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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, May 25, 2017

Members Present

Carlson, Sharon – Hospital Assoc.SD/Imp County
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Rosenberg, Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coor of SD County

In Attendance

Lyon, Laura – American Red Cross
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser

Vacant Positions

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

County Staff

Ameng, Diane
Goldstein, Marlene
Kiviat-Nudd, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Parr, Andy
Regan-Smith, Ellie (Recorder)
Royer, Diane
Smith, Susan

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMCC Chair Daryn Drum called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 27, 2017 meeting minutes were not approved due to not having a quorum. They will be brought forward for approval at next EMCC.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

1. May 11th meeting was cancelled due to schedule conflicts.
2. Moved June 8th meeting to June 15th due to Coastal Warrior Drill

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

1. Paramedicine projects: Carlsbad = no changes
2. SD City = Fire Dept. is looking into having single role paramedics trained to work on the grant project since AMR no longer is able to staff the role due to high 911 volume and need to meet their response times.
3. The Grant to be extended for 4 more years if AB820 passes.
4. Also keeping an eye on AB1650 which was placed in the “suspense file” and involved payment of students during internships.
5. Discussion about using Fallbrook area as another site for alternative destination. However, they cannot since the grant is very specific about the process and sites.
6. Quorum was not present to approve the minutes from April.
7. Next meeting scheduled for July 17th.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

A lot of preparation going into preparing for the June 8th drill – different areas of the County will focus on separate issues. Staying focused on decon after action.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Kristi Koenig

A. Surveillance

- a. Hepatitis A outbreak (as of May 23, 2017)

- i. http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Hepatitis_A.html
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- ii. Since this outbreak involves homeless individuals, **providers are urged to contact the Epidemiology Program, while suspected cases are still at the healthcare facility.** This action will ensure that a public health investigator can interview the patient by phone for a risk history and will facilitate serum or stool specimen submission to the San Diego County Public Health Laboratory for possible genotyping.
 - iii. Working with the City of San Diego to obtain PCR data for suspect, probably or confirmed Hepatitis A cases that were transported by ambulance to the hospital.
- b. Zika (as of May 19, 2017)
- http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/zika_virus.html
 - http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/Zika_Cases_Reported_SD_County_040517.pdf
 - <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/02-08-2017.pdf>

B. Policies and Protocols

- a. Training materials for the new and revised policies and protocols went out to the field this week. Thank you to everyone who participated!

C. Drug Shortages

- a. COSD EMS is closely monitoring conditions to proactively identify any potential drug shortages before supplies reach critically low levels.
- b. Memo sent to field re: shortages/potential shortages of:
 - i. Epinephrine 1:10,000 (Dilute Epinephrine 1:1,000; do NOT use on >1 patient)
 - ii. D50 (substitute D10 or D25)
 - iii. Sodium Bicarbonate, Calcium Chloride (contact Base Hospital)

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT – Andy Parr

- A.** Subject most not talked about is the upcoming fee increase on July 1, 2017
 - a. Bad News is that the County Fee is going from \$17 to \$40
 - b. Good News is that we told you that this was going to happen early enough for you to make budget adjustments AND we told to it would be \$50, except at the last minute they made it \$40. SO far not much objection to the proposed reduction in fees.
 - c. Next year it will be \$66
 - d. The year after \$82
 - e. Sorry, But there were no changes since 1990 so we're feeling like this increase should be expected and not out of line with reality.

- f. Remember we are committed to look at all the fees every year so other fee changes will be timely and in accordance with County Policy for true cost recovery.

B. CoSD LEMSIS

- a. We are aware that credentialing has suffered numerous delays. But we have added more personnel, working longer hours and have essential caught up with the April Back log and are already working on what we know will be a busy June
- b. QCS and Bubble forms will be discontinued June 30, 2017. Any unused bubble forms should be returned to County EMS by July 14th.

C. Transfer of Care (TOC) module: We will cover this as a separate agenda item today.

D. Board of Supervisors:

- a. The BOS approved a feasibility study last month for EMS to review the 4 large County “owned” EOAs and the 6 unserved areas which includes the Harmony Grove area. Recommendation will go back to BoS in October.
- b. In late June the Board will consider some very routine CPI benefit fee increases in the County Services Areas (17 and 69). Communities impacted by these changes are Del Mar, Solana Beach, Encinitas, Rancho Santa Fe, Santee, Lakeside and Bostonia section of San Miguel.

E. On June 8th there will be an emergency preparedness exercise. The MOC will be open in participation in that exercise.

F. This will be Ellie Regan-Smith last EMCC Meeting. She is leaving the County of San Diego to pursue her lifetime dream career as a Flight Attendant.

VII. Transfer Of Care Update

Andy Parr reviewed the data that has been captured thus far with the new TOC in place. He did a blind review of the emergency departments and the ambulance zones. The data is being collected and there was a discussion on when and how to get the TOC button pushed in a timely manner.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Round table discussion concerning TOC took place. Transfer of Care is still progressing. There are concerns on both the hospital side and the prehospital side. This is a start of the data collection to at least see where everyone is in there transfer times.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 AM
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for June 22, 2017