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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Brian Covell, RN, Chair / Julie Phillips, MD, Vice Chair
c/o SD County Emergency Medical Services Office
County Operations Center | **5530 Overland Avenue, Rm 124**, San Diego 92123
Thursday, April 10, 2025

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Covell, RN, Brian – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
Jordan, Jonathan – District 2
Muns, Harry – SD Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)
Phillips, MD, Julie – SD County Medical Society
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – County Paramedic Agencies Committee

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Meick, Tyler
Trousdale, Brad
Vithalani, MD, Veer

Agency Representatives

Bothwell, Aaron – SDFD
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Hughes, Sarah – RCCP
Kahn, MD, Christopher – UCSD
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD
Scott, MD, Chris – Kaiser

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Brian Covell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
- B. There were no introductions.
- C. There were no announcements.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Paul Forney, seconded by Dr. Julie Phillips to approve the meeting minutes from February 13, 2025. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. COUNTY REPORT – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 5 – Baseline Surveillance (Level 1-5 – Five is Lowest)

Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 3 (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 requires 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 are anticipated to be heard by the Board of Supervisors on April 22 and be effective July 1. If you have questions or comments, please email EMSNotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- EMS System Redesign Process Update:
The EMS Office has initiated two advisory committees to help guide the EMS System redesign process. Each of these committees have representatives from the Hospital Association, The Fire Chiefs Association and the Ambulance Association. These advisory committees 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](#).
- Ambulance Ordinance Update:
The ambulance ordinance is undergoing an update to better align with current best practices and medical transportation standards. As part of this process, we want to hear from the community to help better understand their experience with the EMS delivery system and identify areas for potential improvement.
- 2025 - 2026 EMS Treatment Protocols:
We are finalizing the treatment protocol drafts to be presented at the EMS Medical Director's Advisory Committee (or BSPC) in the coming months. We look forward to showcasing the proposed revisions and receiving the community's feedback to better inform our decisions as we continue to pursue the most up-to-date and evidence-based treatments.
- 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.
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisories:
Memorial Day – May 26, 2025, Juneteenth – June 19, 2025, Independence Day – July 4, 2025

A. Draft Policies Posted for Public Comment

As a reminder, the public can subscribe to receive updates and email notifications of when new policies are posted for public comment.

The following five policies are currently open for public comment, and will close on April 14, 2025:

- S-070: Special Program Authorizations
- S-306: Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education
- S-620: LEMSA Data Use and Standards
- S-883: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access
- S-883A: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access Plan Template

V. **NEW BUSINESS – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator**

- A. Non-Substantive Policy Updates for 2025-2026
1. P-805 ALS First Responder Units

The following document was shared with the group: [Non-Substantive Policy Updates Packet](#)

B. Policy Updates to Align with Protocol Revisions for 2025-2026

1. S-412 Prehospital Treatment and Transportation of Adults – Refusal of Care or Suggested Destination, Release (Presentation)

The following PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group: [S-412 Policy Updates to Align with Protocols](#)

2. S-402 Prehospital Determination of Death
3. S-804 First Responder Inventory

The following document was shared with the group: [Policy Updates to Align with Protocol Revisions](#)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2025 at 9:30 am. New temporary location is at the COC, 5530 Overland Avenue, Rm 124, San Diego 92123. Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.