



# County of San Diego

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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**

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

### Minutes

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1  
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts' Association  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

#### In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide  
Forney, Paul – AMR  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Rios, Matt – Miramar  
Sloan, Christian – Mercy Air  
Vilke, Gary – North Zone  
Yates, Judith - HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Emergency Nurses' Association  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society\*  
San Diego County Paramedic Association

\*Representative positions vacant

#### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Sigmund, Justin  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer  
Velasco, Anjelica

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell**

The subcommittee met but there was no quorum. However, the subcommittee thoroughly went through Policy S-010 and made some recommendations. It is still in Ad hoc, therefore any stakeholders who are interested in making adjustments or providing suggestions are encouraged to attend the next meeting Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Policy S-010 will then be brought forward to EMCC with the recommendation for approval.

Dr. Kahn is proposing an Ad hoc meeting for Policy P-801. Nicole del Toro will send out an email to the EMCC group for any interested participants.

### **B. Education/Research Subcommittee**

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Andy Parr**

The Bylaws will be ready in November.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

Dave Duncan, formerly with Cal Fire, has been announced as the new EMSA Medical Director and look forward to working with him at the state level.

#### **1) Influenza**

- i. FluWatch updated weekly (started 2 weeks early this season)  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/InfluenzaWatch.pdf>
- ii. As of October 23, 335 cases, 2 deaths, 1 outbreak
- iii. 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>
- iv. 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) you must be vaccinated or wear a mask.

- v. Reminder, no more Jury Duty letters (not needed to defer service)
  - b. Ebola
    - i. WHO Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) met on October 18 to review current EVD outbreak in the DRC
    - ii. Risk remains very high at national & regional levels but still low at global level
    - iii. Shift in hot spots from urban setting to more rural, hard-to-reach communities, across a more concentrated geographical area
    - iv. Ring vaccination strategy is proving efficient and successful
    - v. Ebola remains a PHEIC (Director General accepted Committee recommendation); will reassess within 3 months
  - c. VAPI = Vaping Associated Pulmonary Injury
    - i. CAHAN August 28  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications\\_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf)
    - ii. State and County websites update every Thursday  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html)
    - iii. **As of October 24, 2019, there have been 30 confirmed and probable VAPI cases reported among San Diego County residents.** All cases were hospitalized and there have been no deaths. Ages of patients ranged from 17 to 70 years, with a median age of 32.5 years, and 60% have been male.
    - iv. BOS meeting outlawed vaping in unincorporated areas of the County
    - v. No infectious etiology has been determined for these VAPI cases. Most cases reported vaping cannabis or cannabidiol (CBD) oils.
    - vi. Patients typically present to the hospital with cough, difficulty breathing, fever, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.
  - d. Other surveillance – has been very busy, e.g. measles (recent Disneyland exposure October 16), mumps (cases increasing also in Baja California), heat, fire alerts/power outages (PSPS)
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. Beginning of new comprehensive protocol review cycle for implementation July 1, 2020
  - b. Some topics being discussed includes push dose epi as a potential replacement for dopamine, capnography in sepsis
  - c. In public comment period through COB November 1, 2019 (Send completed CoSD Treatment Protocols Comment Form to: Cheryl Pacheco, RN, EMS Quality Assurance Specialist, (619)285-6504 [cheryl.pacheco@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:cheryl.pacheco@sdcounty.ca.gov))
  - d. Protocol Task Force meets in November 15<sup>th</sup>. Representatives have been solicited.
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Paramedic Regs
    - i. Draft paramedic regs went out for 4<sup>th</sup> 15-day comment period that ended September 28<sup>th</sup>, HOWEVER, alternate destination language has been REMOVED
    - ii. 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to latest draft and will go to EMS Commission in December for approval. Once the

- Commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
- b. Community Paramedicine
    - i. OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through November 2020
  - c. New State Stroke and STEMI TAC established – Lorraine Calzone, RN from County EMS has been appointed!
  - d. Strangulation Initiative
    - i. Collaboration between County PHO & DA on this deadly form of DV
    - ii. Press Conference Oct 15th
    - iii. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - All day training for healthcare staff (train-the-trainers)
  - e. ED SART guidelines have been distributed
  - f. 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan
    - i. Distributed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - ii. Asking each ED to report daily numbers at shift change
    - iii. ONE time only at shift change – enter data into resource bridge
    - iv. Base hospitals have good compliance, but overall about half the hospitals NOT reporting
    - v. Contains new working definition of ED BH Holds
  - g. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
    - i. This month's presentation was on Kawasaki disease; next month is sepsis  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

#### **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Procurements – The County continues to move forward on the procurements. San Marcos RFP has been released via BuyNet. The Unified Service Area RFP is to be released in the coming weeks.
- 2) Sidewalk CPR – Reminding and asking agencies to keep track of who they are training on CPR for reporting in the spring. County EMS will send the agencies a tickler.
- 3) EMCC Roster – The roster contains membership status, terms/expiration and organizations being represented. It is up to the members to keep track of their membership. The roster is now placed on the back of the agenda and will be posted there on all future agendas.
- 4) Policy P-801 Ad Hoc meeting – Nicole del Toro will send an email from Dr. Kahn to the EMCC group asking for interested participants.
- 5) EMCC venue for 2020 – EMCC meeting is being considered to move to another location based on our room size, capacity and makeup of EMCC.
- 6) November EMCC date – November's meeting will take place on November 21, 2019 instead of November 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Reminder there is no meeting in December.

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#### **VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith**

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September's data now shows the LEMSIS Agencies TOC time stamp flowing into First Watch data. Due to many requests, the LEMSIS data is also kept separate, and remains looking the same; continues to have four (4) different dashboards. Several agencies are now at 100%. There has been a significant jump in total compliance, from 64.4% to 68.4% as a result of this PCR data.

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## **VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

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Trauma Policies T-708 (Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System) and T-711 (De-designation of a Trauma Center) are not yet ready for Committee review.

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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. Bylaws (Disaster Committee) – should be ready and back in November.
  - B. S-010 – Ad hoc meeting met; look forward to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.
  - C. P-801 – Dr. Kahn intends to have an Ad hoc meeting as soon as he gets a list of participants. Nicole del Toro will send out an email to the EMCC group.
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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. The November meeting will be moved from the fourth Thursday to the third Thursday due to Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will now be on November 21, 2019.
  - B. Reminder that EMCC is dark in August and December.
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## **X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

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