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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 26, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp. Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD
Covell, Brian – Mercy Hospital
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sullivan, Karen – Mercy Hospital

Not in Attendance

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 Districts' Association
San Diego County Paramedic Association

County Staff

Del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Laugen, Gary
Parr, Andy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- A. Meeting was called to order by Frank Parra, EMCC Chair at 9:31 am.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Introductions were made.
 - D. No announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Fred Adler to approve the EMCC meeting minutes from June 28, 2018.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee**
Did not meet.

 - B. Education/Research Subcommittee**
Did not meet.

 - C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee**
Did not meet.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

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- A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**
 - 1. Surveillance
 - a. Continuing Base Line monitoring
 - b. DRC declared an end to Ebola outbreak
 - c. Pertussis – we are expecting an epidemic potentially this year or next year. Be sure you are vaccinated.
 - 2. Drug shortages
 - a. Continue to monitor
 - b. Agencies are proceeding with use of fentanyl as a pain medication to morphine. Options of using ketamine as a local scope of practice. The commission has allowed us to submit our local optional scope of practice application.
 - c. We have a meeting with the scope of practice committee on August 14 to talk more about our proposal. Looking very positive at getting the approval within the next few months and on track at implementing that in the next calendar year.
 - 3. Policies and protocols
 - 4. Pediatric intubation was removed from the statewide scope of practice as of July 1. EMSA has given authority for air ambulances, if medical director has approved it, to continue with intubation while they sort out the idea for a statewide unified

scope of practice. Dr. Koenig has provided that authorization in a memo, to continue during this interim period.

5. The capacity plan is being revamped and has been renamed the All Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

1. San Diego County EMS has established an email address to advise EMS leadership of important but not necessarily urgent or emergent information EMSnotification.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov. Urgent and emergent messages should continue to be directed to the EMS Duty Officer.
2. Radio report protocol – new protocols effective July 1.
 - a. Local Optional Scope of Practice reporting
 - b. Closely monitoring T460, Identification of the Trauma Center Patient field triage guidelines
 - c. Physician variation clarification
3. Email went out on July 6 to agencies for input on protocols teaching points and CE clarification. You can email Meredith with this information; she will put together a summary for distribution.
4. Monthly TOC report is now publicly available on the County of San Diego EMS website. A quarterly TOC report will be submitted with our Core Measures to EMSA for public reporting on their website beginning in April.
5. Evidence based presentations that Dr. Koenig has initiated at the monthly BSPC meetings have been posted on the Medical Director's page on the County of San Diego EMS website.
6. EMS fees as of July 1 will be \$63. Next year fee will be \$83. A lapse in paramedic accreditation or MICN authorization will result in payment in the amount of the new fee.
7. The next opportunity for LEMSIS migration is November 13. Submit form by September 4 to be considered in the migration.

i. Unified Service Area Report

USA listening sessions for information and input were completed on July 17, most in the back country areas. Sessions were attended by residents, fire agencies, volunteers, CERT Team members and local officials. Information was inputted into the Contractors report. Contractors report should be ready soon to inform the construction of the RFP.

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

- A. TOC data for calendar year Q2 April through June was submitted to EMSA. Core measures submitted this year from the ER department NEMSIS 2.4.
 1. Share improvements and discuss best practices
 2. 60% solid compliance for three months in a row
 3. Discuss at the EMS Chiefs or CPAC regarding true issues, 60%, offload and wall times plus the effect of local hospitals.
 4. Reviewing TOC policy and provisions. Dual ownership review and signature versus TOC button.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW

- A.** Annex D originated from Office of Emergency Services (OES), then to Public Health Preparedness and Response. The subcommittee met and largely approved the content. Document is now easier to use.
1. Document update on content and readability.
 2. Principle difference, MCI to be run by local policy.
 3. When Policy is overwhelmed, need Annex D to access COSD resources.
 4. Physician resources in the field clearly defined.
 - a. Specialty resources
 - b. Duty officer authority
 - c. Providers covered by liability/liability protection
 - d. Homework on options for September meeting, take under consideration.
 5. Suggestions:
 - a. Add Brian Covell from Scripps Mercy to the list of “Staff and Principal Planners” on the document first page
 - b. Acronym DMS and define
 - c. Base hospital notification
 - d. Definition of emergency patient
 - e. Header to repeat on page 21
 - f. Check spelling

Action Item:

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve the Annex D document with noted correction changes. Motion carried.

B. Annex E

1. Housed in the Public Health Services Department
2. Is similarly going through edits
3. Related to mitigating disease
4. Distributed via Health Services Advisory Board
5. Example: hazmat transfers guidelines, MOU, authority and capability
6. Inclusion of agencies in the discussion

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Frank Parra received a request by Chief Drum to review Policy 801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service, at September’s meeting. Discuss dispatch to 9-1-1 triage. County consider amending.

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM