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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

Christopher Wiesner, M.D., Chairperson

Sharp Spectrum Auditorium
8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa
San Diego, CA 92123

Tuesday, October 17, 2017 – Minutes

Present Members

Donofrio, M.D., Joelle – Rady/Children's
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of SD Med. Director
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Klingensmith, Todd – SD Co. Paramedics Assn.
Koenig, M.D., Kristi – County EMS Med. Dir.
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Marsan, M.D., Robert – Scripps Mercy BHMD
Marzec, M.D., Karl – Palomar BHMD
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser Permanente
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
Smith, R.N., Susan – Prehospital Coordinator
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont
Wiesner, M.D., Christopher – Scripps La Jolla

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Smith, R.N., Susan
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

In Attendance

Baird, Robert – BORSTAR
Beckwith, Cory -- SDFD
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Branning, Mark -- SDHC
Calhoun, Jeff – Escondido Fire
Cochran, Jennifer – REACH

In Attendance (cont'd)

Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire
Cote, R.N., Chara – Tri-City Medical Center
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy
deKlerk, R.N., Maude -- RCCP
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD BHNC
Duffy, R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire
Farah, M.D., Jennifer – UCSD
Garron, Jennifer -- AHA
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Ctr BHNC
Ideman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – UCSD
Kalafut, M.D., Mary – Scripps La Jolla/Stroke
Director
LaMantia, Gina -- SDFD
Lettinga, Mark – Kaiser Permanente
Maisonet, Scott – BORSTAR
Mayoras, Zaele – Scripps Memorial
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
BHNC
Neill, Mark – Reach Air
Pearson, R.N., Danielle – Vista Fire
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe -- SDFD
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Sloane, M.D., Chris – Mercy Air
Statts, M.D., Kathy -- UCSD
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla BHNC

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christopher Wiesner, M.D. called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from Sept. 19, 2017. Motion carried.

III. COUNTY REPORT (Kristi Koenig, M.D.)

1. Surveillance:

- a. Hepatitis A Outbreak - Vaccination, Sanitation, Education. To date, there have been more than 68,500 vaccines given during this outbreak.
 - As of October 17, 2017, there have been 507 cases with 69% hospitalizations and 19 deaths.
 - There have been 5 healthcare workers affected (no prehospital).
 - A local health emergency was declared on 9/01/17 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors.
- b. Influenza season officially begins on November 1, 2017. Everyone is advised to get a flu shot.
 - For the week ending 10/07/17: 221 cases, 1 ICU, 1 death, 53% Influenza A.

2. Policies and Protocols

- a. Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) for paramedics to assist with Hepatitis A vaccinations.
 - The paramedics may assist Public Health with HEP A vaccinations during this local health emergency. They will be working in field PODs, supervised by RNs, and in collaboration with County Public Health. This time-limited authorization expires April 1, 2018.
 - The governor declared a statewide emergency on 10/13/17. Our application for LOSOP is being used as a statewide model. Santa Cruz and LA Counties have also declared local health emergencies due to the outbreak.

3. Binational Workgroup

- a. There are 4 task forces:
 - Prehospital/Inter-Facility Transfer, Hospital, Communications, Education and Training
 - The workgroup paid a visit to the new C4 9-1-1 communications center in Baja on 10/11/17.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT

San Diego Health Connect is still being used extensively. The system is being expanded to include other agencies.

Sharp Hospital will begin a pilot project to include POLST forms in the database.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Chris Wells, R.N.)

The next Statewide Medical and Health Disaster Drill will take place on November 16, 2017. There will also be a skilled nursing facility emergency drill on November 15, 2017.

VI. CARDIAC ARREST TASK FORCE (Brad Schwartz, M.D.)

The group continues to work with dispatch agencies in regards to improving outcomes for cardiac arrest. Federal legislation is being proposed that may provide sustainable funding for CARES if passed.

VII. PRESENTATION: Prehospital Stroke Trial Results, Mary Kalafut, M.D.

The Scripps Hospital prehospital stroke trial followed the Helsinki Protocol. The goal is to treat stroke patients as quickly as possible by acquiring patient history before the patient arrives at the hospital.

As part of the stroke trial, the stroke witness is given a phone number and asked to contact the neurologist as soon as possible (to provide patient history). The hospital uses a Google voice account phone number, which allows 6 doctors to have the same telephone number. The neurologist on-call will take the call and assist the stroke witness.

Stroke trial data was collected during a 6 month time period. Results: in cases where the witness spoke to the doctor before patient arrival, the patient was diagnosed and treated more quickly.

Next steps: Follow up with the Stroke Consortium to determine if the study would be continued. Provide BSPC with updates/plans.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION/ADJOURNMENT

The next BSPC meeting will take place on November 21, 2017.

IX. LUNCHTIME EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: MECHANICAL CPR DEVICES (James V. Dunford, M.D., FACEP)

Association between the means of transport for gunshot wounds/stab wounds and survival. Patient survival favors private transport, since the patient reaches the hospital faster.

There is a relationship between seizure episode and sudden cardiac arrest in patients with epilepsy. Patients with epilepsy have a 3-fold higher incidence of sudden cardiac arrest.

In the near future, San Diego City will begin testing of the Lucas Device and Autopulse. Patient outcomes will be compared.

The Community Paramedic Pilot Project compared the super-users of Alameda and San Diego County. The project showed a substantial cost savings. California has 8 new cities applying for Community Paramedicine programs.

San Diego is the first EMS system in the nation to have access to cloud-based information. Also, San Diego EMS also has the ability to provide referral to 2-1-1 healthcare navigators for community services such as housing, food, childcare and mental health assistance.

Dr. Chris Kahn and Dr. Joelle Donofrio will begin working as City EMS Medical Directors on Jan 1, 2018.

*The next Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting will be held on November 21, 2017. It will be held in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm.