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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, January 25, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp Counties
Carlson, Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses’ Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Molloy, Bernard – SD County Fire Districts’ Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

District 1
District 4
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement Agencies
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society*
San Diego County Paramedic Association

*Representative positions vacant

In Attendance

Contreras, L – Southwestern College
Donofrio, Joelle – RCHSD/SDFA
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Farah, Jennifer – UCSD
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance
Marugg, Jim – SMG
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Peltier, Patricia – AMR
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andy
Smith, Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were made. Daryn Drum announced Catherine McJannet as the newest member to EMCC representing District 1, replacing Katy Green.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Scott to approve the minutes from November 20, 2017. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The subcommittee reviewed the policies brought forward to the EMCC committee today to be voted on. They recommended minor changes in the language.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee

Nothing to report. They will meet after the EMCC meeting today.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

The new Chair will be David Blacksberg. There was a discussion by the two attendees, but did not have a quorum. This subcommittee needs help and some focus.

V. POLICY REVIEW – Brian Christison

Currently credential about 3,000 - 4,000 EMTs per year, 1,500 paramedic accreditations per year, and 300 - 400 MICNs are renewed or initialed per year. Trying to create a streamline process for our licensed providers, paramedics and MICNs so that staff time to process those is less; can push them through the system faster; and re-dedicate that staff time to looking at the EMTs who we certify on behalf of the State of California. We want to decrease the application effort for applicants, increase turnaround time for all licensed providers, and decrease staff time for folks that are currently licensed.

Brian Christison presented on the New Paramedic and MICN Application Process proposal:

- Streamline process for Paramedics and MICNs
- Application filing workflow, process 30 to 45 days
- Paramedics in County and out of County. Paramedic renewals streamlining
- MICN initial application process and renewal process, CE complaint
- LEMSIS Licensing Portal, filling out application review
- Policies for review reflect application/reauthorization/certification

- A. P-303: Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization/Reauthorization
- B. S-352: EMT Certification/Recertification
- C. B-353: EMT Out of County Status
- D. B-361: Advanced EMT Certification/Recertification

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Frank Parra to approve policies P-303, B-352, B-353 and B361. Motion carried.

VI. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

- A. Medical Director – Kristi Koenig, MD
 - 1) Influenza report of cases as of January, total cases 13,712 with 174 deaths and 106 outbreaks
 - Capacity plan moved back down to Level 1, Operational Core Group meeting changed to as needed basis
 - Monitoring patient care capacity
 - Not too late for a flu shot
 - 2) Prehospital analgesia/drug shortages
 - Identified FDA tool
 - BSPC evidence based systems/input
 - Collecting data on wide spread and time sensitive morphine issue
 - Strategic National stockpile
 - Documentation from the field and national recommendations
 - Solutions: local optional practice for ketamine and IV acetaminophen, trial study

Discussion:

- Extending shelf life, considering approving fentanyl, testing lots
- Reverse distributor process
- Legal compliance, regulations and County liability
- Protocols, looking at State and other county's protocols, local optional scope
- Rotation program

Action Item: request email from the Medical Director with information on steps that County is engaging in regarding shortages

Medical Director responded limited use of opioids, State and Federal regulations

- B. County Monthly Report – Andy Parr
 - 1) Hepatitis A outbreak
 - The Board of Supervisors did not authorize the continuation of the Hep A local health emergency
 - As of January 2, 2018 – 577 cases, few new cases but no new deaths.
 - 2) EMT regulations
 - New regulations took effect July 1, 2017. Jim Kirkpatrick can any answer questions offline

- San Diego County has adopted new skills and medications into the EMT scope of practice
 - Will be new training requirements
- 3) LEMSIS
 - Next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS Elite is estimated to be June 19, 2018
 - Let us know by March 31, 2018 by submitting a form found on the LMS Portal
 - 4 hour training session for Agency Administrators and Field Providers
 - 4) Protocol Review 2017-2018
 - Protocol review is in process. Focusing on protocols that need updating
 - 45 day open comment period
 - Taskforce protocol revisions including suggestions from the comment period were brought to BSPC in January
 - Pediatric protocol review in February
 - 5) EMSA provider report
 - Dispatch and responder data being collected for required report to EMSA
 - County data request on response time data from North County and First Watch
 - Current request for EMS plan response data
 - Core measures from EMSA (example STEMI and Stroke scene time)
 - 6) Love your Heart Day
 - February 14, 2018 blood pressure (BP) checks
 - 53% had elevated BP, 77% of that taking BP meds
 - Participation is appreciated
 - More info will go out to agencies on location and collecting data
 - 7) Updating EMS fee schedule
 - The County is updating their processing fee schedule every year. Previously \$17
 - Three (3) year phase: last year \$40, this year \$63, next year \$83
 - Starts when ordinance is changed

C. Unified Service Area Report

- 1) Work is in process, two years starting January 1, 2018
- 2) We listened to our stakeholders - Fire Chiefs requested more time, input and opportunities to have their voice heard
- 3) Obtain a consultant for community meetings open to the public for input and advice

D. Other Reports – Andy Parr presentation on Emergency Medical Care Committee overview

- 1) Bylaws adopted June 13, 1978 Health and Safety Code Authority
- 2) Committee Description, Duties and Responsibilities
- 3) Meeting Information – date, time, location and contact
- 4) Membership Composition – 20 organizations, membership list, membership nominating process and membership term limits
- 5) Alternate members
- 6) Attendance requirements
- 7) EMCC officers
- 8) Quorums, Voting
- 9) Subcommittees, Chair and Vice-Chair positions

NOTE: Disaster/Operations Subcommittee reviews the EMCC Bylaws

Daryn Drum, Chair, discussed on the subcommittee assignments. Provided a draft list of who is being placed on each subcommittee in an attempt to have a balanced number of folks. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing the EMCC Bylaws.

VII. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Andy Parr

- A. At the January 2017 meeting reviewed the TOC module
- B. Compliance – Request from State EMSA to report data to State. Quarterly reports on the State LEMSA website. As of January 1 we will be reporting this data to the state
- C. Josh Smith, PhD presentation on TOC data
 - 1) What has to be reported to State, viewed other LEMSAs
 - 2) TOC draft introduction from the CA Hospital Association
 - 3) TOC offload time
 - Offload total % under 30 minutes, State % under 20 minutes. 90% total compliance. Added rank data based on 30% or under
 - Ambulance response zones
 - Offload by ED (minutes = 20, 30, 60, 60+)
 - Data will be on website monthly
 - First report start with January data
 - Based TOC on First Watch dispatch data not EPCR data
 - TOC time stamp, real time
 - Offload times and TOC compliance by ambulance zones

Discussion:

- 1) Data changes between monthly and quarterly data posting gives option to review corrections
- 2) Legislation State law to collect data
- 3) EPCR closeout with TOC and First Watch is by policy based on State law
- 4) Adjustments and real time regarding TOC button. Event log – unit, transport destination

Action Item: Check if there are significant differences between the monthly and the quarterly data.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/Action)

Engage Medical Director in drug shortage information Officer positions on next agenda

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2018.
The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.