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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) MEETING

Steven Weinstein, M.D., Chair
Sharp Spectrum Auditorium
8695 Spectrum Center Court, San Diego, CA 92123
July 16, 2019

Minutes

Members Present

Donofrio, D.O., Joelle – City of SD Asst.
Medical Director/Rady Children's
BHMD
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD BHNC
Farah, M.D., Jenny – UCSD BHMD
Fischer, M.D., Andy – Tri-City BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – City of SD
Medical Director/UCSD Agency
Klingensmith, Todd – SD Paramedic
Association
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Marsan, M.D., Robert – Scripps Mercy BHMD
Marzec, M.D., Karl – Palomar BHMD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP Director
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser Permanente

County Staff

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

In Attendance

Ayers, R.N., Kathi – Sharp
Baird, Robert – USBP
Cote, R.N., Chara – Tri-City Medical Center
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy
Enloe, R.N., Robin – Sharp
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Ctr BHNC
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Holcomb, Art – Escondido Fire
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
McFarland, Jeanne – Escondido
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Pearson, R.N., Danielle – Vista Fire
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad Fire Department
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – SDFD
Sloane, M.D., Christian – Mercy Air
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – CSA-17
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Mercy BHNC
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the June 25, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

III. COUNTY REPORT (Kristi Koenig, MD)

A. Announcements

- 1) Leadership changes at the State, including Dr. Howard Backer retiring as EMSA Medical Director and Dr. Karen Smith leaving as Public Health Officer
- 2) Importance of QI Process; need your help to collect data to inform system improvements, e.g. trending of physician variations may lead to changes in standing orders during next protocol revision

B. Surveillance

- 1) Influenza – Migrant Caravan Activities
 - a. 13,630 public health screenings from mid-December until the end of June; Screenings are now being administered by UCSD
 - i. Less than 1% referred to Emergency Departments, however, many were referred to mobile clinics, and only a handful via 911. Screenings kept emergency care system resources intact.
 - b. As of the end of June, 235 cases of Influenza-Like Illness (ILI) in shelter from families seeking asylum flown in from Texas.
 - c. Implementation of a new prehospital ILI monitoring tool to ensure no spillover into community
 - d. <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-responds-to-flu-outbreak-at-migrant-shelter/>
- 2) Measles
 - a. Highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000, however, no cases reported in San Diego.
 - b. Measles Memo from May 3
 - i. To protect both workers and the public, prehospital providers involved in direct patient care activities should have documentation of measles immunity, confirmed either by receipt of 2 MMR vaccinations or IgG positive serology. We are not prescribing how you collect/maintain that documentation nor do we know what public health would accept, however, if personnel are exposed to measles, they may be subject to quarantine until they can demonstrate immunity and could potentially be removed from patient care duties from day 5 to day 21 following exposure.
 - ii. Remember that asymptomatic persons infected with measles can transmit the disease.
 - iii. Also, disease transmission can occur without any direct patient exposure simply by entering a room where an infected person has been.
 - iv. Measles PPE requires N-95 or equivalent due to it being airborne transmission.
 - v. County established webpage:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html
- 3) Other Surveillance
 - a. Has been very busy, e.g. Ebola monitoring in DRC of HCW, mumps (individuals in custody of ICE at border), STEC at County Fair, RMSF, and more, e.g. Phase 2 of the heat plan – ended Monday

C. Policies and Protocols

- 1) Ketamine
 - a. Confirmed okay to administer ketamine intranasally, even though it is “off label”, as we do for many other drugs; Appreciate data from our military partners; Developed LOSOP application that went through a comprehensive process, approved by EMSA medical director after scope of practice committee, EMDAC, and EMS Commission review.
 - b. Push your ketamine SLOWLY; Use for analgesia only, not for sedation or drug-facilitated intubation.
- 2) Prehospital 12-lead EKG transmission strongly encouraged (Policy S-126); working with Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) and Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee on improving systems to facilitate (goal to decrease false positive activations of CATH Lab)

- 3) Review of Unified Optional Scope for Qualified Transport Providers draft policy; approved by EMSA for our LOSOP on February 20, 2019 for 3 years (through February 28, 2022).

D. Initiatives

- 1) For situational awareness, EMSA is establishing a statewide STEMI and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee
- 2) Also, for situational awareness, the National Forest Service has plans to initiate EMS within the bounds of the NFS, similar to National Park Service (NPS)
 - a. Serve fireline providers; Do not intend to serve public
 - b. No ALS (for now)
 - c. No transport
- 3) EMSA released the draft paramedic regs for public comment; include transport to alternate destinations, such as behavioral health centers and sobering centers
 - a. Second round public comment closed on June 26; potential to go out for 3rd round of comments
 - b. Timeline: Moves to commission in September (meeting is in San Diego on September 18th) or December; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve or deny
 - c. <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2019/06/EMSA-Paramedic-Regulations-15-Day-Notice.pdf>
- 4) San Francisco EMS pilot program proposal for EMS naloxone distribution (Project “FRIEND” for First Responder Increased Education and Naloxone Distribution) presented at state meetings last week; we are exploring internally whether we would participate (not until next protocol cycle) – welcome your input
- 5) Cardiac Arrest Survival Data – looking forward to Dr. Schwartz’s report today
- 6) EBM Presentations posted online at Medical Director’s page
 - a. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html

E. Additional Information (Susan Smith, EMS Coordinator)

No Report

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Mark Branning)

No report

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

Council will be meeting tomorrow (July 17, 2019) to discuss hot wash following Federal No-Notice Disaster Drill.

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

- 1) CARES Data Review Presentation
 - a. National, State, and County data comparisons
 - b. Handout distributed with further CARES information
- 2) Next Steps: Further review with individual agencies and County EMS

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

- A-200: Air Medical Treatment Protocol Unified Scope of Practice for California
 - Follows the standardized policy from EMDAC to ensure compliance with local optional scope of practice requirements
 - Reviewed by EMCC Hospital/Prehospital Committee already; BSPC approved policy.

VIII. LUNCHTIME EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION – Tobin Miller, DNP, MSM/Ed., RN, CEN, CCRN, CFRN, Critical Care Transport Program Educator/AMR San Diego Operations “Cardiac Assist Devices in Transport and the ED”

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

N/A

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 12:00 PM at Sharp Tech Way Building (8520 Tech Way, Rooms 124 & 125, San Diego, CA 92123).