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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)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, January 11, 2018**

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurses Association

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

Cochran, R.N., Jennifer – Reach Air
Duffy R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire Department
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Lyons, Laura – Red Cross
Mercer, Kevin - AMR

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Chara Cote to approve the November 9, 2017 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion Carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no Public Comments/Petitions submitted.

4. OFFLOAD TIME DISCUSSION

The Operational Core Group meets twice a week to discuss offloads, monitoring emergency departments, bed availability, tracking and trending. At the State they have discussed surge tents, staff ratio and potential waivers.

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) flu cases, backups in the hospitals and clearing of flu patients are being reviewed at a higher level.

5. CAPACITY PLAN

The Capacity Plan is at Level 2. The EMSA group is currently conducting weekly phone calls.

6. STAFF REPORT

A. Influenza Update:

- 1) There are over 10,000 cases of flu.
- 2) The number of new cases has leveled out in the past few days.
- 3) The flu vaccine has been shown to have approximately 30% efficacy. It is not too late to get a flu shot; if you do get the flu your symptoms are likely to be less if you've received the vaccine.

B. The Hepatitis A emergency status is still in effect. The epidemic has shown signs of slowing. The emergency declaration will likely be lifted soon, possibly by the end of January.

C. EMT regulations took effect July 1, 2017. Added/adopted for EMTs to administer include:

- 1) Epi auto injector
- 2) Intranasal Naloxone
- 3) Finger stick blood glucose

The EMT regulations will be rolled into the protocols July 1, 2018. To perform these new skills the EMT must be working for an approved provider within the established EMS system. The above regulations adopted are for an EMT to administer at a prehospital scene of an emergency not in an emergency department.

As of July 1, 2019 EMTs renewing or reinstating at the State are required to submit documentation of completion of the training that includes skills and tactical casualty

care training. Programs are required to add the training by July of 2018.

- D. The next opportunity for Agencies to migrate to LEMSIS is June 19, 2018. The process for migrating will be put on the EMS website LEMSIS page. Process includes:
 - 1) Submit an agency information update form
 - 2) Receive email confirmation in April from County EMS
 - 3) Agency Administrator training May 7, 2018
 - 4) Agency provider training
 - 5) Go Live
- E. Proposed changes to treatment protocols will be reviewed at BSPC this month.
- F. Morphine shortage
 - 1) Evidence based information on Fentanyl will be presented at BSPC by Brendon Drew, DO.
 - 2) IV Tylenol expense was mentioned.
- G. Collecting data for the EMS Plan.
- H. "Love Your Heart Day" is February 14, 2018. EMS is recruiting agency administrations to sign up for the blood pressure screening event. EMS contact persons are Jim Kirkpatrick and Brian Christison.

7. Streamline Process for Certification Presentation – Brian Christison

- A. Overview of Streamline Process for Certification – Brian Christison
 - 1. Build a streamlined, low-touch system for licensed providers
 - 2. Decreases application effort for applicants
 - 3. Potential for one (1) day or less service turnaround
 - 4. Decreases staff time
 - 5. Possibility of decreasing or waiving the renewal fees for paramedics and MICNs.
 - 6. Application process for EMT Certification, Paramedic initial and renewal and MICN initial and renewal licenses were presented.
 - B. Policies for Review:
 - 1. P-303, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization/Reauthorization
 - a. Discussion on authorization (continuous and reauthorization) definitions.
- Motion made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve changes to P-303. Motion carried.**
- 2. P-305, Paramedic Accreditation/Reaccreditation
 - a. Discussion on continuous accreditation wording (Title 22) and clarification of the definition.
 - b. III Policy, reflects streamline processing.
 - c. Initial fee, no renewal maintenance fee. It was suggested to notify Agencies of fees so they can be reviewed in their agency budget which begins fiscal year, July 1, 2018.

- d. Page 4, H. Interfacility transfer jurisdiction statement may be updated and clarified. Reflect language from H in I.

Note: P-305 will be brought back to the subcommittee to review changes before forwarding it to the full EMCC for final approval.

3. B-352, EMT Certification Renewal
Resubmission of Live Scan explained.

Motion made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Cheryl Grayson to approved P-352. Motion carried.

4. B-353, EMT Out-of-County Status
The removal of Out-of-County EMT renewal transfer is in the State regulations.

Motion made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve changes to B-353. Motion carried.

5. P-361, Advanced EMT Certification/Renewal
'Recertification' changed to 'Renewal'. Recertification occurs after the license has lapsed.

Motion made by Cheryl Grayson, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve P-362 with corrections. Motion carried.

Policy Review/Approval Summary:

Policies P-303, B-352, B-353 and P-361 were approved and will be forwarded to the full EMCC. P-305 will be brought back to the EMCC Subcommittee for further review.

8. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on February 8, 2018