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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Christine Wells, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2017

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Carlson, Sharon – Hospital Assoc.SD/Imp County
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Green, Katy – District 1
Meadow-Pitt, Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coor of SD County

Vacant Positions

American Red Cross
Bi-National Emergency Care Committee
League of California Cities
Military Agencies
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society
San Diego Fire Chiefs Association

In Attendance

deKlerk, Maude – RCCP
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Idman, Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
McLuckie, Matthew – Reach Air
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser
Stittsworth, Sue – Teleflex\Arrow
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

County Staff

Goldstein, Marlene
Parr, Andy
Regan-Smith, Ellie (Recorder)
Royer, Diane
Smith, Josh
Smith, Susan
Thihalolipavan, M.D., Sayone

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMCC Chair Daryn Drum called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Christine Wells to approve the November 29, 2016 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee**
Info will be covered in staff report
 - B. **Education/Research Subcommittee**
Did not meet
 - C. **Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson**
Did not meet
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5. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan

- A. San Diego County Medical Society has been informed that EMCC has an open member position and they are looking to find a representative.
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6. EMS STAFF REPORT – Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan

- A. EMS Chief interviews are in their second round.
 - B. Fee Changes will be going forward to the BOS in March
 - C. Sayone introduced Marlene Goldstein who has headed up the new LEMSIS system and she gave a brief on the progress of the new system.
 - D. Daryn Drum pointed out that everyone needs to educate their staff to plan ahead and get it done.
 - E. IQCS will continue to be available until the new system is fully up and running.
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7. EMS PRESENTATION – Transfer of Care Update – Josh Smith

Josh Smith gave a brief data report from the soft roll out of First Watch TOC that has been put in place. The data that has been collected so far has basically been practice and will be scrubbed at the end of January and start new with February 1, 2017. The

report will be brought to both EMOC and EMCC PreHospital/Hospital Subcommittee. The data is in place to measure offload time and recording. This will assist with compliance and see what is possible to improve or change with this data being collected. Stephen Abbott questioned what does this data collection actually help with? Christine Wells responded saying if they have statistically accurate data back-up when they go to their hospital administrators with request for more nurses in the ER or equipment needs they are more likely to be heard. Daryn Drum brought up that it is also now required by the State. Discussion on emergency and non-emergency calls and response and a system that is massively over-loaded. Sharon Carlson brought up that it is neither a hospital problem nor an ambulance problem we have a healthcare delivery system problem. Mary Murphy pointed out that there are ways to alleviate some of the problems ie: change dispatch, billing and utilization. She suggested embracing change. EMS will continue to collect accurate data to share with the agencies to help some of these larger issues. Daryn Drum pointed out that County EMS is really working and some serious progress is being made. Linda Rosenberg asked about the back in service tab. Josh explained that will come out in the compliance report. Diane Royer in closing reminded that we are constantly being told that change does not come about without data. Everything has to be data driven and has to be proven by the data. Hope that the collaboration of the agencies and data collection will effect change at a legislative program.

8. OLD BUSINESS

Membership on the EMCC was discussed. Possibly look into meeting minutes of the subcommittees and adding air medical position. Andy Parr will check with Fire Chiefs on their open membership positions. Daryn Drum reached out to League of Cities but it has not progressed. We will revisit at next EMCC meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:02 AM
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2016