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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/ Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

Minutes

Thursday, November 14, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Scott, Christopher, MD – SD County Medical Society
Wells, Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Osth, Cory
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy
Sigmund, Justin

Agency Representatives

Pearson, Danielle – Vista FD
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – San Diego FD
Seabloom, Lynne – Oceanside FD
Sullivan, Don – AMR

Guests

Chandler, Kryssie – Kaiser

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Covell, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the September 12, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee minutes. Motion

carried. Due to no quorum at the October 24, 2019 meeting, informational notes for October were provided instead of minutes.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. STAFF REPORT

- A. Surveillance – November 1 starts the Flu Season. Influenza activity is already being closely monitored. The Public Health Officer “Flu Letter” is the same letter as last year and remains in effect until it is rescinded or superseded. The letter is available on the EMS website at www.sandiegocountyems.com. The flu letter requires, among other things, that healthcare personnel (which specifically include all EMS Credentialed Personnel) must wear a mask if they are not vaccinated for the flu.
- B. Health Services Capacity Task Force (HSCTF) – Currently at Plan Level 5, which is the lowest. The surveillance of our hospitals is being carefully monitored on a weekly basis.
- C. Procurements – The San Marcos and Unified Service Area are currently out for bid. The procurements will be closed by the next meeting.
- D. Policies and Protocols – The priority policy revision schedule for FY 20/21 has been identified. The protocol taskforce will meet on November 15, 2019 from 10:30-2:30 to discuss proposed revisions.
- E. Sidewalk CPR – A reminder to all agencies who have upcoming open houses and other community events where you may be training lay persons to do hands only CPR. We are hoping agencies are collecting the number of persons trained for our April or May compilation of these many events that occur all year long. We will report these numbers to the many agencies who use this data in time for CPR week which is the first week in June of each year.

V. POLICIES

- T-716: Transfer of Stable Trauma Service Health Plan Members

ACTION: Policy T-716 was recommended to go back to the Medical Audit Committee (MAC), then be brought back to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting in January for review.

- T-718: Public Information and Education on Trauma Systems

ACTION: Policy T-718 was recommended to move forward to EMCC.

- S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

Long discussion and many suggested revisions to Policy S-010.

Discussion regarding the definition of “emergency patient” by policy and statute

followed.

ACTION: Policy S-010 was recommended to be brought back to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting in January for review with the suggested revisions, in two forms: 1) a clean copy without the track changes and 2) a copy with the track changes.

- P-801 Confirm Ad hoc schedule

Dr. Kahn will host an Ad hoc meeting after EMCC meeting on November 21, 2019.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on January 9, 2020.