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### BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2014

#### Present Members

Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego EMS  
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – County EMS  
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD  
Klingensmith, Todd – SD Paramedic Association  
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC  
Neison, M.D., Dave – Sharp Grossmont BHMD  
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD  
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR Medical Director  
Wang, M.D. Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD  
Wiesner, M.D., Christopher – Scripps La Jolla

#### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Conte, R.N., Meredith  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Stepanski, M.P.H., Barbara  
Trujillo, Amy (Recorder)

#### In Attendance

Abbott, Stephen – North County Fire  
Aker, Donna – UCSD ROC  
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire  
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire  
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire  
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC  
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR  
Carrasquillo, Ralph – San Diego Fire

#### In Attendance (cont'd)

Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD  
Drum, Daryn – Heartland Fire  
Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire  
Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College  
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air  
Ferraro, Joe – Miramar Fire Department  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center  
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial  
Howard, James – UCSD  
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Johnson, Charlie – Mercy Air  
Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR  
Lemire, Harold – San Diego Fire  
McEwan, Michael – USBP BORSTAR  
Moriarty, Doug – Pala Fire/Mercy  
Napier, Jeremy – Mercy Medical  
Nichols, R.N., Mardi – Tri-City Medical Center  
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – San Diego Fire  
Rod, Rick – SD City EMS/Rural/Metro  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial  
Russo, R.N., Joe – AMR  
Saltzstein, Doug – NCTI  
Saner, Dan – San Diego Fire  
Scott, Chris – Chula Vista Fire  
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural Metro  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC  
Williams, Amy – Rady Children's Hospital

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

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as corrected from November 19, 2013. Motion carried.**

**III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

- A. Four people from our EMS system were honored at the state EMS Authority (EMSA) awards ceremony in December. Those individuals were: Ennis Jackson, Jym Bridger, Chris Van Gorder and Dave Austin.
- B. The Health Services Capacity Plan has been distributed. The Plan has four (4) levels in it. Use it as guidance, and let County EMS know if you have any comments or suggestions for next year's Plan.
- C. The *Love Your Heart* event will take place on February 14, 2014. EMS venues across the County will be set up to take blood pressures. Contact County EMS if you would like to take part in this event.
- D. This year's *Sidewalk CPR* will be held June 5, 2014. This event trains the public in compression only CPR. Contact County EMS if you would like to take part in this event.
- E. PulsePoint is a new downloadable application that allows individuals the ability to provide life-saving assistance to victims of cardiac arrest. Users who have indicated that they are trained in CPR are notified if someone in a public place is having a cardiac emergency and requires CPR. The application also directs citizen rescuers to the location of the closest AED.
- F. The State has put out a pre public comment draft for first aid and CPR regulations. The draft is due February 2, 2014.

**IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE**

Jim Dunford, M.D., presented a PowerPoint on the overview of Community Paramedicine. The applications for Community Paramedic were submitted. If officially approved in April, training begins in June and the program is set to start in September.

Linda Allington, R.N, gave a brief verbal overview. Ms. Allington stated that they are looking at transporting to an alternate destination with the use of telemedicine. Their first meeting was held on January 9, 2014 with the EMCC Research and Education Subcommittee and roles are being defined. Ms. Allington also stated they are working on their curriculum and the program is set to start in September.

**V. FLU SEASON (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

- 1. Dr. Haynes reported that the hospitals are very busy and thanked them for staying off bypass. In the last week, influenza detections and influenza deaths have risen. There were six (6) deaths reported

in San Diego County. As of last week, the State numbers were forty-five deaths, with fifty more still under investigation. It is encouraged to get influenza vaccinations. The vaccinations are fifty to eighty percent effective.

2. The State put out an advisory at the end of December about the treatment of severe influenza due to the influenza A virus. The largest influenza virus circulating is the H1N1.
3. After some concern from the San Diego County Group to Eradicate Resistant Microorganisms (GERM) Commission, the hospitals are being surveyed on their capabilities with extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO) and rotoprone beds.
4. It was reported that a patient in Canada, passed away from the H5N1 influenza virus. There was an article put out on California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) on how to detect individuals infected with the H5N1 virus.

#### **VI. NAEMSP REPORT**

Dr. Haynes stated at the recent National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) Annual Meeting there was a real interest in the Community Paramedic Program. Other topics discussed were cutting back further on spinal immobilization, the interpretation of recently published articles about therapeutic hypothermia and the use of artificial chest thumpers. Dr. Haynes asked others in the group, who attended the Annual Meeting, what observations they made. Discussion ensued.

Dr. Dunford added this was the first year there was an EMS sub-specialty exam for physicians. The passing rate for those who took the exam was fifty-five percent.

#### **VII. POLICY S-029 STROKE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Policy S-029 was distributed. Dr. Haynes stated this policy has been approved by EMCC. Chris Kahn, M.D., stated section G of the policy causes concern in regards to violation of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Dr. Haynes stated County EMS will look into the matter.

#### **VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

1. Ms. Rosenberg reported November 21, 2014 is the Statewide Drill. The drill will focus on a foodborne illness.
2. There is a subcommittee being formed for maternal/newborn evacuation plans. Contact Sharon Carlson, R.N., with Sharp Healthcare or Ms. Rosenberg if you are interested.
3. There was a CHEMPACK Tabletop Exercise held January 14, 2014 and it went well.

#### **IX. BEACON UPDATE**

Beacon is no longer; will change name to San Diego Connect for future topic items.

#### **X. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC)**

Donna Aker reported ROC is working with the City of San Diego for the Amiodarone, Lidocaine,

Placebo Study (ALPS). Ms. Aker also reported that ROC is closing as of December 2015. There is a proposal set to carry on in a similar format that is under negotiation with the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Nothing new to report for any other trials, everything is proceeding as planned.

**XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

There was nothing discussed.

**XII. SET NEXT MEETING (February 18, 2014)/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2014 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 p.m.