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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Thursday, February 8, 2007

Members Present

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Guidry, Doreen – East Co. Fire Protection District
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont

Contract Staff Present

Baker, Mark – Lakeside Fire
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire

County Staff Present

Bohy, Wendy
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Wegner, Heather

I. INTRODUCTION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Robin Clegg, Seconded by Kevin Howe, to approve the Minutes of November 9, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Wendy Bohy, Admin. Analyst, County EMS)

Ms. Bohy referred attendee's attention to the form "Expenditure and Revenue by Object and Account, GLO14". She expressed concern regarding the revenues for transports. She pointed out account # 45914, "Aid for Other Cities" which is the resident transport revenue, and account #46680 "Institutional Care" which is the non-resident revenues. There has been a total of \$712,000 in non-resident and resident transports and if that was projected out, the CSA-17 would be at \$1.4 million dollars; however, the budgeted amount is \$2.1 million, which is approximately \$680,000 off. **ACTION: Ms. Bohy will follow-up further with the billing company.**

Kevin Howe and Pat Chambers will continue to work on the CSA-69 Budget Subcommittee.

B. Administration Report (Marcy Metz, R.N./Bruce Haynes, M.D., County EMS)

Ms. Metz introduced Bruce Haynes, M.D., new County EMS Medical Director.

Nancy Bowen, M.D., County Public Health Officer has resigned. Her last day of employment with San Diego County is Friday, February 9, 2007. Interviews are being conducted for her replacement. In the interim, Wilma Wooten, M.D., Deputy Public Health Officer, will be assuming the duties of Dr. Bowen at this time.

Annie Marcotte, R.N., Quality Assurance Specialist, resigned from San Diego County on December 29, 2006, accepting a position with Santa Clara County. Interviews are being conducted to fill her position as well.

Dr. Haynes reported that the new heart attack program with STEMI Receiving Centers was activated January 16, 2007 where paramedics identify certain types of heart attacks that can benefit from an immediate catheterization. With the new Receiving Centers, paramedics can take those patients directly to a hospital that provides that specialized care.

The Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) in the U.S. and Canada reviews cardiac resuscitation issues. San Diego County is one of ten areas that is participating in this study. The Hypertonic Saline portion of the study for victims of trauma will begin soon. A second study for treating cardiac arrest is expected to begin near summer, 2007.

The Community Education subcommittee of the Stroke Committee has been meeting and will start a stroke education campaign soon. A recent survey of hospital capabilities for stroke revealed that most hospitals in San Diego County are capable of treating acute stroke patients.

One Board member suggested that he hoped the subcommittee will focus on prevention rather than just identifying symptoms. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will follow-up and will plan on bringing back the results of the survey to the next CSA-69 meeting.**

Another Board member asked if the County staff had any updates about the construction

of the new Edgemoor Hospital. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will find out information regarding Edgemoor.**

A member asked about the Auto Pulse device adding that he thought the County was also reviewing studies and wondered when they would be completed. Dr. Haynes explained that the Auto Pulse is a mechanical device that performs CRP on a patient's chest. Results from two studies produced opposite results. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes stated that his office could work with the Coroner's Office on these cases to see if any fractures were a result of the device.**

C. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: No report.

Santee Fire: Recently Santee Fire hired four paramedics and all went through the assessment program and in-house academy; however, one recently resigned. Santee Fire is also looking at a special grant from the federal government to increase staffing with matching funds and be able to retain those individuals for a minimum of five years. The grant would pay for 90% of the first year and then decrease each year thereafter.

The new Interim Fire Chief for Santee is Mike Rottenberg.

V. ELECTIONS FOR 2007 (Chair and Vice-Chair)

MOTION made by Ken Coyle, Seconded by Robin Clegg, to re-appoint Warren Savage as Chair for 2007. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Robin Clegg, Seconded by Kevin Howe, to re-appoint Ken Coyle as Vice-Chair for 2007. MOTION carried.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING / ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS



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Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

County Staff Present

Bohy, Wendy
DeGracia, Rosemarie
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy

Members Absent

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont

Contract Staff Present

Baker, Chief Mark – Lakeside Fire
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire
Rottenberg, Chief Mike – Santee Fire

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Chairperson Savage thanked the budget subcommittee members and County staff for their extra efforts in meeting prior to this meeting on budget issues.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Pat Chambers, to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Wendy Bohy, Admin. Analyst, County EMS)

Actual Expenditures as of March, 2007 were \$2,415,802.94 and Revenues were \$2,662,726.84. This leaves a net gain of \$246,923.90.

The Budget Subcommittee has been meeting with County and contract agency reps.

MOTION was made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Pat Chambers to approve the Fiscal Year 2007-08 budget as submitted. MOTION carried.

Discussion ensued regarding ADPI (Advanced Data Processing Inc.). The company lost many staff and was also bought out. Concerns were voiced that the billing company had not been collecting appropriate amounts. It was recommended that when a new contract is written for CSA-69 billing, language needs to be included that covers collections. The County will continue to pursue and will be meeting with ADPI representatives. In the last three to four months, the company has been collecting what the County expects them to collect. In the self-pay categories, emergency first responders have been asking for social security numbers and dates of birth which has added to the ability to collect in some cases.

Chairperson Savage thanked County and fire department staff for working together in this area. He added that County Supervisor Dianne Jacob will be given a status report at their next meeting regarding the developments with the billing company.

Rosemarie DeGracia presented several financial slides from May, 2007 which showed what money was received and what expenditures were paid over several fiscal year periods.

B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N./Bruce Haynes, M.D., County EMS)

Babatunde Jinadu, M.D., has been appointed as the new County Public Health Officer, effective June 8, 2007. Dr. Jinadu is currently serving in the same position with Kern County, California. Dr. Jinadu replaces Nancy Bowen, M.D. who accepted a new position in Orange County.

Recruitment is continuing until June 1, 2007 for a Public Health Administrator.

Carmel Angelo, Interim EMS Director, resigned her position with San Diego County accepting the position of Director of Health and Human Services in Mendocino County, California. Her last day is June 4, 2007.

Recruitment continues to replace Annie Marcotte, R.N., Quality Assurance Specialist and to fill two other Q.A. Specialist positions. Advertisements continue through the Emergency Nurses Association State and local newsletters.

The construction project is moving forward at Edgemoor Hospital but some issues have extended the completion date which is projected to be August, 2008. Once construction is completed, it will need to be approved by OSHPOD, then followed by an inspection from the State Department of Health and Human Services.

The Stroke Task Force continues to meet and recently put out a public information campaign to teach people how to recognize stroke symptoms and when to call 9-1-1.

Review of preliminary numbers for patients having a heart attack and needing to go to a hospital cardiac catheterization lab, show the door-to-balloon times to be very good. Having that time under 90 minutes to re-open the coronary arteries is the goal. The system began January 16, 2007 and the County began reviewing data in April, 2007. The hospitals that participate in the East County are Sharp Grossmont and Alvarado.

C. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: Off-load delay and response time studies were recently completed with both Lakeside and Santee Fire. These projects were five months of work. Off-load delays turned out to be fewer than anticipated. The expansion of Sharp Grossmont's Emergency Department and a low volume flu season have helped reduce off-load delays.

Santee Fire: Recently hired seven new personnel who are under-going their paramedic assessments. Santee Fire was able to take advantage of its' Saver grant which allowed the hiring of additional positions for.

Other: Recently a grant was approved and El Cajon placed Automatic External Defibrillators (AED's) in all the high schools in the Grossmont High School District. Beginning July 1, 2007, all health clubs are required to have AED's on site.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Ken Coyle, to move the next meeting of CSA-69 to Thursday, September 13, 2007, rather than August 9, 2007 as it was felt that too many people might be on vacation in August. MOTION carried.

The meeting will be held at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Thursday, September 13, 2007

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Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

County Staff Present

DeGracia, Rosemarie
Metz, R.N., Marcy

Members Absent

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Guidry, Doreen – East Co. Fire Protection District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont (excused)

Contract Staff

Baker, Chief Mark – Lakeside Fire
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Some attendees stated how appreciative they were for moving the August meeting to September this year. **MOTION then made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Robin Clegg to move the annual August meeting to September each year. MOTION carried.**

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Robin Clegg, Seconded by Ken Coyle, to approve the Minutes of May 10, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Rosemarie DeGracia, County EMS)

Ms. DeGracia distributed a summary for Fiscal Year 2006-07. The final report for Fiscal Year 2006-07 has not been completed yet. At this point, the figures appear to be much better than anticipated. Current cash reserve balance is \$1.8 million.

The billing company was placed on the County Alert Report when there were some major concerns discovered in the past year. County staff met with billing company representatives and implemented different measures and action items. The County also asked for specific action plans from the billing company and monitored them daily. The billing company had gone through major personnel changes as many staff had resigned when they merged with another company.

Chairperson Savage thanked County staff and others who participated in this extra effort with the billing company.

B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., County EMS)

Chuck Matthews, former Public Guardian and Public Administrator, has been named as the new Public Health Administrator for County Public Health. Adrienne Yancey has been selected as the Assistant Deputy Director for Public Health, the position formerly held by Carmel Angelo.

Diane Royer, R.N., has been hired as a new Quality Assurance Specialist with EMS. Rebecca Pate, R.N., will be the new staff person liaison to CSA-69 and CSA-17.

The State EMS Commission is meeting in San Diego on Wednesday, September 26, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sea World Holiday Inn for their quarterly meeting. Their agenda is posted on-line. Discussion items include EMS systems, personnel, disaster updates and the Governor's proposals from the State's perspective.

C. Agency Reports

Santee Fire: Santee is in the process of hiring an undetermined number of paramedic fire fighters. A total of 54 positions is being staffed up to. Additionally the Santee City Council approved Santee Fire to purchase two Auto-Pulse CPR boards.

Lakeside Fire: The logo on Lakeside Fire ambulances has been modified. There is a subscript that says “cooperate with the City of Santee and CSA-69” along with the County logo. A new ambulance has also gone into service within the last 30 days. With the four ambulances now being in service in Lakeside there has been an improvement in meeting response time goals and a reduction in utilization of services from El Cajon into CSA-69. There has also been noted an increase in responses into the El Cajon area. This has also allowed Lakeside to not have to allow fire fighters to be pulled from training as often in order to maintain their skill levels.

A discussion of the utilization of AED’s (Automatic External Defibrillators) began. Ms. Metz stated that if people were more interested in where AED’s are located and how much they’re being used in CSA-69, a query could be done based on that information, from the records nurses keep for this area.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Guests Present

Smith, Rick

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

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I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

The Pledge of Allegiance was done. Chairperson Savage thanked all the people who were part of the fire and rescue services for their efforts over the past few weeks, as well as businesses who provided food and produce during the October wild fires. Santana High School was set up as a shelter and was highly impacted by large numbers of people at times.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Allen Carlisle, to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Rosemarie DeGracia, County EMS)

Total expenditures from July through October, 2007 are approximately \$690,000 with total revenue \$395,000. Property tax revenue won't show up until around December, 2007 or January, 2008.

Current cash balance is \$750,000. Ms. DeGracia converses with representatives from the billing company ADPI (Advanced Data Processing Inc.). **ACTION: It was requested that if the Advisory Board members could receive fiscal year comparisons from the last few years that would be helpful, e.g. July to July. ADPI will be sending Ms. DeGracia their projected financial estimate for this year and when received, Ms. DeGracia will forward that on to Advisory Board members.**

B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., County EMS)

Ms. Metz introduced Rebecca Pate, R.N., County EMS Quality Assurance Specialist. Ms. Pate will now serve as the liaison to CSA-69 and attend future meetings.

Ms. DeGracia has received a promotional opportunity within the County and will be leaving EMS in the near future.

EMS has been extremely busy over the last few weeks with the October, 2007 wild fires and the operation of the Medical Operations Center at EMS. Two hospitals were evacuated within the County and EMS assisted with evacuating thirteen skilled nursing facilities, not including those who self-evacuated. Many recommendations that came out of the 2003 wild fires were implemented this year.

C. Agency Reports

Santee Fire: In the process of hiring four new paramedics who should begin employment soon (November or December, 2007). This will be followed by a three weekend fire academy and then a eight-shift observation period. Santee Fire recently purchased two Auto Pulse boards and they are located on the medic units.

Most transport units have AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators) in them now as do all Santee public schools. **ACTION: Chairperson Savage stated that he would like to do a press release on AED's from the CSA-69 to the community, but would need more information from Dr. Haynes if he could provide that.**

Lakeside Fire: The Heartland agencies which include all the nearby cities and South Bay cities as well, were able to field 45 engines and sent them to respective fires during the wild fires.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

A number of experienced nurses such as Mary Meadows-Pitt and Sharon Carlson from Sharp Grossmont were a tremendous help in the MOC during the wild fires. The County Ambulance Association representative was a great asset as well and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) mapping was most beneficial. With GIS, staff could see the entire County and facilities on a map as the fire progressed and could plan on what to do next. Pomerado and Fallbrook Hospitals were completely evacuated. Approximately 2,000 people were evacuated from nursing homes in the County. Volunteers with the Medical Reserve Corps assisted by helping in shelters with medical evaluations and prescription fillings. There was at least one public health nurse in each shelter. Orange and Riverside Counties assisted with strike team ambulances. Two thousand horses and one zebra were evacuated to the Del Mar Fairgrounds. DMAT (Disaster Medical Assistance Teams) were brought in through the federal government and staff assisted in shelters and went into rural areas to perform evaluations. State Licensing and Certification went out to the evacuated hospitals and nursing homes to make sure they were adequately cleaned and habitable before patients were brought back in.

The new STEMI heart attack system has been going well for the first six months with an average door-to-balloon time of 65 minutes.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 14, 2008 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS