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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, September 27, 2018

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3
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
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association (Alt)
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Nevin, Jon – SD County Paramedic Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 2
District 5
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*
San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Idman-Gervan, Dianne – Grossmont
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Overcast, Mike – AMEX
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept
Peltier, R.N., Patricia – AMR
Rios, Matt – Miramar FD
Smith, Zachariah – CSA-17 EMS Coord
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wojnowski, Jay – Heartland Fire

County Staff

Beam, Jamie
Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Goldstein, Marlene
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Loughrey, Ryan
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Malloian, Joie
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The group recited the pledge as requested by the chair. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There was a public comment made by Mike Overcast with AMEX who presented information on a US/Mexico cross border transfer during Baja Racing. Mr. Overcast mentioned a wrongful death suit which can be found at bajaracingnews.com. Will be a significant case having to do with transfer protocol.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Kahn, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the July 26, 2018 minutes.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Briefly discussed the Capacity Plan, but will be meeting later today to discuss further on it. More to come.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Did not meet.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

Did not meet.

IV. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**1) Surveillance:**

- a. Influenza – reminder to get your flu shot
- b. Health alert went out on September 14 regarding a fentanyl overdose. Fentanyl was laced with cocaine. In 2017, across San Diego County there were 81 deaths, 15% with fentanyl alone.

2) Policies and Protocols:

- a. Ketamine approved for local optional scope of practice. Dosing and route discussed at EMDAC. Implementation of ketamine for analgesia only, on July 1, 2019.
- b. IV acetaminophen – hearing anecdotal reports of frequent and successful uses.

3) Initiatives:

- a. The Capacity Plan has been renamed the All Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan, and it is intended to better address the many scenarios that can affect the County's health service providers.
- b. EBM presentations from BSPC meetings are posted online at the medical director page.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Unified Service Area RFP – on track to the timeline we posted and the RFP is in draft
- 2) Stop the Bleed Program – County staff working to place stop the bleed kits in all County facilities. Will go before the Board of Supervisors in December to implement this training program.
- 3) Information Reporting:
 - Fire agencies notifying EMS office of personnel that are on out-of-county assignment, through Op Area Incident Status Summary Form 209.
 - Surveillance of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is ongoing. Recommending increased awareness and vigilance. Questions being asked of persons that traveled to or near the Arabian Peninsula for the annual Haj pilgrimage to Mecca during August 19-24, 2018.
 - Behavioral health patients with psychiatric complaints transported by EMS are not required to go to an LPS facility, which are often overwhelmed. Can take the patient to closest facility or their medical home. And as a reminder, “psych bypass” is not a valid diversion reason defined in policy S-010.
 - Personal protection equipment/glove use under OSHA protocols by EMS crews inside hospitals has been brought to EMS’ attention. Cross contamination prevention discourages the use of gloves – even clean gloves – while maneuvering gurneys through healthcare facilities
 - Radio report reminder for paramedics effective July 1, 2018.
 - All IV acetaminophen use must be reported to the Base Hospital. This is a condition of the State’s approval for EMS acetaminophen and is used for reporting.
 - July 1-Sept 1, 452 fentanyl doses administered, 21 for pediatrics.
 - 470 IV acetaminophens administered, 4 for pediatrics.
 - Physician variation clarification: IV acetaminophen is only approved for pain management, and not for other uses.
 - Closely monitoring T460, Identification of the Trauma Center Patient implementation. T460A Trauma Decision Algorithm section on Assessing Special consideration patients.
 - EMS fee changes. EMS started a three (3) step increase. The second step was adopted on July 1, 2018. This fee increase of \$40 to \$63 is for County personnel application processing. These fees will increase from \$63 to \$83 on July 1, 2019. Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) that renew their accreditation on time can renew with no fee to maintain their accreditation
 - Emergency Care Summit is November 8, 2018 at the Kona Kai. Information is on the San Diego Medical Society’s website
 - Judith Yates initiated group discussion on behavioral health patients

C. Health Services Capacity Task Force Presentation

- 1) Developed in response to a historic flu patient surge.
- 2) Task Force members include representatives from fire agencies, EMS providers, hospitals, community clinics, and skilled nursing facilities
- 3) New plan frame work
 - Designed to detect events earlier using LEMSIS data
 - Five (5) activation levels
 - Provides more action options at each activation level

- Refocused on the full continuum of care and each sector's contribution to mitigating strain
- 4) From 9-1-1 call to admission or discharge
- 5) Detecting health system strain.
- 6) Toolbox approach

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

Upcoming new format for reporting overview. Will move from a PDF to a live online dashboard system with exact same data drifted into new format.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW

No policies to review. Agenda item is a place holder.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MADDY Fund Informational Presentation:

- Background: EMS trust fund established as MADDY Fund. Fund includes Richies Fund (pediatric and trauma)
- Fund collections. Government funded mainly through traffic violations.
- Fund distributions (is a pass through). Collections by Courts, deposits into Maddy trust fund, distributions, expenditures and reimbursements.
- Collections are distributed according to a formula specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98a by County EMS.
- Trend \$7 mil to \$8 mil for local collections.
- Funding distribution by recipient: Physician's for trauma and EMS services 49.3%, HHSA for Admin Physicians Fund and EMS Special Projects 24.4%, hospitals 26.3% for pediatric and trauma hospitals (EMS trauma).
- Group discussion on claims and paid amounts.
- Summary – Fund disbursement.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Supervisors – Policy K-9 (Ambulance Services) and K-12 (EMS Management)

1. Sunset Review December 31, 2018.
2. Changes are administrative (draft was provided). Merging the two policies (K-XX) called Emergency Medical Services System and will bring back to EMCC in October.

B. [Policy P-801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service](#) (subject by request of Chief Drum on behalf of County Paramedic Agencies Committee [CPAC])

1. Ground ALS response (transfers) call screening and triage, dispatch protocol review and dispatch plan.
2. Discussion:
 - MPDS effectiveness to triage, evidence based medical
 - 9-1-1 triage
 - Call Volume increase per year, 5%-7%

- Tier dispatch resources to send
- Policy revision:
 - ALS intervention at hospital
 - Dispatch protocols at EMD standardizing dispatch items
 - City ordinance requiring two (2) paramedics to respond. If not perceived as a lower level of care by the public
 - Evidence based changes and input
- Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) programs not the same for medic and EMT
- County Fire Chiefs discussed
- Economics and liability
- Subject referred to Prehospital Subcommittee for recommendation

A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by Jim Marugg to request to open P-801 for review to the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. Motion carried.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM