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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Sherryl Parks, Chair (interim)/Nancy Hillgren, Vice-Chair
Minutes
Tuesday, November 7, 2017

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Parks, Sherryl
City of Encinitas – Muir, Mark
City of Solana Beach – Marshall, Ginger
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District – Nancy Hillgren
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Cerny, Barbara
Citizen at Large – Heiser, Don
Citizen at Large – Zovanyi, Peter

County Staff Present

Ameng, RN, Diane
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Parr, Andy
Shahri, Sheri
Yphantides, MD, Nick

Agency Representatives Present

Austin, David – American Medical Response (AMR)
Blumeyer, Jon – Encinitas Fire Department
Davidson, Bret – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
Kay, Karen – CSA17 EMS Coordinator
Michel, Tony – Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District
Sawdey, Deanna – American Medical Response (AMR)
Stein, Mike – Encinitas Fire Department
Theberge, J.P. – Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sherryl Parks, CSA-17 Chair (Interim) called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Muir, seconded by Peter Zovanyi to approve the August 1, 2017 CSA-17 Advisory Committee minutes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Chief Mike Stein introduced two (2) guest speakers: Ray Chaney from 2-1-1 San Diego and Victor Roosen from American Red Cross. Chief Stein is considering 2-1-1 San Diego for all three cities regarding communication during disasters and how to engage in the community.

1. 2-1-1 San Diego

Ray Chaney, Crisis Communications Director

2-1-1 connects people with social services. For large scale incidents in the region, people currently call 2-1-1 for information regarding the need for housing, financial, food, military and veteran assistance.

2-1-1 has a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Office of Emergency Services and is a non-profit agency assisting the first responder community. They have the ability to provide non-emergency information and real time feedback to the public, and offer a surge capacity to help decompress the 9-1-1 system.

2. American Red Cross San Diego Region

Victor Roosen, Regional Disaster Officer

Fiscal Year 2017 Report and Sheltering Program Review

The American Red Cross (ARC) mission is to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies by mobilizing the power of volunteers and the generosity of donors.

ARC provides five (5) lines of services: Blood Services, Health and Safety Services, International Services, Service to the Armed Forces, Disaster Cycle Services

ARC also provides equipment and materials during an emergency. Containers and trailers are pre-loaded with supplies and located strategically around the county to support shelter operations. There are 16,000 cots staged in the containers and trailers and a small warehouse. Feeding agreements are set up with partner organizations to support a large disaster and can provide 100,000 meals per day.

SD County OES has an agreement with Del Mar Fairgrounds to utilize it as a shelter and can provide six (6) conex containers with cots, blankets, comfort kits; privacy screens, AFN cots, dust masks and flashlights

4. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Finance Report – Sheri Shahri, EMS Admin Analyst

EMS presented the CSA-17 Financial Review Q1 FY 17/18

1. Revenue Growth by Source

Ambulance Transport Fee		\$ 531,881
Resident Transport Fees	\$ 316,964	
Non-Resident Transport Fees	<u>\$ 214,917</u>	

Property Taxes	\$ 27,487
Benefit Fee	\$ -
Interest/Adjustment/Other	\$ -
Total Revenue	\$ 559,368

2. Expense Growth by Source

Ambulance Contracts	\$ 632,753
Dispatch Services	\$ -
Billing & Collection Services	\$ 15,852
County – Admin Services	\$ 18,815
Total Expenditures	\$ 667,420

- Mark Muir asked if each agency gets a certain amount of funds. Sheri Shahri responded that they do.

B. EMS County Report – Jim Kirkpatrick, EMS/Fire Liaison

1. Hepatitis A Outbreak Update

There have been 544 cases of Hepatitis A and 20 deaths.

The State has granted San Diego's request for an optional scope of practice permit for paramedics to administer Hep A vaccinations. The authorization was approved with an end date of April 1, 2018. Several agencies such as the City of San Diego and some Fire Agencies are in the process of being approved to administer vaccinations to the at risk community population. Currently, 90K members of the at risk community have been immunized against Hep A.

Hep A Discussion topics:

- Hep A activity, delivery options and activity level in CSA17. Dr. Nick responded that there have been 1,001 Hep A vaccinations in the CSA17 region. The target goal is high risk populations, which is primarily homeless or illicit IV drug users.
- Hep A number of cases. Responded that some communities have a very small number of cases. Because of privacy concerns they are determining if the information can be given out.
Dr. Nick Yphantides will follow up on the request for the number of cases.

2. San Diego LEMSIS Data Collection System

CSA-69, the City of Santee and the Lakeside Fire Protection District has joined the LEMSIS system effective today.

3. Opioid drug use and discussion:

- Tracking of opioid overdose activity in the CSA17 area. Dave Austin will pull and email information he has on the subject. Andy Parr added that it is difficult to track opioid exposure or use as there are multiple drugs involved. It is also difficult to collect information as paramedics don't always know what the patient took.

C. Paramedic Provider Report – Dave Austin, CSA Program Manager

CSA-17 3rd Quarter Performance Reports for July, August and September were sent to the Advisory Committee members prior to the meeting. AMR

performance reports were presented and included response time compliance, mutual aid and transport by community. 3rd quarter performance was strong.

D. Operations Report – Chief Jon Blumeyer, Encinitas Fire Department

- Crews were sent to Anaheim and Napa for the fires.
- Personnel that were sent to hurricane relief in Texas and Florida for disaster medical came back safely.
- Rancho Santa Fe (RSF), Solana Beach and Encinitas have completed their annual Fire Safety Prevention month in October. It was a well-attended event for all cities
- Rancho Santa Fe is planning to start their ALS engine out at Station 6 starting January 1, 2018.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- **RSF request for outfitting of Elfin Forest engine – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

We received a request from Rancho Santa Fe and will move forward to fund ALS equipment to the level requested for RSF engine 6. The request was previously approved for RSF engine 5. Now that RSF has two (2) additional engines. Those agency contracts will be reviewed. Information will be provided in February 2018 at the Budget subcommittee meeting. No action is needed by the committee.

- **Discussion topics:**

- Increasing the amount in the budget and establish a formula as agencies grow and services are provided. Move forward to establish fair and equitable resource allocations from the county for the agencies.
- Review allocation resources in CSA17 and give a proposal to re-establish contracts with the agencies that includes a budgeted formula.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Andy Parr introduced Dr. Nick Yphantides, Director of Medical Care Services Division**

- **Unified Service Area - Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

Andy Parr presented the main points of the draft USA report “Improving the Emergency Medical Services Delivery System in San Diego County”. The draft report will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2017.

- **Comments and Discussion**

- Will the proposal be more efficient, more effective and less expensive? The plan will be more effective, but we do not know if it will be less expensive.
- The Fire Chiefs felt they were not given adequate time to review the proposal and give input, advice and be a part of the decision making. It was agreed to allow them additional time for comment and input.
- They prefer Harmony Grove be removed from the study area. Service in that area should be provided by County Service Area 17. The best way to provide service is to include them and put them in existing areas for better administration and oversight.

- Determining response times. A review of 2015 and 2016 found that the providers were able to deliver service in the areas. We wanted to ensure that people saw a more rapid level of care particularly in the back country. The standard response time of 30 minutes has been standard for the last 25 years.
 - Are recommended standards referenced or are they random? Working closely with County Fire Authority we were able to leverage the 13 new paramedic engine companies in the back country to enter this program, to cut down on response times and allow ground ambulance providers more time to respond there.
 - Is the proposed reorganization too early to forecast any financial consequences on CSA17? The eastern edge of CSA17 is Harmony Grove which needs to be covered by some oversight ambulance service provider.
- **Feedback from Fire chiefs and residents or public members in attendance**
 - Chief Tony Michel with RSF Fire Protection District spoke on Harmony Grove. His concerns were regarding LAFCO and the 12 minute response time. He added that there is another agency adjacent to CSA17 that is willing to provide the service, or there are other options available to provide service. He hopes they do not divide the community of Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove.
 - Chief Mike Stein agreed with Chief Tony Michel's concerns and added that the dispatching piece was not discussed. The entire USA proposal would be dispatched out of one single dispatch center Monte Vista which is not their closest dispatching center.
 - JP Theberge, Vice Chair Elfin Forest/Harmony Grove Town Council commented that the communities of Harmony Grove and Elfin Forest prefer to be part of a local CSA or have a mutual aid with one of their local providers. They also feel they were not given an opportunity to comment on the proposal.
 - Chief Frank Twohy is concerned that the study never considered the LAFCO process and does not know what the costs are with the plan.

- **Discussion**

Peter Zovanyi requested an explanation on the LAFCO and unified process. Andy Parr explained that the delivery of ground ambulance service is regulated by the State of California through EMSA, and it is not part of the LAFCO process. That is the duty of the local LEMSA in San Diego. Our goal is to provide ground ambulance service everywhere. County EMS does not oppose the annexation of Harmony Grove. The areas should be collected into one comprehensive system, part of that is the collection of the seven (7) undesignated areas for oversight into one area. Dr. Nick added that through the USA Plan proposed area, San Marcos and Escondido would be benefitting from mutual aid on the eastern northern side.

Chief Andy Parr explained that the request is for CSA17 Advisory Committee to review and accept the report. Comments from the public and the Advisory Committee are part of the process in reviewing the draft report that will be brought to the Board of Supervisors in December.

- **CSA17 Board member discussion:**

The Board requested to have more time to discuss and make an informed decision. They would like to see the USA study and plan, the proposal, and a comprehensive report from the Operation Chiefs and request a delay in taking the plan to the Board on December 5th.

Nancy Hillgren would like to propose in the New Year, that the Board members are given advance information from different perspectives with background and reports ahead of time so they can prepare. Then when the presentation is given, they have an opportunity to ask questions and give an informed decision.

A motion was made by Peter Zovanyi, seconded by Ginger Marshall to continue the discussion of the USA Study and Plan beyond the December 5th date. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheryl Parks will contact recorder Nicole del Toro Cummings regarding the possibility of setting a Special Advisory Board Meeting.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next CSA-17 Advisory Board Meeting February 6, 2018.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.