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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

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Christine Wells, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imperial Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – Co Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D. Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

District 1
American Red Cross
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement*
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*
San Diego County Medical Society*
San Diego County Paramedic Association
San Diego Fire Chiefs' Association*
San Diego Fire Districts' Association

In Attendance

deKlerk, Maude - RCCP
Duffy, Jennifer - SMFD
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance
Marugg, James – San Miguel Fire
Yates, Judith – Hosp. Assoc. SD/Imp Co.

County Staff

Christison, Brian
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andy
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
Smith, PhD, Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)
Yphantides, M.D., Nick

*Representative positions vacant

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Introductions were made. Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer introduced herself.

Dr. Nick Yphantides announce that the 'Live Well' 5K run is scheduled for Sunday, July 29, 2018 at County Administration. The theme will be "Every Day Hero's". Last year there were 3,000 participants.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Scott to approve the minutes from January 25, 2018. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

1. Daryn Drum nominated Frank Parra for EMCC Chair, seconded by Stephen Abbott. Motion carried.
2. Mary Meadows-Pitt nominated Chara Cote for EMCC Vice-Chair, second by Stephen Abbott. Motion carried.

B. Committee Assignment Review – Jim Kirkpatrick

A list of 2018 EMCC Subcommittee assignments was confirmed.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

1. Offload issues were discussed.
2. Policies were reviewed and brought forward today for EMCC review and approval.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

1. Education/Research Subcommittee meetings were changed to every other month after the full EMCC meeting.
2. The subcommittee will be watching legislative bills.
3. Currently there is one program operating for the trial studies in San Diego County. Participation has been limited.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

1. Disaster/Operations subcommittee has not met.
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2. There is a Disaster Exercise scheduled on April 20, 2018. The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) exercise will take place in Northern California. Mock patients will be taken to Miramar and distributed to appropriate facilities, patient tracking will be utilized. There will also be an earthquake as part of the exercise with facilities practicing shelter in place and mock evacuations.
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6. COUNTY REPORT(S)

A. Medical Director – Dr. Koenig

1. Hepatitis A:
 - a. As of December 28, 2017 there have been no new Hep A cases. The Board of Supervisors ended the local health emergency on January 23rd.
 - b. The number of Hepatitis A cases as of February are 582 with 20 deaths and 398 hospitalizations. There have been 123,392 Hepatitis A vaccinations given.
 - c. The EMSA Local Optional Scope of Practice allowing paramedics to provide Hepatitis A vaccines is no longer in effect.
2. Influenza:
 - a. The Capacity Plan has moved to Level 1.
 - b. As of February there have been 16,078 cases of flu, 243 admitted to ICU, 251 deaths and 111 outbreaks.
 - c. Post flu myocardial infarction (MI) cases have been reported.
 - d. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) numbers report overall influenza vaccination effectiveness at 36%, influenza A (H3/H2) at 25%, influenza H1N1 at 67%, influenza B at 42% effective.
3. A pertussis alert was distributed on February 16th. County of San Diego pertussis rates for 2017 were four times higher than across the rest of the state. Pertussis is a cyclic disease; the next expected epidemic in California is anticipated in 2018 or 2019. Healthcare workers should be immunized against pertussis with Tdap.
4. Policy and Protocol:
 - a. A February 5th memo was distributed regarding immediate, short, and long-term strategies for morphine shortages. Policies regarding moving to fentanyl for pain management were discussed at the Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) and should be in place before July 1, 2018.
 - b. Two local optional scope of practice applications are planned for submission to the state regarding use of IV acetaminophen and ketamine.
 - c. Discussion topics:
 - 1) Federal policy for expired drug medication use. The FDA and State Board of Pharmacy were contacted regarding requirements.
 - 2) Physician directed action. At the point of care/time of care if a unit has only expired medication, or in a life threatening event, the use of expired medication may be discussed with a Base Station Physician.
 - 3) Expired medication use was discussed with the Base Hospital Physician Medical Directors.
 - 4) Agencies requirements to have certain medications for an ambulance to be in service.

- 5) Military research on extending the shelf life of stockpile medications and information shared with the military regarding their information on timing and expiration of morphine.
- 6) Legality and liability coverage regarding use of expired medication.

B. EMS Report – Andy Parr

1. A cross border meeting will be held with Mexico, in Tijuana on March 6 to help build relationships and share information regarding transfer of patients. A flier will be sent out to the committee.
2. EMCC membership update and filling of member positions was reviewed.
3. The next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS Elite, the County's patient care record system, is estimated to be June 19. To be considered in the June 19 migration, agencies should submit an information update form to EMS no later than March 31, 2018. If you have questions contact Diane Ameng.
4. The 'Love Your Heart Day' event was held on February 14, 2018. The event was a binational effort to provide blood pressure (BP) screenings in San Diego County as well as in the Mexican Health System and Nationwide. The agencies were thanked for their participation.
5. The 'Live Well' 5K run is July 29th.
6. The 'Sidewalk CPR' Event to instruct bystanders in how to give compression only CPR will be held on May 17, 2018.
7. The Transfer of Care (TOC) monthly report is posted on the EMS website. The EMSA quarterly report will be posted April.

C. Unified Service Area Report

1. There will be a countywide review of the report in the next 22 months. RFQ (Request for Quotation) for the communication consultant bid closes Friday, February 23, 2018.

D. Proposed Fee Schedule – Andy Parr/Josh Smith

1. Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 mandates EMS to review and recover full costs for EMT Certification, Paramedic accreditation and MICN authorization service fees. Cost for each program was determined using staffing, oversight, IT, service and supply cost based on employee time tracking and number of certifications issued.
2. A three (3) year fee implementation program started in FY 2017/18, State fees were not included.
 - a. Personnel fee schedule includes EMT, AEMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and MICN Authorization fees.
 - b. Agency three year phased implementation fees include ground ambulance initial application, renewal, ambulance inspection, continuation education providers and hospital designations for base and trauma. Agency fees will be reviewed and updated annually.
3. LEMSA personnel and agency fee comparisons were given.
4. LEMSA continuing education proposed fees are for a period of four years.
5. LEMSA hospital designations fees for base hospital and trauma vary greatly in California counties. Many counties only charge for Trauma Center designation rather than Base designation and Trauma.
6. Next steps:

- a. The cost recovery proposal is reviewed by the County Auditor and Controller. These are subject to change and will be reviewed and updated annually.
- b. The proposal would go before the Board of Supervisors during their meeting in March 27, 2018 for review and approval.
- c. If BOS approved the revised fee schedule would be effective July 1, 2018.

Action Item:

Email a copy of the Proposed Fee Schedule presentation to EMCC members.

Discussion continued on if there would be a reduction adjustment of the fee in the future. The proposed fee schedule is to review and recover previous costs as well as ongoing personnel and agency costs as described in the fee schedule. The proposed fee schedule is determined from the previous fiscal year 2016/17.

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

- A. Hospital data by Emergency Department for 2018 was based on compliance percentage under 30 minutes.
- B. Ambulance/agency response zone data is ranked on percentage under 30 minutes. There has been discussion on whether the agencies should be ranked on the percent under 30 minutes or on compliance percentage.
- C. TOC data by patient offload time was categorized by hospital within 20 minutes, 20-20 minutes, 30-60 minutes and longer than 60 minutes. Distribution of offload times by San Diego County Emergency Department.
- D. Discussion ensued on publically publishing month to month reporting on the EMS website.
 1. EMCC review and receive feedback on a monthly basis regarding offload time intervals are to improve compliance and to use as a resource tool for continuous improvement.
 2. Present a month versus quarter comparison at EMCC meetings.
 3. Agency access to reports.
 4. How to analyze the report, back in service times. Policy S610, Transfer of Care Guidelines was referred to regarding transfer of care and compliance information.

8. Policy Review

- A. P-305, Paramedic Accreditation/Reaccreditation
EMCC review:
 1. Updated to new LEMSIS protocol and language.
 2. Phrasing changes were made to the definitions regarding Paramedic Accreditation Workshop and training program completion and program development.
 3. Initial accreditation two year effective date for Paramedics and MICNs.
 4. Continuous accreditation and lapse.

5. Clarification of accreditation and practice with license not affiliated with an agency.

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Kahn to approve P-305 based on suggested changes. Motion carried.

B. NEW: Special Events Policy

EMCC review:

1. Definition and size of event.
2. Event requirements and permitting.
3. Medical control, physician on scene and base hospital medical direction.
4. Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) and emergency (9-1-1) transports rights, responsibility and revenue from the transport.
5. Clarify ALS scope of practice skills in the policy.
6. Definition of an emergency patient. When the patient reaches criteria that requires base hospital physician contact.

Suggested changes to the new Special Events Policy will be added to and reviewed at the Prehospital Subcommittee meeting on March 8, 2018.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss

10. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Add Transfer of Care Reporting data as an agenda item at the next EMCC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2018.