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## BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, July 16, 2013

### Members Present

DeMers, D.O., Gerard – NMCSO/Federal Fire/Miramar Fire  
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego Medical Director  
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce – SD County EMS  
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD  
Klingensmith, Todd – S.D. Paramedic Association  
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC  
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD  
Wang, M.D. Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD  
Workman, R.N., Debi – Paramedic Training Programs

### County Staff

Conte, R.N., Meredith  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Stepanski, Barbara

### In Attendance

Aker, Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC  
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire  
Anderson, Mary – Federal Fire  
Anderson, Marilyn – Vista Fire  
Bromfield, Alex – UCSD  
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC  
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD  
Duffy, Jenny - Escondido/San Marcos Fire

### In Attendance (cont'd)

Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center  
Harley, M.D., Jim for Dr. Conrad – Rady Children's Hosp  
Hotka, Brian – Mercy Air  
Howard, James – UCSD  
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR  
Lemire, Harold – S.D. Fire Department  
McEwan, Michael – USBP BORSTAR  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17 Fire Department  
Neill, Mark – Reach Air  
Neison, M.D., for Dr. Linnik – Sharp Grossmont BHMD  
Pierce, Jodie – S.D. Fire Department  
Rod, Rick – City of SD EMS/Rural/Metro  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial  
Rosenberger, R.N., Wendy – Tri-City  
Russo, R.N., Joe – Rural/Metro/CSA-17  
Scott, Chris – Chula Vista Fire  
Serra, John – UCSD/Rural/Metro  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

### Recorder

Amy Trujillo

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

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Ryan Smith, D.O., and seconded by Marcus Wang, M.D., to approve the minutes from June 18, 2013. Motion carried.**

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

- A. Dr. Haynes went over the Medical Director's Report that was sent out.
- B. The National Association of EMS Physicians and American College of Surgeons issued a position statement on EMS spinal precautions and the use of long backboards in trauma patients. Their statement is very similar to our current practice. One recommendation regarding patients with penetrating injury to head, neck or torso without neurologic deficit is they do not need the backboard, and this is where we have gone with our policies. If you would like a copy of the position statement, e-mail Dr. Haynes.
- C. A feasibility study will take place with a stroke neurologist from UCSD and medic units with the City of San Diego. This part of the study will look at whether a portable sonography device can be used in a prehospital setting to assess intracranial arteries and the transmission of data of in the field.
- D. In response to the San Francisco airplane crash, it is important to review your surge plan and capabilities.
- E. Strike Out Stroke day was June 22, 2013 at Petco Park. Over 1400 people bought t-shirt and ticket bundles.
- F. Ginger Ochs, R.N., is retiring from San Diego Fire Department. Her retirement party is Friday, July 19, 2013.
- G. The State EMS Authority is interested in community paramedicine and the role it can play within the State and various counties. A project funded by the California Healthcare Foundation worked together with UC Davis to prepare a report on community paramedicine. Conclusions gathered suggest community paramedicine may increase primary care for medically underserved areas and enhance EMS personnel skills.

**Action item: Dr. Haynes to send out Community Paramedicine report to the group.**

**IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

- A. Ms. Rosenberg reported from July 17-19, 2013 there will be a communication drill on Tribal Lands. All the tribes are simulating a wildfire with injuries and evacuations, with the goal to develop rapport with the hospitals in the region, so in the event of a disaster the process of how

to connect family members to the hospitals is known. It is mostly an administrative drill and there is no exact time when they will call.

- B. All the hospitals that receive money and equipment from the HPP grants should be receiving a survey in August 2013.

#### **V. BEACON UPDATE**

Dr. Haynes reported that Beacon has gone to a board of directors with an executive director, and a primary focus is on the EMS Hub.

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

Donna Kelly Aker reported there are now 97 patients enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS). The study just passed its one year mark and is expected to continue for another year to year and a half. Nothing new to report for any other trials, everything is proceeding as planned.

#### **VII. NEW ROLES FOR EMS IN HEALTHCARE REFORM (Jim Dunford, M.D.)**

Dr. Dunford presented a PowerPoint presentation on New Roles for EMS in Healthcare Reform.

#### **VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION**

There were no items brought forward.

#### **IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

**A reminder there is no BSPC meeting in August.** The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium; however Dr. Haynes stated the meeting for September might need to be rescheduled. An e-mail will go out to the group in regards to the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.