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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, July 11, 2019

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Christison, Brian
Collins, Siri
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Osth, Cory
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Velasco, Anjelica

Agency Representatives

deKlerk, Maude – RCCP
Ezell, Kierra – Mercy Air
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Meich, Tyler – Reach Air
Parker, Seth – CARE
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD

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 Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Scott, M.D. to approve the June 13, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. STAFF REPORT

1. Surveillance
 - a. Measles: At this time there are no documented cases in San Diego, however it is possible that this will change. 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 their providers to determine staff who may need to receive the MMR vaccine.
2. LEMSIS Elite
 - a. Third Party Vendor Integration update: Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed, work on Third Party Vendor Integration will resume.
 - b. CARES Exporting: County EMS is currently in the testing phase between CARES and Image Trend. Once testing is completed—estimated by the end of summer—agencies using LEMSIS Elite will no longer have to manually enter data into the CARES database, as it will export automatically.
3. Upcoming Procurements – *Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website.*
 - a. 911 – Ground Ambulance Transport Procurements
 - i. National City RFP has been paused at the request of National City.
 - ii. San Marcos is active and working its way through the lengthy approval process. Public release of the RFP will occur as soon as possible.
 - iii. USA (3 procurements) is working its way through the lengthy procurement and approval process. Estimated public release of the RFP is late summer.
 - b. *Please note that the contact person for procurement questions has changed.* If you should have specific questions regarding these procurements or the procurement process, please contact Sheena Figueroa, Procurement Contracting Officer, Department of Purchasing and Contracting at Sheena.Figueroa@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 505-6350.
4. Policies and Protocols
 - a. New protocols went into effect July 1st. Reminder that Ketamine must be administered SLOWLY IV and is NOT approved for use as treatment of agitation or for drug-facilitated intubation.
 - b. For BLS providers; AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone are now required as of July 1, 2019. Some providers have had difficulty obtaining EpiPens, and we are handling this on an agency-by-agency basis.
5. Fees
 - a. 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

- A-200: AirMedical Treatment Protocol Unified Scope of Practice for California
 - Effective July 1, 2019.
 - This has been revamped from the original A-200 and EMS has submitted to EMSA.
 - Adds in Unified Scope of Practice for Paramedics on Air Medical for uniform patient care when crossing boundaries.
 - Reach Air and Mercy Air have both reviewed the policy and have no alterations.

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Kevin Mercer, to approve policy A-200 as written. Motion carried.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion
 - This is an opportunity to update a 12-year-old policy. A review of S-010 has been requested by EMCC.
 - Highlights (in the following sections) that may need to be altered:
 - I. A. – verbiage of *Accessible* vs. *Closest* when referring to hospital distance.
 - I. C.
 - II. A. – diversion categories – when ambulances ignore the ED SAT policy, they overload EDs. Specialty care may need to be reworked in Resource Bridge. Internal disasters may want to be addressed as a diversion for a safety concern.
 - II. D. 1. a. – the 20 minute time frame.
 - II. D. 2.
 - II. D. 3. & 4.

Action: The EMCC Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee will read and annotate the policy on their own and meet following the EMCC meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019 in Conference Room A to discuss, and prepare proposed changes for the September 12, 2019 Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.

- Specialty Team Availability Discussion
 - Some specialty teams (STEMI, Stroke) are listed as a team for multiple hospitals. Resource Bridge will need to be prepared to handle where these teams are assigned in order to place hospitals on bypass for STEMI and stroke until backup teams are available.
 - County EMS is working on Resource Bridge adjustments and research regarding this issue, and will report back at the next meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

- 12-Lead Transmission (Cory Osth)
 - The Cardiac Advisory Committee met and discussed solutions, technologies and best practices for 12-lead transmissions. Research is being conducted with the group and more solutions will be brought to the subcommittee when updates are available.

- Discussion regarding the quality of the EKG taken in the field and alternate reasons for cancellation.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on September 12, 2019.