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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, February 28, 2019

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Martin, Geoffrey – SWCC
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept
Rios, Matt – Miramar/Julian
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA-17
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

Not in Attendance

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

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Smith, Ph.D., Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

*Representative positions vacant

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the January 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Did not meet due to participation in the Love Your Heart event.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Did not meet.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksborg

Did not meet.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

1) Surveillance

- a. Flu – hit a second peak in numbers. 5,486 total cases, 42 deaths, 13 outbreaks. Mostly H1N1 locally.
- b. Ebola Outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018. CDPH CAHAN put out a health alert on February 15. WHO reports 829 confirmed and probable cases and 521 deaths.
- c. Measles Outbreak – more likely to see. CDC has confirmed more than 100 cases in 10 states this year, including Los Angeles County. WHO reporting substantial case increase with outbreaks in more than 40 countries. Highly contagious in susceptible population; airborne transmission.
- d. Mumps – increases in parotitis. Droplet transmission.

2) Policies and Protocols

Revising our current pain protocol to assist with our prehospital analgesia strategy implementation when ketamine becomes an additional option on July 1.

3) Initiatives

- a. Received authorization from State for Unified Optional Scope of Practice for California within Qualified Transport Programs on February 20 (through the end of February 2022). Six procedures are included in this optional scope.
 - Pediatric intubation
 - RSI (rapid sequence induction) medication administration
 - Video laryngoscopy
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- Supraglottic airway devices
 - Ventilator initiation, maintenance and management
 - Intraosseous (IO) access for adult and pediatric patients
- b. Migrant Caravan Activities – Protect the public's health, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s), and referring for outside medical care as appropriate. Moving to a new location early March.
 - c. Strangulation – only 4 lbs of external pressure to occlude the jugular veins; only 5-11 lbs of pressure to occlude the carotid arteries; unconsciousness can occur within seconds, death within 3-5 minutes. Victims with no or minimal external signs of trauma may have life-threatening internal injuries such as carotid, vertebral dissections or fractured hyoid bones.
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/02-12-19.pdf
 - d. EBM presentations – are posted online at medical director page. Last week's talk was on prehospital management of the agitated patient.
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html
 - e. Future pilot project – announced on February 14 by CMS for reimbursement for transport to alternate destinations. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's (Innovation Center) Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model is a voluntary, five-year payment model that will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address emergency health care needs of Medicare beneficiaries following a 911 call.
 - f. Cardiac Arrest Task Force – Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practice model being finalized as an educational product.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Health Services Capacity Task Force – The new plan is currently in effect. As a review, the plan is designed around five steps, Level 5 being the lowest and 1 being the highest. We are currently at Level 4 due to two metrics exceeding the trigger level: respiratory complaints/provider impressions and ED bypass hours. Also, Transfer of Care time compliance is a critical indicator of system stress, and it is important to push the TOC button at the right time.
- 2) Love your Heart event was on February 14. We thank all who participated.
- 3) EMS Employment Opportunities – three full-time positions for 1 year increments, with flexible work schedules, until the tasks are completed. Position can be extended. \$40/hour with no benefits.
 - 1 EMS/Fire Liaison TEP – preferably a fire service professional
 - 2 Special Project TEPs – seeking experienced EMS professionals to work on
 - 1) 800 MHz radio updates and upgrades and 2) review current agency MOUs

Preference will be given to local EMS knowledge, programs, and operations.

If interested, contact Andy Parr at Andrew.parr@sdcounty.ca.gov or 619-285-6524.

- 4) Procurements – EMS is currently preparing several Requests for Proposals, including ALS service for the National City Operating Area, the San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area. In addition, a procurement for patient transport billing in the CSA-17 and CSA-69 areas. During the procurement process, many reviews (internal, departmental, and management) are conducted, therefore timelines can vary substantially. For additional info on procurement process or on these specific procurements, contact Kristen McEachron, Sr.

Procurement Contracting Officer at 858-505-6360 or can search for these procurements on BuyNet.

- 5) EMT Renewal – the following will go into effect July 1, 2019:
- For BLS agencies, current optional equipment will be required equipment (AEDs, naloxone, epinephrine autoinjectors, and glucometers)
 - For all EMT renewals, all applicants must upload course completion documents for naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training may only be provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or an approved CE provider.

We encourage those who are renewing in March, April or May to submit their renewal documentation early to avoid the delay during the expected April spike.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

EMS has received some reports that the TOC button being pushed early, which affects the TOC reporting in the wrong way.

2019 data is now up. 2018 is still available. Users can search by year, month, emergency room or EMS agency.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. Policy S-414: Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) – Susan Smith

While County EMS no longer provides an education powerpoint for the July revisions, we will provide a summary sheet of charges. This summary sheet will include pertinent points related to S-414.

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve Policy S-414 with the recommended change of striking “within 48 hours” on page 3. Motion carried.

B. Policy S-822: Performance Standards for Emergency Medical Service Providers when Responding to Emergency Requests for Medical Services – Andy Parr

This policy only impacts Unified Service Area. Being introduced today; will be presented at the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting and will go to the next EMCC full meeting in March for approval.

Requests/Recommendations:

- **A map be provided**
- **Page 2, II, B, ALS Unit Response Time: add “or staged”**
- **Page 2, II, B, Emergency Response: add examples of exceptions**
- **Additional time for County Fire Chiefs to review**

Discussion on response times and land use. Stephen Abbott suggested that County EMS speak to Planning and Development Services (PDS) on how this policy may implement or impact land use decisions in North County, or be a part of the County General Plan for fire. Andy Parr and Stephen Abbott will continue their discussion further offline.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

The 12-lead EKGs transmission concerns expressed at CAC. This item will go to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting for discussion in March.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019.
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.