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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

Mike Rice, Chair/ Linda Broyles, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, May 23, 2013

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District Five
Adler, Fred – District Three
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp Assoc of S.D./Imperial Counties
Green, R.N., Katy – District One
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – District Four
Leigh, Chief Bob – S.D. County Fire Chiefs Association
Ochs, Ginger – Co. Paramedics Agency Committee (Alt)
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Rice, Mike – Ambulance Association of San Diego
Rothlein, Lt. Jason – Law Enforcement Agencies
Rudnick, R.N., Sharon – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Wells, R.N., Christine - Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
Military Agencies
San Diego County Fire Districts Association
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air
Frick, Robert – Reach Air
Green, Royce – Xtreme Care Ambulance
Rand, Mike – S.D. County Sheriff's

County Staff

Dickinson, Sue
Metz, Marcy
Smith, Susan

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the EMCC minutes from March 28, 2013. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital

The following policies were reviewed by the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meeting on April 11, 2013 and forwarded to the full EMCC for final review.

1. P-430, San Diego County Special Assignment – Fireline Paramedic.
 - ALS contacts will be reviewed through the agency's approved QA process
 - Minimum ALS inventory required is listed in Section VI.
 - Clarification will be made on Normal Saline 1000ml, two (2) sets of IV Administration, Diphenhydramine (IV, IM and po) 200mg and Epinephrine 1:1,000.
2. B-834, BLS First Responder Inventory
 - Changes to par level of Suction Catheter sizes.
 - Ribbon kits were added to MCI triage tags.
 - Oropharyngeal Airways minimum is 1 set (assorted adult and pediatrics)
 - Nasal Airways minimum is 1 set (assorted adult and pediatrics)
 - Glucose paste/tablets minimum 1-15g tube or 3 tabs (5gm)
3. A-878, Air Ambulance Inventory
Remove the largest size cuffed tube, #9, listed for Endotracheal Tube.

A motion was made by Ginger Ochs, seconded by Christine Wells to approve the changes made to P-430 upon clarifications stated, B-834 and A-878. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research

There was no report.

C. Disaster/Operations – Sharon Carlson, R.N.

1. There will be a Healthcare/County mass casualty exercises on May 30, 2013. The scenario is a stadium collapse. The goal is to practice hospital surge and mass fatality plans.
Deaths will be reported by paper copies and faxed due to information backup in the State Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) during the previous exercise. Mass fatality shuttles will pick up the deceased to take them to refrigerator trucks or to the morgue depending on the capacity of the new Medical Examiner facility.
2. The Statewide drill is on November 21, 2013. The surge will focus on an outbreak of Shiga toxin producing E. coli where patients go into multi system failure, specifically kidney failure. Patient tracking by ambulance to the emergency department will be done during the exercise.

V. SIDEWALK CPR DAY – Sue Dickinson

- Tuesday, June 4, 2013, 10 am to 4 pm.
- CPR instruction will be given to the public by EMS personnel.
- Last year 3,048 bystanders were trained by 27 agencies at 41 sites in San Diego. Currently, this year 12 agencies have responded with 13 sites.
- San Diego Project Heartbeat will provide mannequins by request for the event.

VI. STRIKE OUT STROKE DAY AT THE PADRES – June 22, 2013

- Saturday, June 22, 2013, 4:15 pm game, Padres against the Dodgers.
- The event informs the community on signs and symptoms of stroke and calling 911.
- Ticket/t-shirt bundles are available for \$17 if ordered by tomorrow through Diane Royer. After tomorrow there will be a discount code posted on the internet for tickets only.
- Pregame activities include blood pressure checks by participating hospitals.
- Survivors of stroke will be introduced on the field before the game.

VII. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Marcy Metz

- A. Congratulations to Dr. Jim Dunford who was named one of the 2012 top 10 innovators by JEMS magazine. Dr. Dunford was cited for implementation of the Resource Access Program (RAP) and electronic Resource Access Program (eRAP). The program is an EMS based surveillance and case management system designed to help individuals who repeatedly access 911 find appropriate care.
- B. Protocol changes for EMTs and paramedics in the field are completed and will be out to the community by Friday. The protocols were reviewed by a taskforce and the Base Station Physicians Committee.
- C. State EMS core measure information is being reported to the state to help evaluate the performance of EMS operations. Agencies were asked to submit additional data points that are not collected by EMS. The data will be sent to the state by May 31, 2013.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT - Marcy Metz

A. The Ambulance Ordinance has been reviewed by County Counsel. The first reading will be on June 18, 2013 during the Board of Supervisors meeting.

B. A Board Letter will be submitted for *Spare Tire Exemption* for ground ambulances. A Board Letter regarding the issue is submitted every two (2) years. A draft of the *Spare Tire Exemption* will be available to the committee before it is submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion ensued on if the *Spare Tire Exemption* addresses the ambulance strike teams deployed to other states, mechanical issues, off road repair and ground support.

C. The Public Health Services fee increase Board Letter will also include EMS fee increases. A date for the Board Letter to go before the Board of Supervisors for approval has not been set.

D. EMS Recruitment:

- EMS Coordinator
- Public Health Nurse
- Administrative Analyst

E. A 'tiger' team has been formed to review iQCS latency issues. They are currently working with the vendor on the Prehospital Patient Record (PPR) bypass, the duty status and hospital availability screens. QCS and CEMSIS are both available.

Announcements from committee members:

1. Sharon Carlson announced that Sharp Healthcare is hosting its 4th Annual Disaster Partnership Conference on July 10, 2013, 8:00 am to 12 noon at Spectrum Center. The Disaster Partnership Projects at UCSD, Sharp Healthcare, Palomar and Scripps will be highlighted.

Security will talk about *Ice Boxes* for *Active Shooter* education that has become a best practice among Law Enforcement and hospitals. The *Ice Box* started through the Law Enforcement Coordination Center (LECC) fusion center, with the concept that during an *Active Shooter* event there would be a lock box with master key sets and laminated instruction maps by each facility entry. Ray Stanley who worked with the fusion center on the project will present and share information.

2. Kelly Forman congratulated UCSD for their Trauma Center opening
3. It is National EMS week. Marcy Metz thanked all EMS participants in the system for services provided to the community and the public/private partnership.

4. Cruz Ponce gave American Red Cross (ARC) updated information on the Oklahoma tornado incident.
 - There are more than 300 ARC workers on ground
 - 16,000 meals have been served
 - They have given out 2,800 relief items
 - There have been 30 emergency response vehicles provided to distribute items
 - ARC health services teamed with the Oklahoma medical reserve team to provide medications and medical equipment
 - ARC has also activated their spiritual care teams to meet one-on-one with families

Dr. Jacoby reported that two (2) National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (DMAT) were pre-staged at Dallas Fort Worth. Due to Oklahoma City community response to the incident, DMAT was not utilized and was immobilized yesterday.

5. Cruz Ponce suggested standardizing symbols for points of distribution, reunification, disaster shelters and hospitals on Geographical Information System (GIS) maps utilized by agencies, organizations and the County.

Steve Abbott added that National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) is working on GIS map protocol at the national level.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is June 27, 2013.
Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am.

Submitted by,

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County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services