



# County of San Diego

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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

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

### Minutes

**Monday, November 20, 2017**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)  
Carlson, Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp Counties  
Cote, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators’ (Alt)  
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Graydon, Cheryl – Emergency Nurses’ Association (Alt)  
Green, Katy – District 1  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross (Alt)  
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – District 2  
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts’ Association  
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association (Alt)  
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association  
Rosenberg, Linda – Emergency Nurses’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators’

#### In Attendance

Butz, Don – Lakeside  
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad  
Marugg, James – SDCFDA  
Mercer, Kevin – AMR

#### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Beam, Jamie  
Christison, Brian  
Del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)  
Goldstein, Marlene  
Kirkpatrick, Jim  
Kiviat, Aurora  
Parr, Andy  
Royer, Diane  
Yphantides, M.D., Nick

#### Unrepresented

Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
San Diego County Paramedic Association

\*Representative positions vacant

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were made.

Jim Kirkpatrick had two announcements:

- 1) Ambulance Strike Team Leader Training is December 7, 2017 in the Bay area
- 2) Agencies that are purchasing EMS radios are reminded that the dates for P25 requirements are getting closer. A handout was given for clarification.

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## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Christine Wells to approve the minutes from October 26, 2017. Motion carried.

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Christine Wells**

The subcommittee did not have a quorum of members present. Chris Wells is termed out as Prehospital Subcommittee Chair. Chara Cote was nominated and approved to replace Chris Wells as Prehospital Subcommittee Chair, Mary Meadows-Pitt will remain Co-Chair.

### **B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg**

The subcommittee did not have a quorum of members present. The subcommittee has changed their meeting date to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday after every other EMCC full committee meeting.

### **C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson**

The subcommittee did not have a quorum of members present. There was a drill last week, a debriefing will be scheduled. Sharon Carlson acknowledged the County's support. David Blacksberg will provide a report at the next meeting.

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## **V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Andy Parr**

### **A. Morphine Sulfate**

There continues to be a shortage of morphine. The agencies have discussed rotating the stock to the frontline vehicles to use the medication before their expiration date.

Discussion continued on the plan for the morphine statewide crisis and alternate drugs that could be used.

### **Action**

**A motion was made by Chief Parra, seconded by Stephen Abbott to look for an alternate to morphine in regards to pain management in a pre-hospital setting. Motion carried. EMS staff will take the request to Dr. Koenig.**

B. Hepatitis A

Last Tuesday the Board of Supervisors met and extended the local emergency concern regarding the Hepatitis A outbreak.

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**VI. EMS COUNTY REPORT**

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**A. Health Services Capacity Task Force Report – Diane Royer**

- a. Health care partners were sent the Health Services Capacity Plan, Flu Order, Immunization Order and Jury Duty letter.

**Discussion regarding the Plan**

County fire chiefs were opposed to moving the indicator.  
The plan is a county wide response to a capacity issue.

**B. Transfer of Care Report – Andy Parr**

- a. Reduction of off load delay compliance. Under 20 minutes, at 34%; under 30 minutes, at 54%. Compliance continues to be better in September and slower in October. The report is available.

Agencies' best practices were shared.

**C. Annual Fee Schedule Adjustments – Andy Parr**

- a. Credentialing fees will go up on July 1, 2018 from \$40 to \$66 for EMTs, paramedics and MICNs.

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**VII. OLD BUSINESS – Andy Parr**

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**A. Voting Item-- Improving Emergency Medical Services Delivery System in San Diego County – Board Letter Recommendations (Discussion/Action)**

- a. Attachment A  
b. Attachment B

The study regarding back country ambulance service delivery system began in April. The current service delivery model was reviewed. There were opportunities for community and stakeholder engagement. A service delivery model, implementation plan and recommendations for the Board of Supervisors were presented and discussed during the October EMCC meeting.. The committee and community stakeholders requested more time to review and discuss the plan. There will be an additional 30 day comment period for public feedback.

Target date for implementation of the Unified Service Area Plan is July 1, 2019. Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors will be to accept the study and approve initiation of the proposed implementation plan, amend HHSA contracts to reflect changes and authorize competitive solicitation.

The Plan is brought back today for the committee's advice and opinion and to vote in support of the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. County staff will go to the Board of Supervisors on December 5, 2017 to present the study.

**Discussion topics included:**

Comment period form, population densities, subsidies, mutual aid, boundaries, future deliberations, the process, alignment with the two (2) major health care districts, undesignated areas, response times, engagement in the community, changes after comment period, additional time, more input and advice, procurement process.

**Action Item:**

**Chief Parra proposed that EMCC approve the plan with a six month delay to the start time of the revised response time standard policy and the amended contracts to allow for further analysis of the USA Plan and stakeholder input.**

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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EMCC is dark in December. Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2018. The meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.