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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, October 10, 2019

There was not a quorum present. Informational meeting notes only.

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Agency Representatives

Froelich, Dan – SD Fire
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – San Diego FD

County Staff

Christison, Brian
Collins, Siri
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Sigmund, Justin
Smith, R.N., Susan

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Covell, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 12, 2019 meeting minutes were not approved due to having no quorum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. STAFF REPORT

- A. Surveillance – November 1, 2019 starts the annual flu season. Influenza activity is being closely monitored. The Public Health Officer Flu Letter remains in effect until it is rescinded or superseded. The flu letter requires that healthcare personnel must wear a mask if they are not vaccinated for the flu.
- B. Health Services Capacity Task Force – The 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan has been updated and approved thanks to the work of the Health Services Capacity Task Force. We are currently at Level 5 Baseline Surveillance.
- C. Procurements – County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County; are nearing the finish line.
- D. Policies and Protocols – The priority policy revision schedule for FY 20/21 has been identified; expect to see the several significant policy revisions going through committees. All would become effective July 1, 2020.
- E. ED Boarding Statistics – County EMS is collecting data 7 days a week and is encouraging emergency departments to report their findings every single day at morning shift change. Notification was distributed to ED managers and other staff on September 27, 2019.
- F. Sidewalk CPR – Reminder to the agencies who have upcoming open houses and other community events where they may be training lay persons to do hands only CPR, to collect the number of people who have trained for Sidewalk CPR all year long. County EMS will collect the data in May and report to the many agencies who use that data, in June. We will send a form to the emergency departments to complete and send back.

V. POLICIES

- T-708: (Revised DRAFT) Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System

The group recommended to move Policy T-708 to EMCC with the suggested changes.

- T-711: (Revised DRAFT) De-Designation of a Trauma Center

The group recommended to move Policy T-711 to EMCC with the suggested changes.

ACTION: The trauma template is now available and will be sent out by County EMS staff.

- S-010: (DRAFT) Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

There were many suggested changes and discussions. Policy S-010 will be brought back to the next Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee meeting in November.

- P-801 Ad hoc meeting pending

No meeting date and time has been scheduled yet.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on November 14, 2019.