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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
Christine Wells, R.N., Chair/ Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, November 9, 2017

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurses Association

County Staff

Kirkpatrick, JIm
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan
Vassiliou, Elaine (recorder)

Agency Representatives

Peltier, Patricia – AMR
Mercer, Kevin -- AMR

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

Christine Wells, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made to approve the October 12, 2017 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion Carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS** – no public comment.

4. **OFF LOAD TIME DISCUSSION** -- Compliance numbers for TOC have improved. The charge nurse has been assisting with the TOC button in some instances.

5. **CAPACITY PLAN** – The number of Influenza cases has been rising. The jury letter will be sent out on Friday.

6. **STAFF REPORT**

A. Hepatitis A -- The Hepatitis A outbreak continues. As of November 7, 2017, there have been 544 cases with 68% hospitalization rate and 20 deaths. There have been 5 healthcare workers infected.

Over 90,000 vaccines have been given to the target population.

EMSA has authorized paramedics to provide Hepatitis A vaccinations. This optional scope of practice will expire April 1, 2018.

B. Community Paramedicine Pilot -- This program will be discontinued November 14, 2017.

C. EMT Regulations -- New EMT regulations took effect July 1, 2017. The following skills are now in the basic scope: administer epinephrine by auto-injector; administer intranasal naloxone; and perform finger stick blood glucose testing. These regulations were not released in time to incorporate into the BLS treatment protocols. An EMT may perform the skills once they have been trained. (Please note; IM naloxone has not been included in EMT basic scope in San Diego County).

- As of July 1, 2019 - EMTs renewing or reinstating for the first time after this date will be required to submit documentation of successful completion of training in the use of naloxone, epinephrine and a glucometer.
- Training programs are required to add training on these subjects (including IM injection skill and 4 hours of Tactical Causality Care {TCC}) by July 1, 2018.

D. LEMSIS – Santee and Lakeside have now officially migrated to LEMSIS as of 11/07/17.

The next opportunity for agencies to migrate over to LEMSIS will be May 2018.

E. Protocols – The focus will be on evidence-based protocols. Meredith Mahoney will post the protocols on the website today, and an email will be sent out. The 45 day comment period will begin on Monday, November 13, 2017.

All protocol suggestions should include evidence-based support.

*Election of new chair for EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Committee -- The group elected Chara Cote, R.N. as the new chair. Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., will remain as co-chair.

7. **ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at 9:21 AM. The next meeting will be on January 11, 2018.