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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, July 25, 2019

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Blacksberg, David – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association (Alt)
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Nevin, Jon – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide
Bey, Christian – UCSD
deKlerk, Maude – RCCP
Froelich, Dan – CPAC
Heiser, Chris – SDFD
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Parker, Seth – CARE
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD
Rios, Matt – Miramar
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 3
American Red Cross
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement Agencies
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*

County Staff

del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Sigmund, Justin
Smith, Ph.D., Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Velasco, Anjelica
Yphantides, M.D., Nick

*Representative positions vacant

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. An announcement was made to delete agenda item number VIII, A, as it was a duplicate item added in error.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christopher Kahn, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the June 27, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The Subcommittee met. Will discuss Policy A-200 at today's EMCC meeting. Also reviewed Policy S-010, formed an informal Subcommittee of the Prehospital Subcommittee, and will meet for additional review today after EMCC meeting.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

Did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg

The Bylaws were approved by the subcommittee. Additional review discovered another area to be looked, which needs to be run through County Counsel. Therefore, the bylaws are not yet ready for distribution.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

1) Surveillance:

a. Influenza

- i. Influenza is still circulating in the community at about 25 cases a week
- ii. Latest report from shelter posted July 1; no change from 235 ILI cases
- iii. Possibly receiving 2 flights/week from Texas so continuing to monitor
- iv. UCSD has assumed the health screenings as of July 1 and has reported 3 ILI cases recently (county performed 13,630 screenings)
- v. <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-responds-to-flu-outbreak-at-migrant-shelter/>

b. Measles

- i. No cases in San Diego, but more than 1,000 across the U.S.
 - ii. Infected people can spread measles to others from four days before through four days after the rash appears
 - iii. Vaccination is the best way to prevent it
 - iv. August is dark for EMCC, but it is NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH!
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- v. CDC released updated guidelines in July 2019 for infection prevention and control in HC settings
 - o Ensure healthcare personnel have presumptive evidence of immunity
 - o HCP include EMS personnel
 - vi. <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/Measles-Interim-IC-Recs-H.pdf>
 - vii. Consistent with our May 3 Memo: 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.
 - viii. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html
 - c. Ebola outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018
 - i. WHO declared PHEIC on July 17 following the first case in Goma (a city bordering Rwanda with an international airport)
 - ii. Only the 5th time for such a declaration (2009 H1N1, 2014 Polio, 2014 Ebola, 2016 Zika virus)
 - iii. CAHAN July 17
 - iv. > 2500 confirmed or probable cases with 140 HCWs infected; 40 died (2 community HCWs have been murdered; ongoing unstable security)
 - v. Experimental vaccine highly effective (but in short supply)
 - vi. Regional risk of spread is high, but global risk remains low
 - vii. County PH monitored a portion of the 21-day Ebola monitoring of a HCW returning from treating Ebola patients in West Africa
 - viii. Rady Children Hospital and Cedars Sinai in LA for adults
 - d. Mumps
 - i. Circulating in the community; local transmission is occurring
 - ii. CAHAN July 19 Health Advisory Update: Mumps and Acute Parotitis in San Diego
 - iii. Outbreak (7 cases) in local ICE facility
 - iv. Sporadic cases in the county (23 so far this year, a 25-year high)
 - e. Other surveillance – has been very busy, e.g. STEC at county fair, RMSF, and more, e.g., Phase 2 of the heat plan a couple of times since we last met
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. New policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) effective July 1
 - b. Unified Optional Scope for Qualified Transport Providers approved by EMSA for our LOSOP on February 20, 2019 for 3 years. (Through February 28, 2022). Will request your input later in the agenda on the draft protocol.
 - c. Prehospital 12-lead EKG transmission strongly encouraged (S-126); working with CAC and EMCC subcommittee on improving systems to facilitate.
 - d. Looking forward to input on the diversion policy.
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Cardiac Arrest Task Force
 - i. Shared best practice power point previously
 - ii. This month at BSPC, Dr. Brad Schwartz (prior chair) presented the 2018 CARES data at July's BSPC meeting.

- b. EMSA is establishing a state STEMI & Stroke Technical Advisory Committee
 - i. We have nominated our coordinator (albeit there was no call for nominations)
- c. EMSA has released the draft paramedic regs for public comment; include transport to alternate destinations like psych and sobering centers – challenge if legislation also passes (Gipson AB 1544 - Community Paramedicine)
 - i. Additional modifications have been made to the proposed regulation text, and those modifications shall be open to public comment for a second 15-day comment period beginning on Monday, July 29 and ending on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Moves to Commission in September (San Diego, Sept 18th) or December; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
 - ii. <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2019/06/EMSA-Paramedic-Regulations-15-Day-Modified-Text.pdf>
- d. SART is one of the programs we oversee
 - i. Palomar Health Forensic Health Services maintains a 24/7 service, with trauma informed private locations throughout the county to provide Sexual Assault Forensic Exams after medical stabilization
 - ii. We are working with local EDs to improve preservation of forensic evidence collection, e.g. ensuring that patients avoid hand washing and genital wiping prior to evidence collection
- e. GEDA = Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation
 - i. ACEP initiative with 3 levels
 - ii. We are working with Second District Supervisor (Jacob) to explore seeking accreditation in our county EDs
 - iii. Currently UCSD Jacobs Medical Center is accredited at highest level 1; Alvarado at level 3
 - iv. Do not anticipate any changes in destination decisions
- f. EBM presentations posted on line at medical director page
 - i. This month's topic was on VAD
 - ii. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) LEMSIS Elite – Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed work on Third Party Vendor integration will resume.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements – Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website.
 - 911 – Ground Ambulance Transport Procurements
 - National City RFP has been paused at the request of National City
 - San Marcos is active and working its way through the lengthy approval process. Estimated public release of the RFP is: as soon as possible.
 - USA (3 procurements) is working its way through the lengthy procurement/ approval process. Estimated public release of the RFP: Late Summer

For additional information, you can log on and register at County of San Diego Purchasing and Contracting website called BuyNet.
- 3) BLS Providers and ambulances – For BLS providers, AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
- 4) Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same

as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86.

- 5) Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) meeting in September will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 12:00pm at the Sharp Tech Way Building. Flyers with this information were included in the meeting packets.
- 6) All are welcome to attend the HHSA Live Well San Diego 5K & Kids 1-Mile Fun Run held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the Waterfront Park.
- 7) EMT Renewal – Effective July 1, 2019, EMTs who are renewing their certification must upload evidence of having received training in naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training must have been provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or by an approved CE provider. The required documentation is a CE or course completion certificate AND a skills verification form is mandatory to document the EMT must have received formal didactic and skills training (and testing).

C. MCSD Report – Nick Yphantides, MD

Updates were provided regarding the migrant dynamic at the border. Based on the good collaboration between the County, UCSD and the other federally qualified health centers, as of July 1, 2019, the County has turned over the point lead of the screening process to UCSD. The state of California will be eventually subsidizing UCSD for that support. The volume has dropped, but there are still issues. The county is fully involved for anything related to communicable diseases.

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

- o The newly created Medical Care Services Division (MCSD) website was shown, which includes EMS's programs and units.
- o TOC numbers hit an all-time high of 63% in June.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Status Report)

A. A-200: Air Medical Treatment Protocol Unified Scope of Practice for California

BSPC approved A-200 last month; the application was approved for San Diego County. It was discovered that it also needed to be in protocol and policy. It is now in 200.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service

The committee has requested Policy P-801 be reviewed. Justin Sigmund, student intern with EMS, is currently working on breaking up the policy into a number of sections so we can go through it one section at a time. Anticipated date back to the Prehospital Subcommittee to go through the policy is September. The hot buttons are requirements that two paramedics respond to an emergency call and response times.

B. S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

To be discussed by the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting following this meeting. To continue as an Old Business agenda item; not yet completed.

- C. At the request of EMCC, the subcommittee assignments are on the back of the agenda, as a reminder.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.