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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)

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Christine Wells, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, October 26, 2017

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Green, R.N., Katy – District 1
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Molloy, Bernard – Lakeside Fire
Murphy, Mary -- Carlsbad
Parra, Frank – SD Co Fire Chiefs’ Association
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurses Association

In Attendance

Davis, Mike – Carlsbad Fire
Duffy, Jenny – San Marcos

In Attendance, cont.

Gesjane, Cheryl – Palomar
Graham, Daniel – CARE SD
Mercer, Kevin -- AMR
Marugg, Jim – San Miguel Fire
Peltier, Patricia -- AMR
Pierce, R.N., Jody – SD Fire

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Parr, Andy
Royer, R.N., Diane
Smith, PhD, Joshua
Vassiliou, Elaine/recorder

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no Public Comments or Petitions submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from September 14, 2017. Motion carried.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

They had a short meeting. The Community Paramedicine program was cancelled.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee

No report.

C. Disaster/Operations

The airport disaster drill took place on October 25, 2017. The skilled nursing facilities will hold their disaster drill on November 15, 2017. The statewide drill will be held on November 16, 2017.

5. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

A. Surveillance

Hepatitis A outbreak-Vaccination, Sanitization, Education

As of Oct. 19, there have been 83,963 vaccines given. As of Oct, 24, there have been 516 cases, 69% hospitalizations and 19 deaths. Five healthcare workers affected (no prehospital).

A local public health emergency was declared on 9/01/17, ratified by BOS on 9/24/17, will need to be ratified every 2 weeks.

Influenza- flu season officially begins on Nov. 1, 2017. As of 10/14/17: 285 cases, 2 ICU, 1 death, 57% of cases are Influenza A.

B. Policies and Protocols

LOSOP for Hep A immunizations to assist Public Health

This is time limited, during the declaration only, requires RN supervision, focus is on vaccination of at-risk populations, setting may be a POD/Field POD, in collaboration with County Public Health only.

There have been several initiatives, including AMR and City.

Governor's emergency declaration on 10/13/17. This allowed the state to purchase more "constrained" vaccine. Our application is being used as a state-wide model (Santa Cruz and LA Counties also declared local health emergencies due to the outbreak).

C. Initiatives

1. The Binational Workgroup formed 4 task forces:

Prehospital/IFT; Hospital; Communication; Education and Training

The workgroup paid a visit to the new C4 9-1-1 communications center in Baja on 10/11/17.

There will be new legislation for increased regulatory authority for ambulances and a new 9-1-1 phone app.

2. Cardiac Arrest Task Force updates:
Dispatch pre-arrival instructions are being standardized.
Emphasis will be on early ID of agonal breathing with initiation of dispatcher-directed hands-only CPR.
LVAD patients-when to do CPR-working with MPDS on this issue

6. COUNTY REPORT

A. Health Services Capacity Task Force

Each year the group meets to review the living document of the County Capacity Plan. One suggested change: Recommendations for inputs to the duty officer/EMS Administration can come from many sources.

Not changed: the daily algorithm of notification of duty officers.

Suggested change: from 30 to 60 minutes in the surveillance queue. The standard is now 30 minutes. The duty officer is currently notified if the offload delay is more than 30 minutes.

B. Transfer of Care Report

For September 2017:

Approximately 14k total offloads, 39.7% total TOC compliance, 55.4% of offloads were under 30 minutes. The most common reason for offload delay was "no ED beds available due to high capacity."

The return to service time is counted as the time the TOC button is pushed. It is very important that the TOC process be completed for each patient. The TOC reports are submitted to the State.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- Improving Emergency Medical Services in San Diego County's Backcountry and Other Rural Areas

The community forum will take place at EMS today at 1:00pm. Comments can be made online through November 12, 2017 at 5:00pm.

The proposal will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2017.

The next EMCC meeting will be held on November 20, 2017.

At that time, EMCC members will review the proposed document before it is presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2017.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- Spare Tire Exemption Board Letter for Discussion/Action

The Spare Tire Exemption must be renewed by the Board of Supervisors every other year. Today's action requests continued exemption from the spare wheel requirements for ambulance services operating in San Diego County for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019.

EMCC voted to move this proposed exemption forward to the Board of Supervisors.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Hepatitis A: One vaccination is sufficient for outbreak control, and is 90% effective. There

will be a communication released in the near future, explaining that one Hepatitis A vaccination is sufficient for outbreak control.

Airport Disaster Drill: Sharon Carlson discussed the airport disaster drill on October 25, 2017. A mock hospital was set up in the old airport commuter terminal. The drill was a success, and coordination between agencies was praised. This drill takes place every 3 years.

10. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 AM.

The next EMCC meeting will be held on November 20, 2017.