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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, June 26, 2025**

#### **Members Present**

Covell, R.N., Brian – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators'  
Dunlap, M.D., Burnie – District 4  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association  
Hanks, Sgt, Michael – Law Enforcement Agencies (Alt)  
Jordan, Jonathan – District 2  
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Phillips, MD, Julie – SD County Medical Society  
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Riley, Tobin – SD County Fire Districts Association (Alt)  
Sloane, MD, Christian – District 5  
Smith, Sgt, Austin – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Uppenkamp, RN, Tina – American Red Cross  
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)

#### **In Attendance**

Chandler, Craig – Stryker  
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad Fire  
Graham, Valery – CSA 17  
Idman, Gervais – Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP  
Killy, Kecia – Stryker  
Lassiter, Sarah – Reach Air  
Naylor, Kyrstyn – BHNC Grossmont  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad Fire  
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP

#### **Not in Attendance**

District 1  
District 3  
Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
Military Agencies  
SD County Ambulance Association

#### **County Staff**

Assof, Michael  
Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Haidari, Tareq  
Meick, Tyler  
Moreno, Amanda  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, M.D., Josh  
Trousdale, Brad  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer  
Vithalani, M.D., Veer

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

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- A. Jonathan Jordan, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. A quorum was declared.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. The following introductions were made: 1) Kristin Naylor – new Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator for Grossmont Hospital 2) Sergeant Austin Smith – new primary member representing Law Enforcement Agencies, and Sergeant Michael Hanks – new alternate member.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

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There were no public comments/petitions.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Burnie Dunlap, seconded by Dr. Julie Phillips, to approve the May 22, 2025 minutes. Motion carried.

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell, RN

The group met and discussed some policies for endorsement, which were postponed.

### B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee

The group did not meet.

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## V. COUNTY REPORT

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### A. EMS Medical Director Report

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

### B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- Health Services Capacity Plan [Level](#): Plan Level 5 – Baseline Surveillance (Level 1-5 – Five is Lowest)  
Southern California Fire Preparedness [Level](#): Plan Level 2 (Level 1-5 - Five is highest)
  - County EMS Fees and the next Fiscal Year:  
In 2024, the Board of Supervisors supported a phased three-year increase for personnel, specialty care, and permitting fees. This phased increase required annual validation that these fee stairsteps are accurate. The County's Emergency Services Administration Unit, together with the Auditor & Controller's Office, have finished the LEMSA fee review. The fee updates for the 2nd year were approved by the Board of Supervisors and are effective July 1, 2025. If you have questions or comments, please email [EMSNotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:EMSNotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov).
  - Internal Disasters and Ambulance Traffic Reminder:  
San Diego County hospitals may declare Internal Disaster status when a critical disruption occurs to provide medical services. These situations may include structural failures, infrastructure disruptions, or health and safety threats. When a hospital declares an Internal Disaster, all ambulance traffic must be rerouted to other destinations, including specialty care patients and those patients requesting a particular facility. Internal Disaster declarations are shared immediately with all hospitals, EMS communications centers, the County Ambulance Coordinator, County Public Health Preparedness and Response, and the California Department of Public Health. In addition, the County EMS Duty Officer will engage the affected hospital to expedite transfers or evacuation resources.
  - State Regulations Update:
    - EMSA is currently reviewing the public comments received from February through April 2025 for updates to Chapter, Specialty Programs, within the Division 9, Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations. The state is expecting to make additional revisions and announce an additional public comment period in the coming months.
    - The EMS Commission endorsed the emergency AB-40 Chapter 1. Delivering Equitable and Person-Centered Care: Article 1.2 Ambulance Patient Offload Time regulations last week. These regulations have been submitted to the State Office of Administrative Law. Information about the APOT data discrepancy review and audit process is forthcoming.
  - EMS Corps: Accepting Student Applications
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San Diego County Fire's EMS Corps trains people aged 18-26 for careers in emergency medical services. Throughout a 5-month program, students are provided with a stipend while receiving coaching, mentorship, and EMT training provided by experienced professionals.

The program experience includes:

- A curriculum tailored to students' skills and abilities
- Support for students' success
- Help with job placement after graduation

More information and program applications are available at the San Diego EMS Corps website (SanDiegoEMSCorps.Org). In addition, we thank our partner organizations for supporting this important program.

- Medical Direction RFI Update:

The EMS Office is seeking information about Online Medical Direction for EMS Providers. This Request for Information (RFI) has closed. This, and all other procurement-related requests, are posted on the County of San Diego, Purchasing and Contracting BUYNET e-Commerce system. We suggest registering on the County's BUYNET system. The link is: <https://sdbuynet.sandiegocounty.gov/>.

- 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.

- No-Notice Ambulance Arrival Data Collection:

San Diego County EMS is gathering information on ambulance arrivals at emergency departments, with a specific focus on those with no-notice or late notification. These situations may reflect short ambulance transports, communication difficulties, or other operational causes. This data will inform the EMS System Redesign process.

ED personnel may complete this 30-second survey via phone or browser. ED staff may also download and print the QR code flyer.

EMS providers encountering Communication Failure should continue to use the P-405A Communication Failure Report.

County EMS appreciates these contributions, with more than 100 reports received so far.

- 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 ODMAP 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 active user group makes suggestions to improve the product quarterly.

- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisories:

Independence Day – July 4, 2025

### **C. EMS System Redesign – Veer Vithalani, MD**

The EMS Office has initiated two advisory committees to help guide the EMS Delivery System redesign. These committees include representatives from the Hospital Association of San Diego & Imperial Counties, the San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association, and the Ambulance Association of San Diego County. The Steering Committee has also formed two taskforces; one focused on the redesign of the quality management plan and the other focused on the

recommendations in the Trauma Center Catchment Areas Consultants Report. These advisory committees and taskforces will be discussing 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](#).

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## **VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Endorsement Vote)**

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There were no policies for review.

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## **VII. REPORTS**

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

The ePCR Data Submission Compliance rate is at 93%. There are a few additional transport agencies that are in the works of either adopting LEMSIS or submitting data via third party vendor integration. A handful of first responder agencies are outstanding. Working to bring air ambulance providers data.

### **B. San Diego County Trauma Dashboard – Amanda Moreno, Epidemiologist**

An overview of the San Diego County Trauma Dashboard was shared with the group, which included the following categories: Mechanism of Injury Trends, Trauma Demographics, Trauma Volume by Hospital, Mortality Count & Rates, Location & System Access, Injury Type & Severity Trends, Patient Outcomes – ED Arrivals & Facility Admissions, and ICD-10 Code Classifications. The plan is for the dashboard to be publicly accessible once all internal work is complete.

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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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### **A. Ambulance Ordinance Update – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator**

The Ambulance Ordinance update remains in internal processes. Once completed, it will be posted on the San Diego County EMS Engage Page for further public comment.

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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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There was no new business.

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## **X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. The meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.