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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, July 10, 2025**

**Minutes**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

**Members**

Cochran, Jennifer – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Covell, RN, Brian – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association  
Muns, Harry – SD Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)  
Phillips, MD, Julie – SD County Medical Society

**County Staff**

Assof, Michael  
Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Gonzalez, Evelin  
Kolodzik, Susan  
Meick, Tyler  
Smith, PhD, Josh  
Trousdale, Brad  
Vithalani, MD, Veer

**Agency Representatives**

Erickson, Kirk – Scripps Mercy  
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad Fire  
Graham, Valery – CSA 17  
Haugen, Natalie – UCSD EMS Fellow  
Kahn, MD, Christopher – UCSD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

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**I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Brian Covell, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.  
B. There were no introductions.  
C. There were no announcements.

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Harry Muns to approve the meeting minutes from June 12, 2025. Motion carried.**

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions.

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#### IV. COUNTY REPORT – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

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- 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)
- 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 completed their review of the public comments received from February through April 2025 for updates to Chapter 6, Specialty Programs, within Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.
  - Additional revisions have been made to the proposed regulation text and opened up a second public comment period from July 3 through August 17, 2025.
  - We strongly encourage everyone to review the proposed revisions as the language will have impacts to our specialty care programs.
- EMS Corps: Accepting Student Applications!  
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

We are happy to announce that the first class started this week with 21 students. We look forward to their success and applications for the next cohort will be opening soon.

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.

- 2025 - 2026 EMS Treatment Protocols:  
The San Diego County EMS 2025-2026 treatment protocols went live on July 1. All of the new protocols and policies are posted on our website as well as the EMS Mobile App.

As a reminder, you will need to completely close out the EMS Mobile application and restart it with an active internet or cellular connection in order to download the new updates.

- Revive and Survive San Diego:
  - We celebrated a major milestone for the joint county and academic program, with more than 522,000 San Diegans trained in hands-only CPR since the program launch last year.
  - The San Diego County News Center published an article and video yesterday that covered this milestone and included footage from an event this week where a group of first responders on Wednesday trained more than 200 people in hands-only CPR at Moonlight State Beach in Encinitas.
- 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 posted on the County EMS website.

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.

- DEA-222 Forms:  
We became aware that the DEA print shop is under renovation and there is a hold up on the DEA-222 forms. We are passing this information along in the event your agency is reliant on DEA-222 forms for medication orders.
- EMS System Redesign Process Update – Dr. Veer Vithalani  
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. The steering committee has also formed two Task Forces, one to focus on the redesign of the quality management plan; and one to focus on the recommendations in the Trauma Center Catchment Areas consultant's report. 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](#).
- AB40 & Ambulance Patient Offload Time Update – Brian Christison – Program Coordinator  
The regulations related to AB40 went into effect a week and a half ago. The State EMS Authority has been holding webinars for hospital providers and LEMSAs about the audit tool. The audit tool will use CEMSIS data provided to each receiving hospital. Those hospitals will be able to flag individual transports and transport times for further review.

## I. System Policy Review (Endorsement Vote)

### A. S-070: Special Program Authorizations

**A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Harry Muns to endorse Policy S-070. Motion carried.**

### B. S-306: Emergency Medical Services Continuing Education

**A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Jennifer Cochran to endorse Policy S-306. Motion carried.**

### C. S-620: LEMSAs Data Use and Standards

**A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Harry Muns to endorse Policy S-620. Motion carried.**

### D. S-883: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access

**A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Jennifer Cochran to endorse Policy S-883. Motion carried.**

### E. S-883A: Emergency Medical Dispatch Enhanced Care Access Plan Template

A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Jennifer Cochran to endorse Policy S-883A. Motion carried.

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**II. NEW BUSINESS**

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There was no new business.

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**III. OLD BUSINESS**

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There was no old business.

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**IV. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for September 11, 2025 at 9:30 am (**August is dark**) at 5560 Overland Avenue, Rm 172, San Diego 92123. Meeting adjourned at 9:54 am.