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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

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Meadows-Pitt, R.N. Mary – District 2
Molloy, Bernard – SD County Fire Districts Association
Moriarty, Douglas – SD County Ambulance Association
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

District 1
District 5
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*

In Attendance

Covell, RN, Brian - Mercy
deKlerk, RN, Maude - RCCP
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire Department
Sleeter, Jeremy – ARC
Smith, RN, Zechariah – CSA17 EMS Coord
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

County Staff

Ameng, RN, Diane
Beam, Jamie
Cabrera, Gina
Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirn, Shannon
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Laugen, Gary
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andrew
Smith, Josh

*Representative positions vacant

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Meeting was called to order by Frank Parra at 9:31 am.
 - B.** Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C.** Introductions were made.
 - D.** EMCC new and reconfirmed members include:
 - 1. Sgt. Richard George and Lt. Chris Cross representatives from Law Enforcement.
 - 2. Kevin Mercer and Douglas Moriarty representatives from the Ambulance Association.
 - 3. Mary Murphy was reconfirmed as the County Paramedic Agencies Committee Alternate representative for another term.
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II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Fred Adler to approve the EMCC May 24, 2018 minutes.

EMCC also approved previous EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee minutes from September 17, 2015, January 21, 2016 and March 16, 2017. The subcommittee minutes were not previously approved due to lack of a quorum and meeting cancellation.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee**
Did not meet.
 - B. Education/Research Subcommittee**
Did not meet.
 - C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg**
 - 1. Mass casualty incident Annex D will be discussed under the 'System Policy' agenda item VII.
 - 2. The Statewide Hospital exercise will take place November 15, 2018. Due to the recent Hep A outbreak and influenza the scenario for that exercise will be a pandemic.
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V. COUNTY REPORTS

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig

1. Influenza
 - a. The flu season is over. Final data reported May 7 include: 20,757 cases, 300 ICU, 341 deaths, 117 outbreaks.
 - b. The Capacity Plan will be updated for the next season.
2. Hepatitis A Outbreak
 - a. Latest data posted on June 26 showed 590 cases, 68% hospitalizations, 20 deaths.
 - c. Vaccinations as of June 6 were 162,253
 - b. Hepatitis has spread to at least six (6) other states.
3. Ebola outbreak
 - a. Containment is proceeding well
 - b. The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that the outbreak is a low global risk.
 - c. As of June 24, there have been 24 cases and 28 deaths.
4. Policies and Protocols - Drug shortages.
 - a. Strategy is on track with implementing fentanyl as an alternate pain management medication. Fentanyl was approved April 1 for implementation July 1.
 - b. IV Acetaminophen was approved by the state as a local optional scope of practice.
 - c. The proposal to move ketamine off the trial study basis into the local scope of practice received unanimous agreement at the EMS Commission Meeting. Ketamine will be used in low doses for pain control.
5. Initiatives
 - a. Cross-border EMS transfers improve and are ready to beta-test the border card at the dispatch level.
 - b. Evidence-based presentations at BSPC are now posted on the EMS Medical Director web page.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

1. County EMS fees
 - a. The current certification fee is \$40 which will increase July 1 to \$63. Next year the fee will be adjusted to \$83. The fee schedule is posted on the EMS website.
 - b. As of July 1, there is no fee associated with Paramedic accreditation renewals or MICN authorization renewals. If your accreditation or authorization expires you will be subject to the re-accreditation or re-authorization fee of \$63.
2. CoSD LEMSIS

The next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS Elite is estimated to be November 13, 2018. Agencies must submit an 'Agency Information Update Form' to EMS no later than September 4, 2018 to be considered in the November 13 migration. Updates are on the LEMSIS page of the EMS website. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ameng.
3. 2018-2019 BLS/ALS Protocol Update

A protocol summary of changes and a letter from the Medical Director regarding updated protocols was emailed through the LEMSIS System. If you did not receive the email with attachments, please contact Meredith Mahoney.
4. EMT regulations

- a. EMTs who newly certify or renew their certification after July 1, 2019 must provide documentation of training from an approved EMT training program or approved CE provider on the use and administration of naloxone, epinephrine auto-injector and the use of a glucometer. This documentation will be required for renewal after July 1, 2019.
- b. Agencies that provided the previously mentioned training to personnel prior to April 1, 2018 but are not approved training program providers may contact County EMS to request assistance in having their program reviewed by an approved training provider.
5. 'Sidewalk CPR' (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
On Thursday, May 17, 2018, the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services in collaboration with the American Heart Association, San Diego Project Heart Beat and the American Red Cross coordinated a county wide community training on CPR. 2,001 persons were trained.
6. "EMS Notification"
 - a. San Diego County EMS has established an email address to advise EMS leadership of important but not necessarily emergent information. EMSnotification.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov. Urgent and emergent messages should be directed to the EMS Duty Officer.
 - b. Reasons for notifying County EMS include fire personnel leaving the County for fireline paramedic assignments, HHSA/EMS contractors with service disruptions lasting longer than two (2) hours, planned exercise operations and notifications.
 - c. Messages received in the mail box are time stamped and electronically acknowledged. Responses to the notifications will come from an EMS Staff member assigned to the issue, the next business day.
7. Unified Service Area (USA)
 - a. There have been sixteen (16) community listening sessions for the USA plan. The final five (5) sessions are today at the following locations:
 - Alpine, 10:00 am
 - Lake Cuyamaca, 1:00 pm
 - San Marcos, 6:00 pm
 - Julian, 6:00 pm
 - Jacumba, 6:00 pm
 - b. Please provide feedback to the listening sessions by July 1.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) – Josh Smith

- A. Compliance
 1. Emergency departments compliance were under 30 minutes.
 2. Agencies by category compliance were down.
 3. Last month it was suggested to show trending of TOC compliance versus offload times. December to May report was given.
 4. Continue to work with agencies recording back in-service time by using the TOC button.
 5. TOC reports are available on the County website at SanDiegoCountyEMS.com
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VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW

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- A. The Annex D report will be brought to EMCC in July. Meetings have been held with several agencies and constituents. Annex D is the County Mass Casualty Plan.
 - B. 'Stop the Bleed' feasibility assessment presentation.
 - 1. 'Stop the Bleed' program is a national awareness campaign to encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency situation before professional help arrives.
 - 2. On March 27, 2018, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to explore options to raise awareness through training County personnel and placement of bleeding control kits in County facilities.
 - 3. The proposed implementation has a two (2) year strategy, options for bleeding control kits and training.
 - 4. Current County safety initiatives include: pulse point mobile app, public access AEDs and security.
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VIII.OLD BUSINESS

There is an adjustment in the Maddy Fund distribution formula. As requested, EMS is preparing information for a presentation at the EMCC September meeting.

2018 EMCC Subcommittee assignments were noted. All EMCC meetings including subcommittee meetings are open to the public.

IX.NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018.