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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
October 15, 2019

Minutes

Members Present

Donofrio, D.O., Joelle – Rady Children's
BHMD
Farah, M.D., Jenny – UCSD BHMD
Fischer, M.D., Andy – Tri-City BHMD
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Scripps La Jolla BHMD
Hums
Kahn, M.D., Chris – City of SD Medical
Director/UCSD Agency
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Marsan
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP Director
Scott, M.D., Christopher
Vilke
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont

County Staff

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

In Attendance

Baird, Robert – USBP
Baldwin, Cliff – AMR CES
Benjamin, Stephanie – UCSD
Bey, Christian – UCSD
Chavez, Dan – San Diego Health Connect
Clark, R.N., Amy – Palomar Medical Center
Collins, Marissa – TCMC
Cote, R.N., Chara – Tri-City Medical Center
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy
Dickenson, Brittany – NMW
Duffy, Jenny – San Marcos Fire
Enloe, Robin – Sharp
Froelich, Dan – SDFD
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Harrey, Warren – NMCSO EM
Hoover, Ann – UCSD
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Lee, Katherine – NMCSO EM
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
McFarland, Jeanne – Escondido
McGuire, Ruth – SDFD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Neill, Mark – Reach Air
Noste, Evin – UCSD
Pearson, R.N., Danielle – Vista Fire
Pearson, Nathan
Pierce, R.N., Jodi
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Sloane, M.D., Christian – Mercy Air/North Zone JPA
Smith, Zechariah
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Mercy BHNC
Walrath
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 September 12, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

III. COUNTY REPORT (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Announcement: New EMSA medical director sworn in shortly after EMDAC meeting, Dr. Dave Duncan (from Cal Fire)

A. Surveillance

1. Influenza

- a. FluWatch updated weekly; started 2 weeks early this season due to concern for increased activity <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/InfluenzaWatch.pdf>
- b. As of October 9: 266 cases, 2 deaths, 1 outbreak
- c. Health Officer Order for Influenza Vaccination Program or Masking of Healthcare Personnel during Annual Influenza Season remains in effect <http://www.sdiz.org/documents/HCP/SDIB-Bulletins/Health-Officer-Order-Mandatory-Vaccination-or-Masking-FINAL.PDF>
- d. This order is ongoing indefinitely and applies to the each and future influenza season unless the order is rescinded. For purposes of this order, the influenza season is defined as **November 1 to March 31** of the following year. In any given year, if influenza surveillance data demonstrate unusually early and/or late peaks, the Health Officer may extend the period during which the masking program shall apply for that year. This means as of November 1 (at the latest) healthcare providers must be vaccinated or wear a mask.
- e. No more Jury Duty letters (not needed to defer service)

2. Ebola

- a. New article shows cases are drastically decreasing in Democratic Republic of Congo, potential end in sight
- b. As of August 14: 3220 cases, 2150 deaths, 1032 survivors

3. Vaping Associated Pulmonary Injury (VAPI)

- a. CAHAN August 28
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf
- b. State and County websites update every Thursday
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html
- c. Board of Supervisors meeting to today to discuss outlawing vaping in unincorporated areas of the County
- d. As of October 8, 2019: 1,299 lung injury cases associated with the use of e-cigarette, or vaping, products have been reported to CDC from 49 states, the District of Columbia, and 1 U.S. territory.
- e. As of October 10, 2019, there have been 25 confirmed and probable VAPI cases reported among San Diego County residents. All cases were hospitalized and there have been no deaths. Ages of patients have ranged from 17 to 70 years, with a median age of 35 years, and 54% have been male.
- f. Twenty-six deaths have been confirmed in 21 states.
- g. No infectious etiology has been determined for these VAPI cases. Most cases reported vaping cannabis or cannabidiol (CBD) oils.
- h. Patients typically present to the hospital with cough, difficulty breathing, fever, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.
- i. All cases in California have been hospitalized, with most requiring respiratory support with supplemental oxygen, high-flow oxygen, or bi-level positive airway pressure (BiPAP). At least ten patients had respiratory failure requiring mechanical ventilation.

4. Other surveillance – has been very busy, e.g. measles, mumps (cases increasing also in Baja California), heat, fire alerts/power outages

B. Policies and Protocols

1. Beginning of new comprehensive protocol review cycle for implementation July 1, 2020
2. Some exciting topics to consider, e.g., push dose epi as a potential replacement for dopamine, capnography in sepsis
3. In public comment period through COB November 1, 2019 (Send completed CoSD Treatment Protocols Comment Form to: Cheryl Pacheco, R.N., EMS Quality Assurance Specialist, 619-285-6504 at cheryl.pacheco@sdcounty.ca.gov.)
4. Protocol Task Force meets in November 15th. Representatives have been solicited.

C. Initiatives

1. Paramedic Regs
 - a. Draft paramedic regs went out for 4th 15-day comment period that ended September 28th, however, alternate destination language has been REMOVED
 - b. 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to the latest draft
 - c. Will go to EMS Commission in December for approval; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
 - d. Legislation (AB 1544) moved to a 2-year bill, meaning it will not be considered this cycle
2. Community Paramedicine
 - a. OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through November 2020
3. New State Stroke and STEMI Tactical Advisory Committee (TAC) established – Lorraine Calzone, RN from County EMS has been appointed
4. Strangulation Initiative
 - a. Collaboration between County PHO and DA on this deadly form of DV
 - b. Press Conference on Oct 15th and all-day training for healthcare staff (train-the-trainers) on Oct 16th
5. ED SART guidelines have been distributed
6. 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan
 - a. Distributed on October 3rd
 - b. Asking each ED to report daily numbers at shift change
 - c. ONE time only at shift change – enter data into resource bridge
 - d. Base hospitals have good compliance, but overall about half the hospitals NOT reporting
 - e. Contains new working definition of ED BH Holds
7. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
 - a. Looking forward to today's presentation on Kawasaki's disease
 - b. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html
8. NIOSH Illicit Drug Toolkit for First Responders
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/fentanyl/toolkit.html>
 - b. Video 1 (First 6 minutes or so of 13-minutes)
 - i. Body cam footage that shows what happens when an officer is exposed to illicit drugs like fentanyl and provides recommendations on how other officers and responders can prevent it from happening to them

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Mark Branning)

A. Cal LEMSA SAFR Grant

1. Kickoff meeting with State first week in November
2. Hoping to have schedule prepared to present at November BSPC Meeting to connect remaining emergency departments with remaining agencies, SAFR Workflow 'File-and-Reconcile'
3. Extended to every ED in County starting in November, must be concluded by June 2021

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

A. Wildfire presentation, focusing on resiliency and sustainability

B. Workplace violence and procedures for termination of employees

1. Presentation by Brad Long about radiation detectors and hospital procedures
2. Results of HVA (Hazardous Vulnerability Assessment) for facilities that submitted data
3. Great Shakeout will be held on October 17
4. Food/water policy for facilities – formula to determine resources needed for staff/patients, safety officers calculate it

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

- A. Data collection forms sent out a while ago, received limited responses; will send out again with reminder to complete
- B. RQI (Resuscitation Quality Improvement): strategic partnership between American Heart Association, Laerdal, and Resuscitation Academy (in Seattle)
 - 1. Four times per year training/assessment vs. every two years, which AHA has approved as sufficient training for BLS or ACLS; potentially cheaper for organizations
 - 2. Future discussion to come and possible presentation to provide additional information

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

- A. S-413 – MCI Policy Presentation, Brian Covell
 - 1. MCI Patient Report has seven (7) components:
 - a. Patient number, if assigned
 - b. Triage Color
 - c. Transporting Unit
 - d. Destination and ETA
 - e. If available, age (adult or pediatric)
 - f. If available, gender
 - g. If available, primary impression & pertinent findings
 - 2. Utilization of QA Process following event to determine if scene was MCI or if personnel did not gather information accurately
 - 3. Discussed the following:
 - a. Changing standard report to be the same as MCI Report (will need to have further discussion with hospitals, concern of missing information in less severe cases)
 - b. Hospital understanding that prehospital personnel not always having full details/information to relay
 - c. Terminology of Multiple vs. Mass

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

N/A

IX. LUNCHTIME EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION – Adriana Tremoulet, MD

“Kawasaki’s Disease”

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/EMS/Medical_Director_Report/EMS_KD_Oct%202019.pdf

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2019.