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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, March 23, 2017

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3
Carlson, Sharon – Hospital Assoc.SD/Imp County
Cote, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coor of SD County (Alt)
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Green, Katy – District 1 Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser
Maxwell, Paul – San Diego County Paramedics’ Association
Kahn M.D., Christopher – District 4
Meadow-Pitt, Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – San Diego Fire Chiefs’ 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

Cain, Carly - CSVSM
Graham, Dan – Care San Diego
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
McLuckie, Matthew – Reach Air
Mercer, Kevin - AMR
Scott, M.D., Scott – Kaiser

County Staff

Goldstein, Marlene
Koenig M.D., Kristi
Parr, Andy
Regan-Smith, Ellie (Recorder)
Smith, Susan
Yphantides, M.D., Nick

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christine Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the January 26, 2017 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

Policies for approval will be covered today.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Mary Murphy had input concerning the Community Paramedicine pilot project the California Emergency Physicians have changed their position from Paramedics making a safe decision on patient care to focusing on delay in care.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

Figuring out EMCC membership and sub-committee memberships
Next meeting is scheduled for July 20th to review.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Kristi Koenig

- A. Andy Parr is our new EMS Administrator
 - B. Dr. Nick Yphantides personally welcomed Andy Parr to EMS.
 - C. Measles Event
 - D. A woman returning from travel to Southeast Asia presented to a local ED on March 8, and was ultimately admitted to the hospital, exposing others on the flights (March 6 and March 8) and at the health facility March 8 and part of March 10 prior to isolation.
 - E. Up to 470 contacts; First responder exposure tracking: several (~8-9) paramedics and/or EMTs were exposed; April 1 is the first day out of the incubation period for new cases
 - F. Hepatitis A Outbreak/CAHAN for San Diego March 10
Current hepatitis A summary:
 - o 20 confirmed cases
 - o Episode onset dates range from 11/1/2016-3/10/2017
 - o Median age: 38
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- 1 death
 - 16 inpatients
 - Average length of stay = 3.47 days
 - Drug use documented in 14 cases
 - Homelessness in 11 (all 11 have documented drug use)
 - More than half of cases are in the East region (including homeless)
 - 2 more cases under current investigation.
- G. Flu is widespread in California/we are closely monitoring incidence of ILI for stress to the EMS and other parts of the healthcare system.
- H. EMOC held a meeting at SDCMC on May 10 to address ED crowding and IT and case management solutions.
- I. First Watch Transfer of Care, we are gathering data on off-load times. We will be sending county wide reports, likely starting in March, and reporting next quarter's data to the State.
- J. Continuing work on Image Trend – excited about new data system!
- K. SMR – NAEMSP Board letter to ACEP and ACS-COT representatives dated Feb 27, 2017.
- L. Resuscitation Academy – High performance CPR; EMD hands only compressions
- M. Binational emergency preparedness meeting/Border Visit
- N. EMT regulations were discussed at the state meetings last week. Concerns about drawing up epi (cost of epi-pens).
- O. Pediatric intubation – rigorous discussion at statewide LEMSA directors' meeting last week
- P. Push dose epi to replace dopamine – also discussed at statewide meeting last week
- Q. We are working on a policy for LE administration of naloxone
- R. EMS-C regs coming out for public comment soon
- S. HIE Summit in Anaheim, April 4-5 – Dr. Nick and Dr. Backer keynote speakers
- T. County-wide Sidewalk CPR Day is May 18, 2017

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT – Andy Parr

- A. There is an opening for EMS TEP position.
- B. Dr. Sayone Thihalolipavan was thanked for his commitment to EMS and for taking on the position as the interim Chief. Dr. Koenig, Daryn Drum, Andy Parr and Dr. Nick Yphantides all expressed their appreciation of Sayone's tireless dedication and work ethic.

VII. POLICIES FOR APPROVAL

B-353, Authorization for EMT Out of County Status was reviewed, discussed and motion made by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve and seconded by Linda Rosenberg. Motioned carried.

P-301, Paramedic Training Program Requirements and Procedures for Approval/Re-Approval Update was reviewed, discussed and motion made by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve and seconded by Christine Wells. Motion carried.

S-XXX, Ground Ambulance Radio Policy (Agency) was reviewed, discussed and motion made by Linda Rosenberg to approve and seconded by Christopher Kahn. Motion carried.

S-XXX, Hospital EMS Radio Policy (Hospital) was reviewed, discussed and motion made by Katie Green to approve and seconded by Linda Rosenberg. Motion Approved.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for April 27, 2017