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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

Minutes
Thursday, May 9, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Calzone, R.N., Lorraine
Cavanaugh, Adria
Christison, Brian
Collins, Siri
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Lee, Chris
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy

Agency Representatives

Covell, R.N., Brian – Scripps Mercy
Duffy, R.N., Jenny – SM Fire
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Scripps Mercy
Fornier, Paul – AMR

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., seconded by Christopher Scott, M.D. to approve the April 11, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

A comment was made by Christopher Scott, MD stating that there were eight (8) policies brought to the committee from several different County EMS staff members, given with less than 24-hour notice to review them and provide advice. Recommends that the County send the policies one week in advance of the meeting. Will motion to table all of the policies, except for S-009, until the next meeting.

IV. STAFF REPORT

1. Surveillance –

- Flu is on the decline. Per the May 1st report: 9,287 total cases, 67 deaths, 26 outbreaks, compared to last season with 20,735 cases and 341 deaths. The flu order from the public health officer through April 30th has not been extended. The Health Services Capacity Task Force All-Hazard Management Plan has returned to Baseline (lowest) level.
- Measles – No documented cases in San Diego. There have been cases in Los Angeles and Orange County, and most have been associated with international travel. Agencies may want to consider requesting immunization records for the providers to determine staff who may need to receive the MMR vaccine.

2. Patient Tracking – County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Preparedness and Response branch are in the process of designing, building, and implementing a Patient Tracking system in conjunction with the San Diego Healthcare Disaster Coalition. The Patient Tracking system is part of LEMSIS Resource Bridge and is currently in its “Pilot” Phase. Four hospitals have tested the system during the Spring 2019 Medical and Health Full-scale Exercise on May 7th which will be followed by further testing in early summer. Thank you to the agencies who participated. Over summer and fall of 2019, Patient Tracking will move to the “Go-Live” phase. Additionally, we are collaborating with organizations such as Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff, Medical Examiner and 211 to include patient tracking as a part of the missing persons reconciliation process in our county.

3. Upcoming Procurements – Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website. These include 9-1-1 Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services for the National City Operating Area, San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area. The Unified Service Area procurement will include three distinct areas in one procurement; Inland North, Inland Central, and Inland South.

For specific questions regarding these procurements or the process, please contact Kristen McEachron, Senior Contracting Office, Department of Purchasing and Contracting at Kristen.McEachron@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 505-6360.

4. Sidewalk CPR – County EMS would like to thank our community partners for their participation in Sidewalk CPR. This year the County of San Diego EMS has elected

to make a change in the way Sidewalk CPR is provided throughout the County. Rather than selecting one day, each agency or organization may select the day (or days) that they believe would reach their targeted audience of participants. All training totals, if the agencies elect, can be shared with County EMS in order to report on the number of hands-only CPR trained individuals in San Diego County.

5. Stroke Awareness Event at the Padres – May 19th, against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Discounted tickets are available at <https://www.mlb.com/padres/tickets/specials/strike-out-stroke>. Members of the Stroke Consortium will staff informational booths at the event promoting stroke prevention and recognition. Stroke survivors will also be recognized on the field prior to the game.
6. Policies and Protocols –
 - We remain on track for ketamine implementation effective July 1, 2019. Reminder that IV acetaminophen is approved for pain, not for fever.
 - Stroke and STEMI policies have been updated to reflect new regulations. After committee review goal is that policies will be effective July 1st.
 - For BLS providers, AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
 - Paramedic Regulations are currently open for comment until May 20th. This information is available on the EMSA website, www.emsa.ca.gov
7. Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86. Agency and hospital designation fees will be posted on the EMS website shortly.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

- S-003: Program Record Keeper Training and Certification (Chris)
A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policy S-003 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.
- S-009 Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of contagions and contaminants (Diane)
 - Many changes that were suggested at the last meeting are specific to the Ryan White Act, which the County does not have purview within the hospital setting to call out specific instructions. Open for discussion to resolve the issue in a different way.
 - Senate Bill 432 passed and significantly amended Health and Safety Code 1797-188, requiring hospitals to have an infection control personnel member available at all times with contact information easily accessible on the hospital's website. Currently only three (3) hospitals are complying with this policy: Palomar, UCSD, and Sharp. If the others can comply with this requirement, a primary source of the issue may be resolved. Diane Ameng has been in contact with hospitals to clarify their progress on complying with new mandate, and while many were unaware of the requirement, they were open to begin work on fixing the issue quickly.
 - Ideally this will allow for better communication between the hospitals and

agencies, to comply with the requirement of results as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours wait time.

- Hoping to create a form that meets needs between hospitals and agencies. Working towards a fillable form, though that may not be a quick process due to gathering information for what all sides need to be on the form. A paper version of the form will be brought to the committee for review, as it needs major revisions.
- This policy will return to the next meeting for further review. The goal is to provide clarification and guidance and allow for the policy to serve as a reference and empowerment tool for nurses to ease communication between the agencies and hospitals.

Recommended change: Place a summary of the state law in the policy with a link to the full document if links are capable of being added to policies. Diane will work with Susan on this and bring the policy back for review at the next meeting.

- S-019: Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) (Lorraine)
A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., to table policy S-019 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.
- S-020: ST Elevation Myocardial Infraction Critical Care System Designation (Lorraine)
A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.
- S-029: Stroke Advisory Committee (Lorraine)
A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.
- S-440: Utilization of Nerve Agent Exposure Drugs (Lorraine)
A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.
- S-461: Designation of Stroke Receiving Center (Lorraine)
A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.

VI. POLICIES FOR STATUS UPDATE

- P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service (Andy) – Brought before EMCC. There are a number of sections within that policy. First section is

getting the most attention, which requires two paramedics to be dispatched to an emergency call. Section 9 has had the most revision, which refers to response times. The meeting with the fire chiefs decided the response time matrix from section 9 will appear in RFP, not in P-801. Additional staff will be brought on this summer to assist with that process. Updates will take place in early fall.

- BOS K-9: (Chris) – K-9 has been approved with just a date change and no content changes, but is now being broadened. Can be put on agenda for review at next meeting. Current and proposed versions of K-9 were handed out to the committee, with a request for an electronic copy to be distributed as well.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on June 13, 2019.