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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, May 23, 2019

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Covell, Brian – District 2
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide
deKlerk, Maude – RCCP
Martinez, Daniel – Advantage Ambulance
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air

Not in Attendance

District 3
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
County Paramedic Agencies Committee
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society*
San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association
San Diego Paramedic Association

County Staff

Cavanaugh, Adria
Christison, Brian
Collins, Siri
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Osth, Cory
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

*Representative positions vacant

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

Chara Cote, EMCC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. An announcement was made introducing Brian Covell as the new EMCC member representing District 2.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the April 25, 2019 minutes. Motion carried. The March 28, 2019 minutes required a re-vote due to the primary and alternate members from same organization voted to approve, which is not permissible. A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by James Marugg to approve the March 28, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The subcommittee met. There were a lot of policies to review and it was agreed that there was not enough time to give the policies adequate consideration. It was decided to take the policies back and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg

The subcommittee met, reviewed the bylaws, and made edits. Will present the edits at the June meeting.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

1) Happy EMS Week

- a. County EMS staff delivered goodies to EMS crews during their offloading at hospital EDs.

2) Surveillance

- a. Influenza: Final report for the season published May 8

- 9,373 total cases, 68 deaths, 27 outbreaks
- Last season 20,767 cases, 342 deaths
- Masking requirement by Public Health Officer for unvaccinated HCWs ended April 30

- b. Measles

- Closely monitoring; No cases in San Diego
- County established webpage is available for updates
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html
- Highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000.

- c. Ebola outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018

- Very concerning in country and region with >100 cases reported the week of May 16th, but still reported to be low threat of global spread reported by the World Health Organization.
 - Rady Children's is pediatric center; Cedars Sinai is adult center in LA
- 3) Policies and Protocols
 - a. Starting training on new policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) that will go into effect on July 1.
 - 4) Initiatives
 - a. Cardiac Arrest Task Force
 - Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practice model has been finalized as an educational product and is posted on the EMS home page.
 - b. Stroke Awareness Event was Sunday, May 19th at the Padres Game.
 - <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-teams-with-padres-to-raise-awareness-about-stroke/>
 - c. June 6-7 will be conference in Tijuana sponsored by Mexican Red Cross (Dr. Andres Smith)
 - 4th Binational Congress on Emergency Medicine and Trauma
 - d. Migrant Caravan Activities
 - Protect the health of the public, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s), and referring for outside medical care as appropriate.
 - >11,000 screenings performed since mid-December 2018
 - Monitoring news reports that migrants from Texas may be transferred to San Diego by plane
 - e. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
 - This month's topic was human trafficking
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html

ACTION: Nicole del Toro will re-send Measles web link.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Patient Tracking – During the Spring Exercise, working with four hospitals and Public Health Preparedness and Response team to trial a patient tracking module that was successful in designing and implementing to collect information about patients from a disaster. Bolster ability of reunification for families. In pilot phase. It will be rolled out to a greater number of hospitals during the November exercise.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements – County continues to work on the three remaining procurements: National City, San Marcos and Unified Service Area. National City has asked for their procurement to be paused. San Marcos and Unified Service Area are still going through their approval process. We are on track for those to be released through BuyNet.
- 3) Sidewalk CPR – County EMS has sent a letter with a fillable form attached, to agencies requesting their 2018 data. This was accompanied by a Naloxone letter. The deadline for submitting the form is tomorrow, May 24, 2019.
- 4) Policies and Protocols – For BLS providers, AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine auto-injectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
- 5) Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. For personnel fees, the County

fee has increased from \$63 to \$86. Agency and hospital designation fees will be posted on the EMS website.

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

TOC Reporting continues to be up on website at www.sandiegocountyems.com. April data is posted. May data will be posted after June 1, 2019.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

- A. S-003: Program Recordkeeping: Training and Certification
This policy remains unchanged, and it is time for the group to review the policy.

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-003. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Base Station Physician Committee Meetings – Rescheduling of June & September
There has been a slight reschedule for BSPC meeting in June. The information has been posted on the back of the EMCC agenda.

- B. Bypass Hours Report – Un-Blinding
Looking for EMCC advice. Will continue with business as usual, by remaining blinded.

Discussion on bypass hours report.

- **A request was made to have this topic placed back on the agenda.**
- **A request was made to have Policy S-010 (Guideline for Hospitals Requesting Ambulance Diversion) placed back on the agenda as it refers to bypass hours. This policy has not been looked at since 2007.**

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.