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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, March 28, 2019

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD
Covell, Brian – Scripps
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

Not in Attendance

District 4
Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators’ Committee
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement Agencies
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society*

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Beam, Jamie
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Japlit, Rissa
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Loughrey, Ryan
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Smith, Ph.D., Josh
Thompson, Amy
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. Frank Parra announced that there has been a request to make a change on the agenda, item IX, B, from a non-voting item to a voting item.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Stephen Abbott to approve the February 28, 2019 minutes, as well as the change on the agenda of item IX, B, from a non-voting item to a voting item. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Met, though Chara Cote was not present to give a report. Everything that was covered at the Prehospital meeting is on the EMCC agenda. No report needed.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg

Working to get the committee together, and getting the committee and bylaws organized.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

1) Surveillance

- a. Flu – hit a second peak in numbers. As of 3/27/19, 7,886 total cases, 54 deaths, 23 outbreaks. Shifted locally to H3N2 predominantly as of last week with some influenza B as well. Health Officer's flu order has been extended to April 30th due to ongoing activity with the potential to be extended again. Hospitals are encouraged to vaccinate patients prior to discharge to SNFs.
- b. Ebola outbreak in the DRC was declared August 1, 2018. CDPH site visit to Rady Children's Hospital on March 19th. Andy attended the all-day inspection and states they did very well. The only Ebola preparedness center for adults nearby is Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, though if an adult and child are together Rady can handle both temporarily.
- c. Measles Outbreak – more likely to see. 314 cases have been confirmed by the CDC so far this year in 15 states, including CA and as close as LA County. Highly contagious to susceptible populations due to airborne transmission. Unvaccinated people under age 18 are banned from public spaces in Rockland County, New York following an emergency declaration. The 3I Tool with pictures

- of the measles rash and Koplik spots will be posted on the web page for easy identification of a measles case.
- d. Mumps – increase in parotitis cases. As a reminder, mumps is transmitted through droplets.
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. We remain on track for ketamine implementation for analgesia starting July 1st. Reminder to administer *slowly*.
 - b. A draft of the new pain protocol was discussed at BSPC last week; the decision made for ketamine concentration of 50 mg/ml to accommodate for both IV and IN dosing.
 - c. Ketamine is in shortage.
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Migrant Caravan Activities – Protecting the health of the public 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. Moved to new location in early March. With 270 health screenings and no ED referrals last night, the shelter has exceeded 8,000 screenings to date with only around 1% referred to ED. 911 access has been rarely needed.
 - b. EBM presentations are posted on the Medical Director page online.
 - c. Cardiac Arrest Task Force – Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practices is being finalized as an educational product and will be made available on our web page soon.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Regular attendees at our routine County meetings may begin to receive calendar announcements from a new EMS Admin email account. This move by EMS allows for greater control over the scheduling of our many EMS meetings.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements – The County of San Diego EMS Section continues to be in the preparation stages of the procurement process for several services. These include 9-1-1 Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services for the National City Operating Area, San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area. In addition, a procurement will also be conducted for Billing and Collection Services for patient's transported from our County Service Area (CSA) 17 and CSA 69 Ambulance Districts. The County's current estimated timelines for posting of procurements are available on the BuyNet site.
- 3) Sidewalk CPR – This year the County of San Diego EMS has elected to make a change in the way Sidewalk CPR is provided throughout the County. Rather than selecting one day, each agency or organization may select the day (or days) that they believe would reach their targeted audience of participants. All training totals, if the agencies elect, can be shared with County EMS in order to report on the number of hands-only CPR trained individuals in San Diego County.
- 4) 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 Temporary Expert Professional (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.
- 5) EMT Renewal – April in odd-numbered years is the peak season of certifications and renewals for MICNs, EMTs, and paramedics. Effective July 1, 2019, EMTs who are renewing their certification must upload evidence of having received training in

naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training must have been provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or by an approved CE provider. Submitting a Skills Competency Verification Form with the new skills signed off is not sufficient training documentation. The EMT must have received formal didactic and skills training (and testing). EMTs who already have the training and are renewing prior to July 1, 2019 may submit their documentation now to be “checked off” early. Those who do not, should be reminded to physically hold onto their documentation for use during their next renewal.

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

- Policy states that the Transfer of Care application button should be used on the paramedic’s device, and only if there is an issue with the device, should the TOC button be used on the Emergency Department’s computer.
- 72% of the time the hospital login is being used to record TOC.
- Compliance is back up to the usual 60% after dipping to 52% in January.
- EMS staff recommend that the TOC policy be reevaluated. A subcommittee may need to be developed in order to work on the policy.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

- A. S-413: Triage, Multiple/Mass Casualty Incidents, Annex D (Status update) – Will be brought to BSPC next month.
- B. S-166/S-166A: Newborn Deliveries / Out of Hospital Birth Report (Status update) – Came before BSPC last week. Approved on consensus. After reading through S-166, it was discovered that some of the ALS treatment elements no longer apply and have been moved to the BLS side. Will make changes that BSPC requested, and will likely be ready for publication July 1st, when the form will be put on our website for agencies to download to place in OB kits and distribute to their paramedics or EMTs.

About 60 out-of-hospital deliveries occur per year throughout the county, and this policy is created to ease the process of those parents obtaining their child’s birth certificate through the Office of Vital Records. The County recognizes there are specific timelines for parents to gain official records for their newborn. The form (S-166A) will be handed to the parents by the EMS crew with the basic information required for the Office of Vital Records.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

S-882: Performance Standards for Emergency Medical Care Providers when Responding to Emergency Requests for Medical Services (Status update) – Andy Parr met with the Fire Chief’s Association per their recommendation, and S-882 will not be coming back to the committee in the form originally presented. It was agreed to take the response time matrix out of page 4 and place a draft into the Unified Service Area RFP. It should be noted that with this change, it creates a couple of conflicts with existing policies 1) County Board Policy K-9 and 2) EMS Policy P-801.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Disaster Planning Subcommittee Assignment – (Bylaws Review)

In January, the EMCC asked for a Disaster Planning Subcommittee meeting to discuss the bylaws. A meeting will be scheduled for the subcommittee to meet.

- B.** The [HHSA Fee Package FY 2019/20](#) PowerPoint was presented by Rissa Japlit, Department Budget Manager from the HHSA Budget Office. (Voting Item)

HHSA will present a comprehensive fee package to the Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2019. This is a County-wide effort to comply with B-29 to ensure full-cost recovery where possible. The presentation covered the following: Fee Consideration, Approval Process of the Fee Package, Fees and Rates Proposed for Board Approval, PHS fees, Personnel & Agency Fee proposal, Continuing Education & Hospital Designation Fee Proposal, BHS fees and rates, Proposed Fees and Rates. Contact info: (619) 338-2885 charissa.japlit@sdcounty.ca.gov

Recommended Change:
Slide 7: change “Recertification” to “Reinstatement”

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Cathy McJannet, to approve the proposed fee package. Motion carried.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2019
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 AM