Muir will represent North County at the CSA-17 meetings.
5. The State regulations have gone out for comment. The Advanced EMT regulations will be in conformance with the new Federal level of Advanced EMT. Additional hours of training are being added.

Paramedic regulations draft to the state included changes to the scope of practice. A new level of provider called Advanced Practice Paramedic was created. Some of the skills outlined in those regulations include Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI).

State regulations moving forward are EMS-C (EMS for Children), STEMI and Stroke regulations.

6. There was a recent announcement by the CDC on prescription narcotic pain relievers. Overdoses of persons on prescription narcotic pain relievers such as oxycodone, percoced and vicodin now exceed the number of deaths by heroin and cocaine combined. In 2008, there were 14, 800 deaths reported from opioid pain killers compared to 4, 000 deaths in 1999.
7. Dr. Haynes presented a power point overview on STEMI, Stroke and Trauma Program data reports.

- Stoke Receiving Systems data included 4,935 patient cases that were entered into the hospital systems from Jan-Dec 2010. Fifty-two percent of the patients arrived by EMS, 38 percent by walk-ins and 10 percent by interfacility transfers. Most of the patients were 80 years or older. Gender distribution was equal. A larger number of the interfacility transfers (IFT) had intercerebral hemorrhages or subarachnoid hemorrhages. Those IFT patients were transferred to neurosurgical consultation and care. Of the EMS transported patients, 40 percent arrived in 4 hours or less, 27 percent of that selected group received tPA. Recent studies have shown that if patients receive tPA within 60 minutes there are fewer complicating intercerebral hemorrhages and the death rate is lower.

Gerard Demers has completed a literature review on tPA and stroke. It was noted that after 4 ½ hours, incidents of adverse effects goes up. He will send those impact trial reports to Dr. Haynes.

Dr. Jacoby suggested running statistics on the percentage of patients that received tPA less than 60 minutes and tPA greater than 60 minutes.

Dr. Haynes will check with other counties to see where San Diego data compares.

- Trauma center hospital statistics were provided from data collected by Alan Smith, EMS Epidemiologist. Trauma patient data was by incident and located by zip codes. Ten years ago, the typical major trauma patient was 20 to 40 years old and the majority of those were injured in motor vehicle accidents. Over the last ten years that has changed; falls are the primary cause of designation and the majority of those trauma patients are 45 years and older. Data on trauma patient age and gender, age by mechanism, trauma rate by age and gender, mean and median length of stay (LOS) was given. Data included ME statistics and data from trauma centers.
- STEMI System Activity data was from 2007-2011 (1st quarter). Seventy-six percent of the 4,101 cases arrived by 911, 78 percent were prehospital activations. Among the activations, 73 percent went to the cath lab with 62 percent of the pre-activated cases receiving percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI).

Prehospital 12 lead to device time was reviewed. Ninety-five percent of the activated patients had door-to-device within 90 minutes. Median door-to device time for activated patients was 57 minutes.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, Chief EMS)

1. The Spare Tire Exemption Board Letter will go before the County Board of Supervisors for approval the first Tuesday in December. The current exemption is due to expire at the end of the year.
2. Ms. Metz updated the committee on EMT 2010 since its adoption on July 1, 2010. The process of certification expanded to include FBI background checks as well as the State Department of Justice background checks. The state registry was implemented.

EMT 2010 required EMS agencies to follow up on FBI background checks, any subsequent arrests, and the discipline process for initial certification and recertification of EMTs. For

the current calendar year there have been 100 investigations of EMTs, 32 probationary offenses such as DUI, domestic violence and possession and 16 temporary suspension orders. There have been five applicant denials and three conducted administrative law judge hearings.

EMS staff is analyzing data from the registry for July 2010 to June 2011 including cost and resource impact on EMS staff.

3. Announcements:

- The Health Service Capacity Taskforce met during October for the annual review of the Capacity Plan in preparation for the flu season. Comments are due by next week to finalize the plan by the end of the month.
- EMS Commission will meet in December and have an update on the regulations for Paramedics, STEMI and Stroke, and EMS for children.
- The Statewide Medical Health Exercise is on November 17, 2011.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

1. Dr. Haynes acknowledged Alan Smith, Barbara Stepanski and Diane Royer for the data and presentations they prepared on Trauma, STEMI and Stroke.
2. Upcoming Events:
 - The Carrier Classic is on Friday, November 11, 2011. There are 8,000 ticket holders expected to view the game. Pat Buttron of EMS and the Sheriff Department has been involved with the emergency response plan for the event.
 - The “Tale of our Cities” conference is being held on December 12, 2011. Registration is available on the website.
 - The Asian Pacific Economic Conference (APEC) is being held on November 11-15 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) has strike teams in place and the Office of Intelligence, Security and Counter Terrorism (ISCT) has been set up.
 - America’s Cup Regatta is being held from November 12-20, 2011.

EMCC does not meet in December. The election of officers will be held at the next EMCC meeting scheduled for January 26, 2012, 9:00 am at Emergency Medical Services, 6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

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