

County Service Area 69 (CSA-69) - 2008 Meeting Minutes

CSA-69 Advisory Committee Minutes - February 14, 2008

CSA-69 Advisory Committee Minutes - May 8, 2008

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CSA-69 Advisory Committee Minutes - September 11, 2008

CSA-69 Advisory Committee Minutes - November 20, 2008



County of San Diego

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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Members Present

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Smith, Rick – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

County Staff Present

Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Wegner, Heather
Yaghmaee, Saman

Members Absent

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Guidry, Doreen – East County Fire Protection District

Contract Staff Present

Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire
Schwitz, Robert – Lakeside Fire Protection District

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Allen Carlisle, to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2007 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee, County EMS)

Total Expenditures year-to-date was reported as \$1,797,700.80. Total Revenues \$1,844,335.47.

Mr. Yaghmaee distributed a CSA-69 Expenditure and Revenue report by fiscal year going back to 2004-05 and members were very pleased with these.

It was requested that Mr. Yaghmaee present a report on how much in expenditures is connected to salaries and benefits for the next meeting. **ACTION: Mr. Yaghmaee agreed to provide that for the next meeting of May 8, 2008.**

Chairperson Savage requested to have future projections of revenues and expenditures as population increases, and how the CSA-69 will continue to function. **ACTION: Mr. Yaghmaee agreed to provide that for the next meeting of May 8, 2008.**

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

Dean Sidelinger, M.D., has been appointed to County Public Health Administration as an Assistant Deputy Public Health Officer. Dr. Sidelinger was trained as a pediatrician and was last employed with UCSD. Dr. Sidelinger has been working on recent confirmed measles cases among other things.

Hospital emergency rooms have been busy since the New Year started with many patients, forcing many hospitals in the system to go on emergency department saturation. County EMS is currently monitoring the number of available beds in hospitals' intensive care, telemetry and medical/surgical unit, as well as how many patients are being held in emergency rooms awaiting admission. Delays have been noted of ambulance staff waiting up to an hour to off-load patients at emergency rooms.

Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Sharp Grossmont, added that her hospital has been extremely busy and it has been very difficult moving patients from the emergency rooms to beds in the hospital. There has also been an increase in the number of ambulance calls County-wide in a ten day period, up to 500 more calls than the average.

C. Agency Reports

Santee Fire: A chassis problem has occurred with one vehicle. Santee Fire has decided to go with the Ford F series to have more room in the front for the paramedics.

Santee Fire has also hired four new paramedics who have all completed their three-week academy and are already working. Two staff recently retired and one staff member had to go on workers compensation.

Lakeside Fire: New battalion chiefs will soon be taking over different responsibilities, including the responsibility of EMS of which Andy Parr will provide oversight on. One ambulance is out of service at this time for a chassis re-work.

In regard to Auto Pulse activations, Mr. Parr will provide a report for the next CSA-17 meeting of May 8, 2008. Positive feedback has been received from the paramedics who have been on those calls.

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

Dr. Haynes is on vacation at this time.

V. ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND CO-CHAIR FOR 2008

MOTION made by Ken Coyle, Seconded by Mayor Randy Voepel, to appoint Warren Savage as Chair for 2008. MOTION carried.

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Mayor Randy Voepel, to appoint Ken Coyle as Vice-Chair for 2008. MOTION carried.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 8, 2008 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS



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Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

County Staff Present

Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Ray, Leslie
Yaghmaee, Saman

Members Absent

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Guidry, Doreen – East Co. Fire Protection District

Guests Present

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

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Mayor Randy Voepel, to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2008 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS / PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF / AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee, County EMS)

In addition to the Expenditure and Revenue by Object and Account document that was distributed by mail to members prior to the meeting, Mr. Yaghmaee distributed a Fund Balance Report by Fiscal Year from July 1, 2004 through July 1, 2007 in graph form, which also broke down the revenues and expenditures by fiscal year, and expenditure and revenue comparisons from fiscal year 2006-07 from tax collections, interest and benefit fees.

(On June 2, 2008, a CSA-69 Revenue Forecast Report for the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2012 was also mailed to members.)

Mr. Yaghmaee stated that there may be a need to tap into reserves if operations continue as they are now. Most of the operational cost increases are due to increased salaries. A concern was raised as to whether or not there was going to be rate increases for residents and non-residents in conjunction with the Consumer Price Index annual adjustment over the last few years.

ACTION: It was recommended that for the next CSA-69 agenda, a strong recommendation be made regarding raising transport fees 15-20% and further recommend it to the County Board of Supervisors.

ACTION: It was requested and that it would be helpful if County staff could come back to the next meeting of September 11, 2008 with the percentage projections for 15% and 20% increases in the transport fees for the next few years. Also, it was questioned if the contractor anticipated needing better equipment and trained personnel. County staff agreed to do that to work on those projections.

ACTION: It was also requested that financial projections be extended to the year 2012 for Advisory Board members to review.

Discussion ensued on why the budget subcommittee had not met this year. It was stated that the Advisory Board members normally approve the work of the budget subcommittee by the May meeting, but that had not occurred this year. **ACTION: MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Robin Clegg, to call a special meeting of the CSA-69 Budget Subcommittee for Friday, May 16, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. MOTION carried.**

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

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed Steven Tharratt, M.D., as the new Director of the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA). Dr. Tharratt has been the Medical Director for Sacramento County EMS and the Sacramento City and County Fire Departments since 1995. He has served at UC Davis as Professor of Medicine and Anesthesiology and Vice-Chief in the Division of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine. He has also been Associate Regional Medical Director for the California Poison Control System since 1989. He earned his M.D.

degree from UCLA and a Master's Degree in Public Health from UC Davis. Dr. Haynes has known Dr. Tharratt for a long period of time and is very pleased with this appointment.

CSA-69 Emergency Medical & Demographic Profile (Leslie Ray, County EMS)

The following are highlights from Ms. Ray's presentation for CSA-69.

- Between the years 2000 and 2030, the population for CSA-69 is projected to increase by 37%.
- The 2007 population is estimated to be 109,743. By 2030, the population is projected to be 144,823.
- The fastest growing age segment will be seniors aged 65 and over, increasing by 175%.
- Seniors now make up 11% of the population but will increase to 19% by 2030.
- In Lakeside the median household income is \$52,683 and the percent of the population below poverty is 8%. Owner-occupied housing is 65.1%.
- In Santee the median household income is \$60,029 and the percent of the population below poverty is 5.2%. Owner-occupied housing is 72.6%.
- In CSA-69, the chief complaints of transported patients between the ages of 0-24 are trauma to the head and neck.
- For ages 25-44, the chief complaint is abdominal pain, ages 45-64 is chest pain cardiac and ages 65 plus, altered neuro medical.

C. Agency Reports

Santee Fire: In the process of having a paramedic unit re-chassied. Two of four paramedic fire fighters that were recently hired left employment with Santee.

Lakeside Fire: Recently took delivery of a unit that also had been re-chassied. Offload delays continue.

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

(Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief): The STEMI Program is moving along well. The door-to-balloon time for transporting cardiac patients has been reduced by 50% within the last year, down to 62 minutes per transport.

Warren Savage, Chair, hopes to re-connect with Dr. Haynes once again regarding AED's (Automatic External Defibrillators).

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office at 4:00 p.m..

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary, County EMS



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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, May 29, 2008

Members Present

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont

County Staff Present

Daniel, Vielka
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Yaghmaee, Saman

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

Guests Present

Baker, Chief Mark – Lakeside Fire
Franklin, Kandhy – East County Fire
Larkin, Brent – Lakeside Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire
Smith, Rick – Lakeside Fire Protection District

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Coyle, Vice-Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves. Warren Savage, Chair, unable to attend this meeting.

It was announced that member Doreen Guidry, East County Fire, passed away recently. Kandhy Franklin was introduced as her replacement.

II. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED 2008-09 CSA-69 BUDGET

A special budget meeting was held on Friday, May 23, 2008 where some budget issues were discussed. At this meeting this date, Saman Yaghmaee, County EMS, distributed two documents: 1) CSA-69 Revenue Forecast Report from July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2012; and 2) CSA-69 Preliminary Budget 2008-2010.

Kevin Howe, Lakeside Community Planning Group, directed attention to the preliminary budgets for the Cities of Santee and Lakeside. It was calculated that both cities had about an 8% increase in their total budgets. Most of the increases were in salaries and benefits. The El Cajon Mutual Aid cost jumped 59% and asked the County how that was calculated and if it was appropriate at this time. Mr. Yaghmaee stated he had reviewed the last eleven months of data from 2007-08 and that was how that was calculated. It was felt that the County had negotiated a contract for a certain amount and asked how it had progressed to this point today, and that it was a \$30,000 increase from the previous year. Marcy Metz, Chief, County EMS, stated that County staff could go back and review that but generally there is a cap at a certain point. It was suggested that possibly this would be an opportune time to re-negotiate this issue. There was a medic transport unit added to CSA-69 that one would think would reduce the amount of responses El Cajon would be having, but for some reason it increased 59%.

A question was raised as to when one Board member reviewed the expenses over revenue from a chart that was given to Board members the previous week from Mr. Yaghmaee, he couldn't reconcile a \$100,000 difference in the preliminary budget, and asked if there was some area he wasn't understanding? Mr. Yaghmaee responded that those numbers are basically looking at the fund balance on a particular given date. The question was asked as to how much CSA-69 would be going into reserves if the budget was approved today and Mr. Yaghmaee replied \$400,000.

It was asked if R.V. parks are being taxed as residents are. One member responded that he didn't think R.V. parks were taxed the same as mobile home parks as they are transient parks. If someone is transported from an R.V. park, they are charged a non-resident fee. Commercial properties are not charged a fee from the CSA-69.

Mr. Yaghmaee referred attendees to page 7 of the CSA-69 Revenue Forecast Report and discussed some figures there in the category of ASL Medical Billing Supplies. He also pointed out about six other options for reducing reserve spending from the same document on pages 6, 7 and 8.

III. 2008-09 BUDGET APPROVAL RESOLUTION FROM THE ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Yaghmaee recommended two items be the most considered to reduce reserve spending in the 2008-09 budget: 1) incorporate/increase ALS medical billing for medical supplies; and 2) raising transport fees for both resident and non-resident transports.

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Pat Chambers, to approve the 2008-09 budget as presented with the amendment that the Ordinance will be changed to allow additional charging of these items listed above. MOTION carried. One abstention. (A subcommittee will work on those items in the interim.)

It was suggested that the contract agencies be encouraged to meet with collection agency ADPI and the County to improve communications and collections and that it would be helpful if the County could help the contract agencies connect more easily.

It was also recommended that the County re-negotiate the contract with ADPI to be more advantageous to CSA-69.

IV. INCREASE THE BENEFIT FEE BY CURRENT STATUTORY CPI AMOUNT

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Robin Clegg, to approve increasing the benefit fee by the current statutory CPI amount. MOTION carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

It was suggested that the County send out information in the future by e-mail, except for people who don't have e-mail.

The next regularly scheduled CSA-69 meeting was scheduled for Thursday, September 11, 2008 at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office at 4:00 p.m..

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by,

Vielka Daniel, County EMS



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Minutes

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Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School Dist.
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
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Members Absent

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
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Guests Present

Baker, Chief Mark – Lakeside Fire
Larkin, Brent – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire
Rottenberg, Chief Mike – Santee Fire
Smith, Rick – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Coyle, Vice-Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson Warren Savage was out of town on business.

Vice-Chair Coyle called for a moment of silence to remember this date in 2001 when over 2,900 people lost their lives and also to remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom and all the rescue workers who helped (moment observed).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Allen Carlisle, to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2008 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee, County EMS)

For Fiscal Year 2007-08, a balanced budget was achieved by approximately \$4,800. The current Year-to-Date total is \$4,603,458. With a more aggressive approach towards the billing company, revenues were increased by approximately \$100,000.

Discussion ensued on the need for a discussion on increasing CSA-69 revenue, with recommendations that were developed from a special meeting that was held on May 29, 2008. From that meeting a number of recommendations were made to make changes to increase the revenue in the CSA-69.

Vice-Chair Coyle stated that the transport rate be adjusted to \$1,050 for all ALS, BLS, Non-Resident and Resident Transports. Mr. Yaghmaee added that 42% of revenue comes from ambulance services with the remaining 58% coming from the interest. No changes are to be made to the night charge or oxygen charge.

The mileage charge is to be increased to \$20 per mile from \$14 and a TNT (Treatment with no Transport) charge of \$150 imposed on all patients not transported, but who did receive an ALS assessment and two of the following:

1. An IV was attempted.
2. A 12 Lead EKG is performed.
3. Any medication is given either IV, IM or via inhalation.
4. Any CPR is performed (manual or mechanical).
5. An advanced airway adjunct is inserted (ET, Combitube, EOA).
6. The CPAP device is used.
7. Base Hospital contact is established.

Discussion ensued on whether or not to not include the TNT item. It was also recommended to include a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) in the changes.

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Robin Clegg, to approve the adjustment in the transport fee, mileage and COLA and forward this information to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. MOTION carried.

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

1. Sunset Review Form

A Sunset Review form for CSA-69 was sent out in the packets to members this time, which is a requirement from the County Board of Supervisors for advisory bodies, every four years. The form reviews the committee and its purpose, membership and if the group recommends to continue or dissolve. **MOTION made by Kevin Howe to approve the Sunset Review form as submitted and Robin Clegg Seconded it. MOTION carried.**

Ms. Metz announced that County EMS and the Medical Operations Center (MOC) received the Southern California Emergency Services Silver Award for its activation and performance during the October, 2007 wildfires. The award was a result of the excellent working relationships between private and public entities.

The State-wide Golden Guardian exercise is scheduled for November 13-14 and 17-18, 2008 with an earthquake scenario planned. There will be a mobile hospital set up at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California and the County EMS MOC will be activated. Communication and transportation routes will be tested. Santee will open their Emergency Operations Center.

C. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: Andy Parr reported that he and Mr. Yaghmaee have been working together over the last two to three months with the billing company to obtain more revenue.

Call volume remains about the same but offload delays at hospitals are still a problem at the emergency room.

Santee Fire: Richard Mattick thanked Mr. Parr for all the work he did on the financial material for CSA-69.

A re-chassis was recently completed on a Ford F-450.

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

A new breathing device, Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), that assists people who are having difficulty breathing appears to be successful so far. It prevents people from going on a respirator and field personnel are excited about using it.

Meetings will be held in October, 2008 to further review changes to treatment protocols that would go into effect in the summer of 2009.

The cardiac system continues to run well and the timelines and outcomes very good.

V. **SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee was scheduled for November 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., but was changed later to Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
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Members Absent

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Guests Present

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County Staff Present

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Yaghmaee, Saman

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Pat Chambers, Seconded by Ken Coyle, to approve the Minutes of September 11, 2008 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report and Contracting Update (Saman Yaghmaee, County EMS)

Total expenditures for Fiscal Year 2007-08 was \$4,603,458. Total revenues for Fiscal Year 2007-08 was \$4,608,342.

Cash reserve at the end for Fiscal Year 2007-08 close out was \$1,324,378.

For Fiscal Year 2008-09, year-to-date expenditure is \$617,361 with the total projected expenditures of \$5,218,413.

For Fiscal Year 2008-09, year-to-date revenue is \$501,781. This amount is low due to the fact that the County Treasurer/Tax Collector has not yet collected and transferred those funds.

According to the Property Tax Services Division of the County, the County-wide assessed valuation is expected to decline from 15% growth in Fiscal Year 2007-08, to 2.2% growth in property taxes and 2.8% for benefit fees in 2008-09 and 2009-10. This low growth rate is due to the overall decline in property values as well as an increase in foreclosures on properties.

The expenditures in Fiscal Year 2008-09 and 2009-10 are expected to exceed the revenue and would necessitate the use of the reserve fund. For Fiscal Year 2008-09, projected expenditure is anticipated to be \$5,218,413 with projected revenue of \$4,875,832, a difference of \$342,581.

The County is planning to finalize the Statement of Work for billing and collection services for ambulance transports by the end of November, 2008. A request for proposal (RFP) is expected to be posted on the County Purchasing and Contracting procurement website (Buynet) by December, 2008.

Medi-Cal reimbursement was reduced by 10% as of July 1, 2008. Medicare has converted their fiscal intermediary or claim processor from NHIC in Chicago to PALMETTO in South Carolina. The County is experiencing a slow process in processing claims by the new contractor.

The good news is that Medicare is expecting a rate increase of 5% for cost-of-living adjustment from \$432 to \$454.

The target date to go to the County Board of Supervisors with the proposed increase in non-resident fees is January, 2009.

It was suggested that a subcommittee meeting be called, prior to the next CSA-69 Advisory Board meeting in February, to discuss the CSA-69 budget for 2009-10. Pat Chambers agreed to participate and Chairperson Savage recommended at least two other people sit in on that.

The contract with ADPI Billing is expiring on June 30, 2009 and a Request for Proposal (RFP) is being prepared and should be posted some time in December, 2008. Andy Parr, Lakeside Fire, has been working closely with ADPI to make sure that CSA-69 is maximizing all the collection fees. The ADPI staff meet with the Operations Chiefs regularly to discuss methods to enhance revenue. Chairperson Savage commended the involved staff for their extra efforts in working with ADPI and improving the billing system.

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

Rebecca Pate, R.N., has been promoted to EMS Coordinator and is now part of the EMS management team. Her focus is on the prehospital and quality improvement areas.

Brenda Roth, Contract Manager at EMS, is retiring on December 4, 2008 after 34 years of County service. Her replacement will be Jamie Beam.

Two nurses begin employment with County EMS this week. Susan Smith, R.N., will work on the prehospital side of EMS and LeAnne Lovett-Floom, R.N., will work on the disaster side.

Last summer the State looked at further organizing the State trauma system and is about to celebrate its 25th anniversary of trauma operations throughout the State. The State divided the trauma operations into various regions. San Diego County is in Region Six and will continue to work closely with bordering counties. The first regional meeting is scheduled in January, 2009. Sharing trauma triage protocols and quality improvement activities as well as how patients are repatriated to their home counties will be issues coming up for discussion.

The Golden Guardian State-wide drill occurred November 13-14 and 17-18, 2008 with the scenario of a 7.8 earthquake on the San Andreas fault. Phone land lines, cell phones and computers were all de-activated to simulate a real disaster; 800 Megahertz radios were used and it was discovered that the channels were very busy. Amateur radio operators (ARES) were also very helpful.

County EMS just renewed all of its' bioterrorism grants as it does each year but fundings have been decreasing. Funds remain available from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for the City Readiness Initiative (CRI) to prepare the community to deal with an anthrax type of event within 48 hours after such an event. The San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council works to prepare for these types of events. A hospital preparedness working group meets twice a month to enhance readiness through these programs. Equipment has been purchased throughout the County, particularly with the hospitals, including items such as surge tents. Grant money has also been received for pandemic flu readiness from the State.

C. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: A new paramedic was hired a couple of months ago and has been working in the field.

One ambulance is being re-chassied at this time and should be done by December, 2008.

Santee Fire: Santee is in the process of purchasing another replacement medic unit, hopefully will be delivered in April to replace an older one.

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

A recent incident occurred in a mailroom with Kaiser Permanente where an employee saw white powder coming out of an envelope that was being opened by mechanical means. The employee thought it was Anthrax, contacted her supervisor, who then sent she and four others to Kaiser's hospital emergency room. It was found to not be anything hazardous as the County's HazMat Environment Health team was called in to inspect. In a real case scenario, the employees could have contaminated many others going into the emergency room.

Tourniquets are being reviewed to possibly once again be used with trauma patients, particularly in a explosion type of scenario, because there may not be enough people to apply pressure dressings.

The Medical Operations Center (MOC) located at County EMS, successfully used during the 2007 wild fires, was utilized once again for the Golden Guardian drill. A lot of work has been done with the skilled nursing facilities and helping them become more prepared to evacuate patients to other facilities in an emergency. An alternate care site was also established for the medical fragile population who aren't appropriate for shelters and medical volunteers assisted in taking care of them. The reverse 9-1-1 phone system will need further review as many phones were ringing simultaneously in the nursing homes instructing people to evacuate, thereby causing panic.

Every year, County Public Health reviews its Hospital Capacity Plan, originally established to deal with the annual flu season. Three meetings were held this fall and added emphasis was placed on how to deal with hospital emergency room offload delays. Sometimes hospitals experience delays in admitting patients to the hospital from the emergency room as beds are unavailable.

A committee met recently to review the treatment guidelines for paramedics and EMT's. Those suggestions are being reviewed at this time.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for February 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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