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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)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, February 8, 2018

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Schoenheit, Candy
Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

Cockran, Jennifer – Reach Air
deKlerk, Maude - AMR
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Mercer, Kevin - AMR

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

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Introductions were made.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the January 11, 2018 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

4. OFFLOAD TIME DISCUSSION

- A. Non acute/acute patients and triage
 - B. Capacity Plan at Level 2
 - C. TOC time, signature time, compliance time and transmit record
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5. COUNTY REPORT – Jim Kirkpatrick

- A. TOC Report is available on the County EMS website. Quarterly report sent to EMSA for public recording in April.
 - B. Hepatitis A: The County has ended the Public Health emergency. There have been no new cases since December 28, 2018.
 - C. Influenza surveillance continues. There has been a second wave of flu cases. Continue to monitor TOC times, ventilator availability and data. Capacity Plan Operation changed level from 2 to 1.
 - D. EMS Fees: reminder that fees will continue to change for local services for Paramedics, EMTs and MICNs. As of July 1, 2018 certification fees change from \$40 to \$63, 2019 will rise to \$83. These few are for initial accreditation local service fees.
 - E. LEMSIS: EPCR sign up no later than March 31, 2018; go live date is June 19, 2018. Third party matters are in progress.
 - F. LEMSIS reaccreditation, recertification and reauthorization process is being streamlined and folks are able to click through the process very quickly. The down side is since it allows folks to go through the process very quickly, it can lead to oversight. Folks are cautioned to take their time to go through the process, so they don't fail to disclose anything. A mistake could result in serious consequences.
 - G. Morphine Shortages: a memo was sent out by our Medical Director regarding short term and long term solutions. BSPC will discuss a draft treatment protocol for fentanyl as a preferred medication. The longer term goal is to remove morphine and replace it with a non-opioid pain treatment while keeping fentanyl.
 - H. Love Your Heart: Blood pressure (BP) screening event is February 14, 2018. Encourage people to check their blood pressure. Last year there were 20,000 screenings, 53% found to have elevated BP, of the 53%, 77% were already taking BP meds and 77 individuals had elevated BP. If your agency or facility is interested in participating in this event, contact Jim Kirkpatrick or Brian Christison.
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6. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

- A. S-015: Medical Audit Committee (MAC) on Trauma
 - MAC Advisory Committee to monitor, evaluate and report on the quality of trauma medical care
 - Updates member list, accountability, documentation and confidentiality
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- Looks at trauma system as a whole and performance in each of the centers
- Takes every single trauma patient

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve S-015. Motion carried.

B. P-305: Paramedic Accreditation in San Diego County

- Brought back with corrections from last month's meeting: definition of continuous vs re-accreditation.
- Rephrasing of inter-facility transfer jurisdiction (County) accreditation. Default to the State basic paramedic scope.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve P-305. Motion carried.

C. NEW: Special Events Policy

- Established guidelines for EMS personnel assigned to special events in the County of San Diego
- Definition of Special Events
- EMT, Paramedic and AEMT requirements
- MD control paramedic at the Stadium Station
- Discussion on outside state company, ALS provider not in EOA and EOA right to transport. EOA protection
- Operating under a Base Hospital. Base Hospital medical direction
- Hospital notification, city permitting
- 911 response has option to have an agreement with agency company regarding transport. Right to waive EOA agreement in place. 911 EOA granted contracted agency to transport
- Response time not affected
- Billable calls

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve Special Events Policy with changes. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on March 8, 2018.