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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, March 22, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D. Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Peltier, R.N., Patricia – AMR

Unrepresented

American Red Cross
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
District 3
District 4
Law Enforcement*
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*
San Diego County Paramedic Association

County Staff

Beam, Jamie
Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Tuteur, Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

A request was made to include the flag salute on future agendas.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve the minutes from February 22, 2018. Motion carried.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

1. Discussed the Special Events Policy again and discussed the Trauma Policy that we sent back for changes.
2. The subcommittee voted to move the meeting start time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

1. Education and Research Subcommittee did not meet. The subcommittee meets bimonthly.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

1. Disaster/Operations subcommittee has not met.
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5. COUNTY REPORT(S)

A. County Report

1. Clinical Report – Dr. Koenig
 - a. Influenza:
 - Still seeing elevated levels of new influenza detections
 - As of March 17 there have been 19,483 cases, 287 ICU, 308 deaths, 116 outbreaks.
 - We're starting to see more Influenza B.
 - County Health Officer will be extending the Health Officer order until April 30th due to the wide spread influenza.
 - EMCC continued discussion on the percentage of flu cases that had been vaccinated compared to unvaccinated.
 - b. Drug Shortages:
 - At the quarterly EMS Commission & EMDAC Meeting, the Scope of Practice Committee applied for both IV acetaminophen and ketamine as local optional scope of practice. IV Acetaminophen application submission recommended to be approved and waiting for official letter from the authority in the next couple of weeks..
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- Ketamine currently has three (3) trial studies in the state, as a result San Diego's ketamine use application will need to go to the commission in June. Plan is to implement in early 2019 if approved.
2. Administrative Report – Andy Parr
- a. Catherine McJannet – newly EMCC appointed representative from District 1.
 - b. Surveillance continues for hospital capacity issues on a regular basis. We report that internally on our emergency medical services delivery system.
 - c. Transfer of Care (TOC) discussion continues
 - d. CoSD LEMSIS program deadline to submit forms is March 31 for this round to be included in the June 19 implementation for training, education and adjustments to the system.
 - e. Sidewalk CPR is a County wide event Thursday, May 17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The County is partnering with American Heart Association, San Diego's Project Heart Beat and American Red Cross.
 - f. Technical Representative request: EMCC received a letter from Southwestern College nominating Loretta Contreras as a Technical Representative to EMCC. Technical representatives are appointed to provide relevant technical expertise and information to the Committee. Technical representatives assigned to a subcommittee count for purpose of a quorum at the subcommittee meetings. Loretta Contreras will attend the Education/Research Subcommittee meetings.

A motion was made by Bernie Molloy, seconded by Stephen Abbott to accept the appointment of Loretta Contreras as Technical Representative to the EMCC and as a voting member to the Education/Research Subcommittee. Motion carried.

- g. EMS Fees
 - Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 mandates EMS to recover full costs for services provided to agencies or individuals, such as EMT certification, Paramedic accreditation and MICN authorization service fees.
 - Some fees include a three year phased implementation plan.
 - The costs for each program were determines using staffing and oversight costs, IT costs and other service and supply costs based on employees actual time tracking.
 - Fees include personnel, agency, CE (4 yr cycle) and hospital designation (base and trauma) proposed fees.
 - Implementation fee schedule: FY 17/18, \$40; FY 18/19, \$63; FY 19/20, \$86.
 - Base Hospital and Trauma EMSA proposed benchmark fee schedule.
 - Program breakdown.
 - Proposal to go before the BOS in April. If approved, would be effective July 1.

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve the EMS fee implementation schedule. Motion carried.

- B. Unified Service Area Report**
1. This item will remain on the agenda until 2020.

2. The USA plan is on schedule. Current activity is hiring a consultant to do communication work as well as present a report to the County on drive time analysis and other community needs.
3. There are 16 planned meetings in the communities.

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

A. Comparison Monthly to Quarterly

1. Hospital comparison was ranked at about 13k total offloads; ranked by the percent of offload that the hospital had that were under 30 minutes, which is the County benchmark. County total being about 58% under 30 minutes.
2. Agencies: Based on TOC compliant percentages. San Diego County 47.4%
3. State: By category (hospitals)

B. Individual Agencies are ranked on the percentage under 30 minutes

C. Report of Buttons Pushed, TOC

1. Agency data broken down by days, 8am to 8am schedule
2. Hospital data broken down by week (day and night shift), 7am to 7pm
3. County TOC policy to measure compliance per state EMSA. San Diego County at 48% this month.

7. Policy Review

A. S-015, Medical Audit Committee on Trauma

Will not be reviewed at this meeting; reviewed and approved 3/22/2018. Effective date July 1, 2018

B. P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns

Review:

1. Updating for LEMSIS.
2. In-county and out-of-county paramedic intern policy.
3. Paramedic agencies hosting paramedic interns will add the paramedic intern to their agency roster in LEMSIS.

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Bernie Molloy to approve P-302. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting time change will be added to the next agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2018.