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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) MEETING

Steven Weinstein, M.D., Chairperson
Sharp Spectrum Auditorium
8695 Spectrum Center Court, San Diego, CA 92123
Tuesday, July 17, 2018

Minutes

Members Present

Cardall, M.D., Taylor – Scripps La Jolla BHMD
Donofrio, D.O., Joelle – City of SD Assistant
Medical Director/Rady Children's'
Farah, M.D., Jenny – UCSD BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – City of SD Medical
Director/UCSD
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
Bradley, Joseph – Tri-City BHMD
Vilke, M.D., Gary – Carlsbad Fire
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Koenig, M.D., Kristi – EMS Medical Director
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Smith, Ph.D., Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

In Attendance

Aker, Daniel -- AMR
Baird, Robert - USBP
Branning, Mark – San Diego Health Connect
Cheng, M.D., Tabitha – UCSD
Cote, R.N., Chara – Tri-City Medical Center
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD BHNC
Garrow, Jennifer – American Heart Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Ctr BHNC
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Maisonet, Scott -- USBP
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Murphy, R.N., Mary – Carlsbad Fire Department
Pierce, Jodi - SDFD
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe - SDFD
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – CSA-17
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Mercy BHNC
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC
Wilson, Greg – North County Fire

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from June 19, 2018. Motion carried.

3. COUNTY REPORT (Dr. Koenig)

A. Surveillance

The monthly epidemiology communicable disease report came out yesterday. The highest number of cases were with pertussis. Attendees were reminded to get vaccinated. The next pertussis epidemic is expected this year or next.

B. Policies and Protocols

- 1) At the EMS Commission meeting, there was unanimous agreement to move ketamine from the trial study status to local optional scope. An application has been submitted to the state to implement ketamine for analgesia in low doses.
- 2) Pediatric intubation was removed statewide from the ground paramedic scope of practice July 1, 2018. The state is reviewing air ambulances systems to continue with pediatric intubation within their scope of practice.

C. Initiatives

The County Capacity Plan manages the influx of patients from influenza in the hospital and prehospital settings. The capacity plan has been expanded to an all hazard plan called the 'All Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan' and will be in place prior to the upcoming flu season.

D. Additional Information: (Susan Smith, R.N.)

1) Establishing a notification email with the agencies.

The agreement requires notification for certain non-urgent issues including unit service out of order, or fire line medics leaving the county. The email address is emsnotification.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov.

2) Radio reports.

Protocol implementation is this month. Information such as IV acetaminophen administration must be reported to the base; this medication required a local optional scope application and therefore we are required to collect data to report back to the state as a requirement of the approval.

3) Physician variation clarification.

Direct medical direction as opposed to working under standing orders when under the authority of Dr. Koenig.

4) New protocol clarification.

Meredith Mahoney will send out an email to clarify questions regarding the new protocols.

5) Topics of discussion:

- Acetaminophen protocol separate from morphine and fentanyl. Separate protocol for ketamine.
- IV acetaminophen documentation and reporting.
- Fentanyl refusal by patients.

4. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

No significant updates.

5. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Chris Wells, R.N.)

The disaster drill on November 15 will be based on a SARS infection.

6. CARDIAC ARREST TASK FORCE (Brad Schwartz, M.D.)

- A. Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) will be added to the Cardiac Arrest Task Force committee. Counties will share cost for a state CARES coordinator.

B. New Pulse Point application.

There is a new module process called ‘verified responders’ to notify “first responders” of nearby cardiac arrests including those in private residences. Verified responders are provided the exact location of every incident in the jurisdiction including residential name when available.

7. CORE MEASURES PRESENTATION (Joshua Smith, Senior Epidemiologist)

A. History of core measures

Core measures are EMS based indicators that each LEMSA reports to the state each year. Data collection started in 2012 and was based on NEMSIS required data fields.

B. Definition

Core measures are a set of standardized performance measures that are intended to examine an EMS system or treatment of an identified patient condition.

E. Purpose

The primary purpose is to develop a mechanism to reflect as accurately as possible local EMS activity so EMSA can better fulfil its obligation to assess the effectiveness of emergency medical services and provide quality improvement information.

D. Summary of the presentation:

- System performance
- Categories of core measures
- Listed core measures
- Modification of core measures and measurement
- Mandatory and required fields.
- Documentation and training
- Use of data
- Issues: Data collection, field practice and written reports

8. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/NEXT MEETING

- Next meeting is September 18, 2018
- Continue discussion and information on core measures
- Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

9. LUNCHTIME EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION (Kim Delahanty, R.N., BSN, PHN, MBA/HCM, CIC, FAPIC, Administrative Director, Infection Prevention/Clinical Epidemiology and TB Control at UC San Diego Health System.)

Topic: Hand Hygiene and glove use regulations, guidelines and standards. OSHA and CDC guidelines