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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) MEETING

Steven Weinstein, M.D., Chair
Sharp Tech Way Building
8520 Tech Way Building, Rooms 124 & 125, San Diego, CA 92123
June 25, 2019

Minutes

Members Present

Glasser, Judd – Scripps La Jolla BHMD
Donofrio, D.O., Joelle – City of
SD/Rady Children's
Farah, M.D., Jenny – UCSD BHMD
Fischer, M.D., Andy – Tri-City BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – City of SD Medical
Director/UCSD Agency
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP Director
Vilke, M.D., Gary – Carlsbad Fire/Interim UCSD
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Koenig, M.D., Kristi – EMS Medical Director
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Velasco, Anjelica – Recorder

In Attendance

Ayers, Kathi – Sharp
Branning, Mark – San Diego Health Connect
Cote, R.N., Chara – Tri-City Medical Center
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy
Dickenson, Brittany – Navy Medical Center
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD BHNC
Garrow, Jennifer – AHA/ASH
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Ctr BHNC
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Kuntz, John – Navy Medical Center
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
McFarland, Jeanne – Escondido
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Palomar Medical Center
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Mercy BHNC
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 21, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

III. COUNTY REPORT (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Howard Backer retiring from EMSA at the end of June. No interim has been announced yet.

A. Surveillance

1) Influenza

- Final County report for the season published May 8th
- Monitoring for ILI at migrant shelter for families seeking asylum
- New prehospital ILI monitoring tool with PHS to ensure no spillover into the community
- 13,553 overall screenings since mid-December, only about 1% to ED and only a handful via 911
- Total ILI cases since May 19 is 235
- <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-responds-to-flu-outbreak-at-migrant-shelter/>

2) Measles

- County established webpage:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html
- Highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000

3) Ebola outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018

- Ebola jumped to Uganda on June 11 (a 5-year-old boy crossed into Uganda)
- WHO has long feared that the lingering Ebola outbreak in the DRC, which has sickened more than 2000 people there and killed about two-thirds of identified cases, would eventually spread to neighboring countries. Health care workers have widely deployed an effective Ebola vaccine in the affected DRC areas and intensively worked to contain cases, but their response has repeatedly been hampered by violence from the many insurgency groups, including attacks on health care workers and facilities.
- This is considered a large concern for the region, however, the global threat of spread is still thought to be low.
- Rady Children's Hospital is closest center for children and Cedar Sinai in LA is closest adult center

B. Policies and Protocols

- 1) Thank you for all your feedback on the education and training for the new protocols that will go into effect on July 1.
- 2) Push your ketamine SLOWLY; use for analgesia only, not for facilitated intubation or sedation
- 3) Unified Optional Scope for Qualified Transport Providers approved by EMSA for our Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) on February 20, 2019 for 3 years (through February 28, 2022). Currently developing a protocol and plan to bring it to BSPC next month for review and input.

C. Initiatives

- 1) EMSA is establishing a state STEMI and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee
- 2) National Forest Service (NFS) has plan to initiate EMS within boundaries of NFS, similar to National Park Service plan
 - Do not intend to serve public, will serve fire line medics
 - No ALS (for now), no transport
 - Medical director Michael Handrigan
 - Vision to coordinate with EMDAC and LEMSAs
- 3) EMSA has released the draft paramedic regulations for public comment; include transport to alternate destinations, like psychiatric and sobering centers
 - Now in second round public comment for 15 days (closes on June 27th)
 - Will move to Commission in September or December (Commission will be in San Diego on September 18th); once Commission approves, then submitted to Office of

Administrative Law, which then has 30 days to review and approve/deny

- <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2019/06/EMSA-Paramedic-Regulations-15-Day-Modified-Text.pdf>
- 4) San Francisco EMS pilot program proposal for EMS naloxone distribution (Project FRIEND) presented at state meetings last week. We are exploring internally whether we would participate, however, that would not occur until the next protocol cycle. Input is welcome.
 - FRIEND: First Responder Increased Education and Naloxone Distribution
- 5) Evidence Based Medicine presentations are posted online on the Medical Director's page
 - This month's topic is on burn patient management; delighted to have Dr. Jeanne Lee, Director of the UCSD Burn Center
 - https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html
- 6) RAP Program Updates and discussion on historical and current program content

D. Additional Information (Susan Smith, EMS Coordinator)
No updates

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Mark Branning)

Grant to expand, however, waiting on Cal EMSA contract to finalize and grant money to come in. Any pre-contract work is not reimbursable.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, RN)

- 1) June 21st or Friday, July 26th (unclear on date) Federal no-notice drill with Mercy, UCSD, Grossmont, 90-minute evacuation with remaining hospitals serving as receivers during that time period. WebEOC utilization was very effective. Disaster council has not yet debriefed, so all reviews/input not yet in.
- 2) November 5th will be next disaster drill.

VI. CARDIAC ARREST AND CARES (Brad Schwartz, MD)

- 1) Data from CARES, presentation to come soon.
- 2) Successful Cardiac Arrest Survivor luncheon in CSA-17. Encouragement of all agencies/areas to host their own Cardiac Arrest Survivor luncheons. Opportunity for EMS staff to see the outcome of their calls/work.
- 3) Opportunity for more Hands-Only CPR videos and looking into possibility of reaching out to famous San Diego athletes.
- 4) Teaching opportunity in schools, resources available from CARES and Maureen O'Connor to have presentation and teach classrooms about Hands-Only CPR.
- 5) NAEMSP CPR Challenge is still accepting videos. Provider agencies encouraged to participate.

VII. POLICIES & TREATMENT PROTOCOLS (Susan Smith, EMS Coordinator)

No policy reviews

VIII. LUNCHTIME EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION – Jeanne Lee, M.D., FACS

Burn Assessment (will be posted on the CoSD EMS Medical Directors Webpage when available)

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Children's Hospital is hosting group from CHET/NICU/Hosp/ED for education and outreach and would like feedback on what is helpful for education and simulation (will send out survey).
- Tracking of fentanyl abuse through DEA License and aggregation of data from all Medical Directors (e.g., County of San Diego, City of San Diego, AMR). Would like to share best practices.
- UCSD physicians received IRB approval to study IV acetaminophen. The study will compare with other drugs and data will provide knowledge about best practices.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2019.