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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Kelly Hinze, Chair/ Tracy Martinez, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services

Minutes

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Martinez, Tracy
City of Solana Beach – MacDonald, Jill
Rancho Santa Fe Protection District – Stine, Tucker
Citizen at Large – Twohy, Frank

County Staff Present

Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Parr, Andy
Trousdale, Brad

Agency Representatives Present

Herren, Christopher – North Comm
McQuead, Dave – Rancho Santa Fe FD
Ruiz, Sal – AMR
Sanchez, Jorge – Encinitas FD
Slattery, Brian – Rancho Santa Fe FD
Valdez, Carlos – AMR

Guests

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Tracy Martinez, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:06 pm.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- C. There were no introductions. A quorum was declared.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tucker Stine, seconded by Frank Twohy to approve the February 6, 2024 CSA 17 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

The Financial Dashboard was presented by Andy Parr. This dashboard is live on the County EMS CSA 17 website ([San Diego County Service Area – 17 Emergency Medical Services Financial Dashboard](#)), and includes the following data: Transport Volume, Revenues, Total Expenses, EMS Agency Expenses, Operational and Reserve Analysis.

The following PowerPoint was presented to the group [CSA 17 Financial Update](#)

ACTION: A request was made to send the PowerPoint to the Advisory Committee members.

B. LEMSA Report – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

- Comprehensive Base Station Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area Consultant: The consultant has delivered the Final Draft report to the County EMS Office, and we are preparing to release the documents for public review. Following the release there will be two opportunities to ask questions of the consultant and County staff. All information regarding the report and a portal for comments is on the [San Diego County Engage Page](#). The Reports will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their acceptance on July 16, 2024.
- Protocols: The San Diego County EMS 2024-2025 treatment protocol revision cycle concluded in April and all protocols and policies are posted on the County EMS website. The protocol and policy updates take effect July 1, 2024.

On May 1, all fire and EMS agencies were sent an education packet that included a protocol and policy updates presentation, protocol changelog, protocol packet, and quiz.

After a review of the materials, an agency identified some inconsistencies in protocols P-115A Pediatric Weight-Based Dosage Standards and P-117 ALS Pediatric Drug Chart (Turquoise). These two protocols were revised and new versions are posted on the County EMS webpage.

On May 20, all fire and EMS agencies were sent an updated education materials packet with the revisions via LEMSIS. Additionally, you can access revised copies of the protocol changelog and protocol packet on the Prehospital Policies and Protocols page.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback and supported the efforts to revise our protocols to ensure high quality, patient-centered care.

- National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project Survey: All EMS providers are asked to participate in, that assesses on a national scale, the ability, capacity and training level to respond to a variety of pediatric emergencies in the field. Working with our agencies to complete the survey.
- County EMS Fees going up July 1, 2024: The San Diego County Board of Supervisors endorsed a new fee schedule to be implemented in a phased approach. The fees being adjusted are personnel fees, specialty care fees and EMS permit fees. If you have questions or comments, please see our website at www.sandiegocountyeems.com to see the updated fee schedule.
- Medication Shortages: Information on medication shortages, as well as mitigation strategies, can be found on our *Medication Shortages Page*: [Medication Shortages Page](#). County EMS is continuously monitoring potential medication shortages from open sources as well as at our County Pharmacies and from EMS Agency Reporting. **County EMS has issued a temporary exemption on ketamine, which is in effect until June 20, 2024.** Some other potential system-wide shortages are epinephrine 1:10,000 and albuterol. Agencies are advised to monitor par levels and agency stock to assure that you are in compliance with County EMS Policy P-806.
- Buprenorphine Pilot Program: Working with AMR. This medication is used for those who are suffering from withdrawal. Paramedics are now authorized to assess for significant withdrawal and administer the buprenorphine to reduce the withdrawal. The key to this program is to connect those patients with substance abuse navigators.

C. Ground Ambulance Provider Report – Carlos Valdez, Operations Manager, AMR

1. [CSA-17 Quarterly Performance Reports for January, February and March 2024](#) were included in the Board packets and were presented to the group which covered: Response Compliance, Mutual Aid, Transport by Community, and Transport Destination by Unit. Pleased to report another solid quarter of compliance overall.

D. Operations Chief's Meeting Report – Brian Slattery, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department

- Continue to meet monthly QA and personnel; have great relations with AMR and coastal agencies; great teamwork; overall things are going well.
- Onboarding with Escondido with North Comm.
- First on the Scene class June 1 @ Encinitas Community Center.
- Pre-planning for the Del Mar Fair.

- Hiring – anticipate 2-3 vacancies.
- Success story regarding a 41-year-old male patient who fully recovered; Bystander CPR was performed prior to paramedics arriving.
- Rescue in Annie’s Canyon in Solana Beach.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consultant’s Report on CSA 17 Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
The [Consultant’s Report](http://www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com) is available online at www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com.
- B. LAFCO Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
There are no changes.
- C. Lifeguard Report
The Lifeguard Report will be available in November.
- D. Encinitas Area Ambulance Re-deployment Update
Chief Jorge Sanchez provided an update. Waiting to gather more data before present any information to the group. Anticipate having that information for the August meeting.
- E. Budget Subcommittee Update
By the end of the month, hoping to gather additional information regarding the Budget Subcommittee and continue to meet along that schedule. Anticipate meeting in May, June, and July and report back in August.

ACTION: Nicole del Toro will work on organizing the Budget Subcommittee meetings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: The current Chair, Kelly Hinze, and Vice Chair, Tracy Martinez, will remain the same until January 2025.

- B. Elect Citizen at Large

- 1st position: Frank Twohy needs to be reappointed in his position.

A motion was made by Tucker Stine seconded by Jill MacDonald to renominate Frank Twohy as the Citizen at Large until January 2026. Motion carried.

- 2nd position (vacant): The Advisory members will take this request to their councils for a suggestion for a Citizen at Large member and will bring back to the August meeting.

- C. Fairgrounds Operations Update

Chief Jorge Sanchez provided an update. Went over some preplanning for the Del Mar Fair grand opening July 8. Working on a walk-through.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 4:00 pm and will be held in person at Solana Beach City Hall, 635 Hwy 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075. Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.