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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Jonathan Jordan, Chair/ Paul Forney, Vice Chair
c/o SD County Emergency Medical Services Office
County Operations Center
5560 Overland Avenue, Rm 171, San Diego, CA 92123

Minutes **Thursday, May 22, 2025**

Members Present

Bojanowski, R.N., Michael – American Red Cross
Covell, R.N., Brian – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators'
Dunlap, M.D., Burnie – District 4
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association
Hanks, Sgt, Michael – Law Enforcement Agencies
Hudnet, Ron – Hospital Association of SD/Imperial Counties
Jordan, Jonathan – District 2
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Ross, Timothy – District 3
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)

In Attendance

Bumgardner, Charles – Federal Fire
Fecteau, Christina – Federal Fire
Graham, Valery – CSA 17
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Jagielinski, Jakub – County Fire/CAL FIRE
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – SDFD/UCSD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP
Scott, M.D., Christopher - Kaiser
Sullivan, Don – AMR

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 5
County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Military Agencies
SD County Fire Districts' Association
SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gonzalez, Evelin
Haidari, Tareq
Meick, Tyler
Parr, Andy
Regier, Marc
Thihalolipavan, M.D., Sayone
Trousdale, Brad
Vithalani, M.D., Veer

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

- A. Jonathan Jordan, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. A quorum was declared.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. There were no introductions or announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments/petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Forney, seconded by Sean Walters, to approve the April 24, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell, RN

The group did not meet.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Ron Hudnet

- The group did not meet.
- A tabletop drill meeting and a fuel diesel reserve disaster planning meeting this week; working on scheduling additional meetings.

V. COUNTY REPORT

A. EMS Medical Director Report

The following presentation [EMS Medical Director Report](#) was shared with the group by EMS Medical Director Kristi Koenig.

- i. New County Health Officer Introduction – Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan

B. Administrative Report

- 2025 - 2026 EMS Treatment Protocols: The San Diego County EMS 2025-2026 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, 2025.
- Kaiser San Marcos Medical Center: We are pleased to share the exciting news that Kaiser San Marcos Medical Center has been officially designated as a County of San Diego EMS stroke receiving center. This designation is effective on July 1, 2025.

We welcome Kaiser San Marcos Medical Center as our nineteenth designated stroke receiving center, further strengthening our specialty care system.

- New Requirement for Automated Cardiac Compression Devices on July 1, 2025: As agencies were informed beginning in March of last year, protocol S-103 language was revised to state that automated cardiac compression devices will become mandatory for all ALS ground ambulances on July 1, 2025. This requirement was included in the educational materials distributed to all EMS agencies with the revised protocols on May 1, 2024.
- The LEMSIS System is always improving, and third-party data integration is in progress!
The use of the LEMSIS system streamlines data management and ensures high-quality, patient-centered care. Additionally, agencies using the LEMSIS system fully comply with EMSA dataset requirements and OD Maps submittals, including AB40 (transfer of care) reporting requirements. The LEMSIS product, through the LEMSIS User Group, is always adapting to the dataset and user experience adjustments. The very active user group makes suggestions to improve the product monthly.
- Public Comment Process: Policy development is a continuous process. Staff are currently engaged in drafting multiple policies, which are anticipated to be released for public comment in the coming months. We encourage interested parties to regularly visit our website for updates on policies being posted for public review and feedback. A link to this site is also available on the EMS Mobile App.

You can also sign up for our e-mailing list to receive updates and notifications when policies are posted for public comment.

Link: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/ems/prehospital_systemv2/Policy-Public-Comment.html

- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisories: Memorial Day – May 26, 2025

C. EMS System Redesign – Veer Vithalani, MD

The EMS Office has established two advisory committees to help guide the EMS System redesign process. Each of these committees includes representatives from the Hospital Association, The Fire Chiefs Association, and the Ambulance Association. These advisory committees will discuss future pilot studies, equipment trials, and proposed policy adjustments. As a reminder, the final reports and periodic updates are posted on the San Diego County Engage Page.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Endorsement Vote)

A. Published 2025-26 Non-Substantive Policies – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

The following presentation [Policy Updates to Align with Protocols](#) was shared with the group.

VII. REPORTS

A. San Diego County ePCR Data Submission Compliance Update – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

Several additional agencies have linked their ePCR databases with the County's LEMSIS system over the past few weeks. We are now at approximately 92% of ALS transporting volume, still missing a few first responders beyond that number.

The LEMSIS User group met last week, focusing on improvements and optimizations to the LEMSIS ePCR form and workflows. The next meeting is scheduled in a couple of months, and everyone is welcome to attend. If interested, please contact Josh Smith, Sr Epidemiologist, at Joshua.smith@sdcounty.ca.gov.

The Data Dictionary Working group met a couple of weeks ago. Several updates are underway, related to local protocol changes and state and national data requirements, which will impact all EMS providers in the County over the next nine months or so.

B. EMS Office Budget Presentation – Tareq Haidari, Program Coordinator

The following presentation [Emergency Medical Services \(EMS\) Office Budget](#) was shared with the group.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Office Proposed Fees Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

In 2024, the Board of Supervisors supported a phased three-year increase for personnel, specialty care, and permitting fees. The proposed fee updates were approved by the Board of Supervisors and are effective July 1, 2025. If you have any questions or comments, please email EMSNotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov

B. Ambulance Ordinance Update – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

The Ambulance Ordinance draft is still under legal review. Once completed, it will be posted on the San Diego County EMS Engage Page for further public comment.

C. Spare Wheel Exemption Board Letter Presentation – Tareq Haidari, Program Coordinator

The following presentation [Ambulance Spare Wheel Requirement Exemption](#) was shared with the group.

A motion was made by Harry Muns, seconded by Michael Bojanowski to endorse the Spare Wheel Exemption requests.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2025, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.