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SUBJECT: EMS Medical Director's Advisory
Committee (Base Station
Physicians' Committee)

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I. PURPOSE

To designate an advisory committee to provide consultation, medical protocol review, and recommendations regarding prehospital medical care issues to the County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services (CoSD EMS) Medical Director.

II. POLICY

The CoSD EMS Medical Director may consult with the CoSD EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee on issues concerning prehospital treatment protocols and prehospital medical care delivery in the EMS system.

A. Membership

The CoSD EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee will have the following members:

1. All Base Hospital Medical Directors
2. One member representing Children's Hospital Emergency Department physician staff
3. One member representing approved paramedic training programs
4. One member representing County Paramedic Agencies Committee (CPAC)
5. One member representing the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators Committee
6. One member representing the San Diego County Paramedics' Association
7. All prehospital agency physician Medical Directors
8. CoSD EMS Medical Director or designee (ex officio)
9. CoSD EMS Prehospital Coordinator (ex officio)

B. The responsibilities of the CoSD EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee are:

1. To meet as an Advisory Committee on a monthly basis

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2. To develop an agenda in conjunction with the CoSD EMS Medical Director
3. To consult on prehospital medical issues
4. To convene small task forces of Advisory Committee members and others to work with the CoSD EMS Medical Directory or designee on specific medical management issues
5. To consult with other medical specialties or other advisory bodies in the County as necessary
6. To evaluate written statement(s) from Base Hospital Medical Director(s) questioning the medical effect of an EMS policy

C. Election of Officers

Committee Officer shall consist of one chairperson who is a physician. Elections will take place during the last meeting of each calendar year and appointee shall assume office at the first meeting of the new calendar year. Officers elected shall serve a one year term and may be re-elected for an additional term.

- D.** Due to the "advisory" nature of the committee, many issues require consensus rather than a vote process. Vote process issues will be identified as such by the Chairperson. When voting is required, a "simple" majority of the voting members of the committee need to be present to constitute a quorum.