



# 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, November 21, 2019**

#### Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3  
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)  
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1  
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

Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD  
Idman-Gervais, Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Murphy, Mary – NCFPD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – San Diego FD  
Rice, Mike – AMR  
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Vilke, Gary – North Zone

#### Not in Attendance

District 2  
District 5  
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Ambulance Association  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
San Diego Fire Districts’ Association  
San Diego County Paramedic Association

#### County Staff

Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Hrubovcak, Wendy  
Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Osth, Cory  
Parr, Andy  
Sigmund, Justin  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Velasco, Anjelica

\*Representative positions vacant

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

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. An announcement was made introducing Dan Froelich and Danielle Pearson as the new EMCC members representing County Paramedic Agencies Committee (CPAC).

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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 Catherine McJannet, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the October 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

- T-716: Repatriation of Stable Trauma Service Health Plan Members – This policy was reviewed and there were changes to be made; went back to County staff to make the changes; will go back through the MAC process, then back to Prehospital and EMCC.
- T-718: Public Information and Education on Trauma Systems – This policy was approved by the subcommittee to move forward to EMCC.
- S-010: Guidelines for Hospitals requesting Ambulance Diversion – The group had a long discussion and additional changes were suggested. This policy went back to County staff to make the changes and will come back to Prehospital in January.

### B. Education/Research Subcommittee

Did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee

Did not meet. The Bylaws are not ready and will be brought back in January.

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## V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

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

#### 1) Surveillance

##### a. Influenza

- i. FluWatch updated weekly (started 2 weeks early this season)  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/InfluenzaWatch.pdf>
- ii. As of November 20, 614 cases, 3 deaths, 4 outbreaks
- 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.
  - b. Other surveillance – Ebola, VAPI, measles (Disneyland exposure October 16), mumps (cases increasing also in Baja California), heat, fire alerts/power outages (PSPS), wound botulism from Black Tar heroin
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. Protocol review underway for implementation July 1, 2020
    - i. Public comment period closed November 1, 2019; Protocol Task Force met November 15th. Comments being reviewed
    - ii. Hospital diversion policy under review
  - b. CDC issued updated guidance for TB screening among healthcare workers in May, 2019 ([https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6819a3\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm?s_cid=mm6819a3_w)). The largest change in these recommendations include a move away from annual TB testing for most health care workers.
    - i. Updated 2019 CDC recommendations on Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel have not been adopted in the State of California and the current regulations are still applicable. Here is a link to a statement from the California TB Controllers Association regarding this topic: <https://ctca.org/wp-content/uploads/CTCAresponseMay2019.pdf>
    - ii. Regulations regarding annual TB testing among healthcare workers in California include 1) Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, owned by the Licensing and Certification (L&C) Branch of the California Department of Public Health; and 2) Title 8 of the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard owned by CalOSHA.
    - iii. In August 2019, L&C issued an All Facilities Letter (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-19-28.aspx>) allowing health care facilities to submit a TB Program Flexibility request to their local L&C district office to follow new CDC guidelines (they anticipate updating Title 22 in the future). Questions about L&C flexibility requests, contact your district L&C office: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/DistrictOffices.aspx>)
    - iv. CalOSHA ATD Standards currently requires offering TB testing and performing a TB assessment annually for applicable healthcare workers (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5199.html>). CalOSHA is currently working on an update to this policy, but the content and the date of the update are not yet known. Questions about ATD CalOSHA requirements, contact CalOSHA district office (link: [https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation\\_offices.html](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation_offices.html)) or phone # 1(800) 963-9424
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Paramedic Regs

- i. 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
  - ii. Alternate destination language has been REMOVED
  - iii. 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to the latest draft
  - iv. Expecting legislative proposals for alternate destination authority for paramedics in Jan 2020
- b. Community Paramedicine
  - i. OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through November 2020
  - ii. ET3 Model RFA Review Process, Model Go-Live Date Change, and NOFO Information
  - iii. IMPORTANT TIMELINE UPDATE: The Model Go-Live Date has been pushed back to Spring 2020, from original anticipated date of January 2020. Once the application review process is finished and applicants are selected to participate in the Model, this delay will allow more time for selected participants to review the terms and conditions of the Model and set up partnerships needed to implement ET3 Model interventions. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) where 911 dispatch systems will apply to establish/expand a medical triage line is expected to be announced shortly after this date.
- 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 16th - All day training for healthcare staff (train-the-trainers)
  - iv. Webinars being scheduled for 2020
- e. 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan
  - i. Distributed on October 3rd
  - ii. Asking each ED to report daily numbers at shift change ONE time only at shift change – enter data into resource bridge
  - iii. Base hospitals have good compliance, but overall about half the hospitals NOT reporting
  - iv. Contains new working definition of ED BH Holds
  - v. KPBS news story Nov 1:  
<https://www.kpbs.org/news/2019/nov/01/san-diego-county-hospitals-tracking-data-get-ahead/>
- f. County Integrated Services Division received 2 trauma-related grants from the state California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) (through NHTSA) through 9/30/2020
  - i. Awarded \$225,000 to fund programs that educate parents and guardians on child passenger safety
  - ii. Awarded \$75,000 grant for a year-long program aimed at improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and scooter riders
- g. GEDA Press Conference December 9<sup>th</sup>
- h. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
  - i. This month's presentation was on sepsis
  - ii. [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 – City of San Marcos and the Unified Service Area are open for bids.
- 2) EMCC Venue Change for 2020 – A different location, such as the Clairemont area, is being planned for EMCC meetings for 2020. County staff will send out advance notice of the new location before the next meeting in January. Subcommittee meetings will remain at the County EMS office.
  - a. EMCC Representative Update – The EMCC Membership Roster is listed on the back of the agenda listing who the representatives are.

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

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Josh demonstrated an updated TOC dashboard. The update includes two new columns that will be added:

- Time @ Hospital > 90 min county
- Average Drop Time Last 4 hours

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

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- A. T-708: Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System
- B. T-711: De-designation of a Trauma Center
- C. T-718: Public Information and Education on Trauma Systems

These policies have been reviewed and approved at Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting.

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Chris Wells to approve policies T-708, T-711 and T-718 with the only change to remove the word “minimum” from Policy T-718. Motion carried.**

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**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. Bylaws – The bylaws are not completed. The changes will be brought back to EMCC in January.
- B. S-010 Status Update – This policy was reviewed by Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. It had some additional changes. Will go back to County staff to make the changes and will be brought back to Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee.
- C. P-801 Status Update – Dr. Kahn will host an ad hoc committee meeting immediately after today’s EMCC meeting.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. Venue change for 2020 – County staff will send out an email with advance notice of the new location for EMCC.
- B. Reminder that EMCC is routinely dark in August and December. If there is a need for a meeting during this time, a special meeting can be called on or the Executive Committee can meet.

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**X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2020.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.