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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, June 27, 2019

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association (Alt)
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
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
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD
Hartsock, Ryan – Advantage Ambulance
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Miller, Matt – MCSD Admin Volunteer
Parker, Seth – CARE
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Chris – Scripps La Jolla
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

Not in Attendance

District 5
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement Agencies
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*
San Diego County Medical Society

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Calzone, R.N., Lorraine
Christison, Brian
Collins, Siri
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Parr, Andy
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
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 regarding a slight change on the agenda: To eliminate the redundancy of agenda item XI, B, Bypass Hours Report – Un-Blinding, which was listed in Old Business in error. A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christopher Kahn, MD, seconded by Cathy McJannet, RN, to approve the May 23, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The subcommittee met. Reviewed polices and made recommendations that are on today's agenda.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

Did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blacksborg

The subcommittee met. Discussed the Bylaws and will discuss at today's EMCC meeting.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- Dr. Backer, State EMSA Medical Director, is retiring at the end of this month. There may be some changes from the state level in leadership.

1) Surveillance

- a. Influenza – no longer in influenza season. Final County report was published on May 8. Monitoring for ILI at migrant shelter for families seeking asylum as plane loads of up to 140 people 3x per week arrived in San Diego from the overcrowded Texas facilities.

- i. 13,591 overall screenings since mid-December, only about 1% to ED and only a handful via 911.

- ii. Total ILI cases since May 19 is 235.

- iii. New prehospital ILI monitoring tool with PIs to ensure no spillover into community.

- iv. <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-responds-to-flu-outbreak-at-migrant-shelter/>

- b. Measles – still no cases in San Diego, but >1,000 across U.S. (1077)

- i. County has established webpage for more information https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html

- ii. Highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000
 - c. Ebola outbreak, continuing to monitor, in DRC declared August 1, 2018
 - i. Ebola has crossed the border to Uganda on June 11, infecting a 5-year old boy
 - ii. WHO convened an emergency meeting, but no PHEIC declared
 - iii. Rady Children's Hospital and Cedars-Sinai in LA for adults
- 2) Policies and Protocols
 - a. New policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) effective July 1
- 3) Initiatives
 - a. EMSA is establishing a state STEMI and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee
 - b. U.S. Forest Service has plans to initiate EMS on Forest Land.
 - i. Serve as fireline EMTs; not intended to serve the public at this time
 - ii. No ALS
 - iii. No transport
 - c. EMSA has released the draft paramedic regs for public comment; include transport to alternate destinations like psych and sobering centers
 - i. Now in second round public comment 15 days; Closed June 27; Timeline: Moves to Commission in September (San Diego, Sept 18th) or December; Once commission approves, 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. San Francisco EMS pilot program proposal for EMS naloxone distribution (Project FRIEND [First Responder Increased Education and Naloxone Distribution]) presented at state meetings last week; County is exploring and welcomes input
 - e. EBM presentations posted on line at medical director page
 - i. This month's topic was on burn patient management by the director of the UCSD burn center
 - ii. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) LEMSIS Elite
 - a. Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed, work on the third party vendor integration will resume.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements
 - a. Unified Service Area RFP is on track and nearing completion.
 - b. San Marcos is still at the state for EMSA review.
- 3) 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 effective July 1, 2019
- 4) Policies and Protocols
 - a. For BLS providers – AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine auto-injectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
- 5) EMT renewal – effective July 1, 2019 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. Submitting a Skills Competency Verification Form with the

new skills signed off is not sufficient. The EMT must have received formal didactic and skills training (and testing).

6) LEMSIS email newsletter went out on June 21. Ensure you received the email.

C. Other Reports

- 1) Unified Service Area Report – we are still on track for the RFP
- 2) [Love your Heart 2019 Report](#) – a PowerPoint presentation was provided of an overview of the Love Your Heart event that occurred on Valentine's Day.
 - a. The annual Live Well 5k run is at the Waterfront Park Downtown on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 7:30am, and the Kids 1k run is at 8:30am. Nicole del Toro will send out the flyer/ announcement to the committee.

D. MCSD Report – Jennifer Tuteur, MD

Migrant shelter update: 13,591 people have been screened. Flu outbreak, staffing 39 county employees a day, diagnosed 273 ILI cases, with only 115 emergency department referrals. As of July 1, the primary healthcare coordinator and provider will be UCSD providers.

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

A. Monthly Report

TOC is online. There are no significant updates. TOC numbers are updated within a week of reporting. It is encouraged to continue to monitor; this drives a lot of the decision making and surveillance, which is a critical measure for the EMS office.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. S-009: Guidelines for the Prevention of Infectious and Communicable Diseases

A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-009. Motion carried.

B. S-019: Cardiovascular Advisory Committee

This policy was updated to reflect recent regulations from State of California that were put into effect regarding STEMI critical care systems.

A motion was made by Fred Adler, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-019. Motion carried.

C. S-020: Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center

This policy was updated to reflect recent regulations from State of California that were put into effect regarding STEMI critical care systems.

There was discussion about having STEMI center designations when multiple places are supported by one team.

ACTION: A request was made by Christopher Kahn to bring this item back for future discussion at the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.

A motion was made by Christopher Kahn, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve Policy S-020. Motion carried.

D. S-021: De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center

This policy was updated to reflect recent regulations from State of California that were put into effect regarding STEMI critical care systems.

A motion was made by Cathy McJannet, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve Policy S-021. Motion carried.

E. S-028: Stroke Critical Care System Designation

This policy has been updated to reflect the Stroke State regulations similar to STEMI that are effective July 1, 2019.

A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Brian Covell to approve Policy S-028. Motion carried.

F. S-029: Stroke Advisory Committee

This policy has been updated to reflect the Stroke State regulations similar to STEMI that are effective July 1, 2019.

ACTION: Lorraine will reach out to appropriate agency/committee representatives regarding vacant SAC ad hoc member positions.

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-029. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Base Station Physician Committee Meetings – Meeting Change Announcement

- BSPC meeting in August is dark.
- BSPC in September has been rescheduled and relocated: Thursday, September 12, 2019, Sharp Tech Way Building, 8520 Tech Way, Rms 124 & 125, San Diego 92123.

B. 12-Lead ECG Transmission to the receiving hospital prior to the patient arrival

This item has been assigned to the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

C. Bylaws review and recommendations

This item has been assigned to the Disaster Planning Subcommittee. The Disaster Planning Subcommittee will meet immediately after today’s EMCC meeting, to bring back the final edits for review by the EMCC in July.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Bypass Hours Report provided for Hospitals (Un-blinding)

There was a long discussion whether the report/data should be un-blinded or not. The initial proposal was to un-blind some category data but not publish it; the report would be available by request. There was some community reluctance to share the unblinded data. The County’s stance is this data is un-validated information captured from our LEMSIS Resource Bridge provided by the emergency departments that wasn’t necessarily intended for the public; there was an objection from the hospital sector of EMCC and request for more information; HASDIC is presumed to be opposed. For these reasons, EMS retracted its proposal to post un-blinded online.

ACTION: The group decided to hold this item over until Policy S-010 is reviewed and updated; then the committee will decide if should be moved into a committee.

B. Policy S-010 Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

It was recommended that this policy be sent to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for discussion and review.

A motion was made by Cheryl Graydon, seconded by Brian Covell to move Policy S-010 to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Motion carried.

C. Return of RAP

We know that there are many questions in the EMS community and the LEMSA has some of its own. We hope that as the system reinvents itself, more information will be forthcoming to the EMCC for better understanding. We applaud San Diego for resuming this important program and look forward to hearing more in the coming months on the success.

Currently in pilot phase. Discussion on changing the name. Weekly meetings are held. For any questions or concerns, contact Dr. Christopher Kahn.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.