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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) - 2015 MEETING MINUTES

- SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

JANUARY - THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2015 EMCC

- THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2015 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE,
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2015 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMMITTEE

FEBRUARY - EMCC MEETING CANCELLED

MARCH - EMCC MEETING CANCELLED

- THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2015 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

APRIL - THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2015 EMCC

- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2015 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

MAY - EMCC MEETING CANCELLED

- THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

JUNE - THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2015 EMCC

- THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2015 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2015 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

JULY - THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2015 EMCC

- WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2015 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

AUGUST - EMCC DOES NOT MEET IN THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND DECEMBER

SEPTEMBER - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 EMCC

- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2015 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
- WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2015 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

OCTOBER - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2015 EMCC

NOVEMBER - EMCC MEETING CANCELLED

- WEDNESDAY, NOVEM BER 16, 2015 EDUCATION RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE
- RESCHEDULED TO DECEMBER, PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

DECEMBER - EMCC DOES NOT MEET IN THE MONTHS OF AUGUST AND DECEMBER

- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2015 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Mike Rice, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2015

Members Present

Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Abbott, Steven – County Supervisor District 5
Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedics Agencies Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Green, Katy – County Supervisor District 1
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parra, Frank – S.D. County Fire Chiefs Association
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Fire Districts Association
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Peltier, Patricia - AMR
Rod, Rick – S.D. City EMS/RM
Workman, R.N., Debbie – Palomar Community College
Yates, Judith - HASDIC

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Walsh, Jack
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Broyles, R.N., seconded by Chris Wells, R.N. to approve the minutes from October 23, 2014. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**
A motion was made by Frank Parra to elect Daryn Drum as the EMCC Chairperson for 2015. The motion was seconded by Linda Rosenberg. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Linda Broyles, seconded by Katy Green to re-elect Linda Rosenberg as 2015 EMCC Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

B. **Appointment of EMCC subcommittee members.**
Changes to the subcommittee list included adding Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial Counties members to the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee and adding Base Hospital Coordinator members to the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Meredith Mahoney
The following policies were reviewed and updated as indicated by the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee on January 8, 2015.

1. P-300, Paramedic Training Program Student Eligibility
   - Possess and maintain a current *California* EMT or Advanced EMT (AEMT) certificate or . . .
   - Spell out National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT).

   A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve Policy P-300. Motion carried.

2. P-301, Paramedic Training Program Requirements and Procedures for Approval/Reapproval
   - Reference to *Attachment A* 'Check List' under Procedure
   - Remove #16 on Attachment A
   - Remove Attachment B

   A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Frank Parra to accept the changes and approve Policy P-301. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Diane Ameng
The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee normally meets on the third Monday of each month from 10:00 – 11:30 am. The third Monday in January and February

fall on holidays; therefore a make-up meeting was scheduled next week on January 28th. The Education/Research Subcommittee meeting will reconvene to its regular schedule date/time on the third Monday in March.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson
May 20th is a Community Drill with Office of Emergency Services (OES). Hospitals will be participating in the sustained power outage drill.

VI. NOVEMBER STATEWIDE MEDICAL HEALTH EXERCISE (Jack Walsh)

The So Cal Readiness drill will take place on November 16, 2015. Counties in Southern California will enact the Cities Readiness Initiative (CRI) to exercise an aerosolized anthrax scenario and dispensing needed medication.

1. CRI program
   - Anthrax will be used as the agent due to the short incubation period. Signs and symptoms can show up as early as 48 hours; therefore, medications will be dispensed to the population in 48 hours.
   - There are 11 public Points of Dispensing (PODS) in San Diego County. The drive through PODS will be located in the large venues at Qualcomm and El Camino Real parking lot.
   - Drugs of choice for the drill include: Doxycycline and Ciprofloxacin placebo drugs that will be dispensed with the 'head of household model'.
   - Bus station locations at the location will be available for Access and Functional Needs (AFN) individuals. Healthcare systems, home bound and SNF caretakers will be able to pick up medications for their patients.
2. Southern California participants include City of Long Beach, City of Pasadena, and Imperial, Los Angeles, Orange, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Venture Counties. The exercise calls for 20 million bottles of medications delivered to Riverside County which the state will issue to the Counties.

3. Exercise Modules
   - Monday November 16, 2015 – Module 1, sensor exercise will take place in the am with lab confirmation. Module 2 will be for First Responder prophylaxis.
   - Tuesday, November 17, 2015 – Health Officers and public information will be given out about the disease, medications, location and time of setup for the PODS.
   - Wednesday, November 18, 2015 – CDC distributes the deliverables to Riverside which in turn will distribute to San Diego County for Regional Storage and Shipping (RSS).
   - Thursday, November 19, 2015 – Two (2) public PODS open. Hospital Association will participate for HPP 2015.
   - Friday, November 20, 2015 – Demolition and recovery.

VII. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. San Diego medic Rick Berger's son Ryan died earlier this month. Ryan was an EMT and paramedic in San Diego and also a medic in Austin, Texas. A memorial service

will be held on Friday, January 23rd at Our Lady of Grace church.

B. Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) discussed changes to the treatment guidelines. At the next BSPC meeting the pediatric treatment guidelines will be reviewed.

C. Hospitals and the field have been busy with the influenza/virus season. The flu vaccine is usually 60 to 70% effective in preventing influenza; this year it is only 23% effective due to the different strain of flu. It is still recommended to receive the vaccine as it can boost your immunity and make it less likely to get sick. Articles on influenza can be found in Influenza Watch and the Syndromic Surveillance Report.

D. During the last couple of weeks a number of hospitals were on bypass as well as reported offload delays. The Duty Officer is a valuable resource if there are prolonged offload delays. Field personnel should communicate with hospital staff when there is an offload delay to minimize the delay.

E. Mandatory flu vaccination for healthcare workers is being discussed. County Public Health is moving forward with requirements for healthcare workers, including EMS personnel, to have either current influenza vaccination or use a surgical mask while working with patients.

F. The recent measles outbreak may be due to a number of children who are not vaccinated. Measles is highly contagious. Symptoms include high fever, cough, runny nose and conjunctivitis. Discussion ensued on updating measles immunization and if there should be additional vaccination if you have already had the measles and/or the vaccine.

Action Item:
Information from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) regarding immunization practices will be sent out to the committee.

G. UCSD was approved by the CDC as a treatment Ebola hospital. Hospitals are placed in one of three categories, treatment, assessment and frontline.

H. Sheriff's naloxone project continues and will be expanded to units countywide. There have been 11 cases that responded favorably to the use of naloxone in suspected narcotic overdoses.

I. Fallbrook Hospital closure update is that there will be no 24 hour urgent care clinic. North County Fire is seeing an increase in transports to Temecula Valley Hospital.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. Trauma centers have American College of Surgeon (ACS) site verification visits every three years. January 25th they will visit Rady Children's and Scripps La Jolla. They will continue with two (2) site visits in March and two (2) in May.

B. The Stroke Consortium meets this evening. *Strike out Stroke* event information will be discussed at the meeting.

C. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) committee is having their annual recognition event to honor community members for their contribution and work for sexual assault victims. The awards recognition event is this Friday in Old Town.

D. Currently there is no set date for the Fourth annual of *Sidewalk CPR* event.

E. The EMS Commission met in San Francisco in December. The specialty care regulation drafts are expected to come out for Stroke, STEMI and EMS-C during the first quarter of the year.

F. Community Paramedicine (CP)
   - The OSHPD Director approved the pilot projects.
   - Local pilot projects are City of San Diego and City of Carlsbad.
   - The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee serves as the CP advisory committee and will meet next week for an update on the projects.

IX. OLD BUSINESS – Marcy Metz

A. EMCC approved raising fees a few years ago. The fees are included with other County department fees and are waiting for County review and approval.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2015.
The meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.

Submitted by
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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting

Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Jim Marugg, Vice-Chair

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Thursday, January 8, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Broyles, R.N., Linda – County Paramedic Agency Committee
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Workman, R.N., Debra – Paramedic Training Agency

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Forman, Kelly – Air Methods
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Peltier, Patricia – AMR
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – SD Fire Department
Rod, Rick – City of S.D. Rural Metro

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the minutes from October 9, 2014. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Discussion ensued on hospital capacity, bed assignment and bypass communication. Judith Yates and Les Gardina are reviewing the capacity plan which should be followed when receiving a surge of patients.

It was recommended to notify EMS if a triage/surge tent is going to set up to accommodate patients during the flu season.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW – Carlos Flores

A. Review of Policies

Overall the following policies were updated with corrected reference to EMT, Paramedic and Advanced EMT.

1. P-300, Paramedic Training Program Student Eligibility
   - Distinguish between EMT, Intermediate EMT and Advance EMT.
   - Spell out NREMT – National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians.
   - Discussion on eligibility to attend paramedic school.

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Chris Wells to approve Policy P-300 with changes. Motion carried.

2. P-301, Paramedic Training Program Requirements and Procedures for Approval/Reapproval
   - EMT changed to Paramedic in Subject title and throughout the policy.
   - Clarification of change in paramedic training program hours from 1000 to 1090 and change the minimum of didactic and skills lab from 320 to 450.
   - Remove Attachment B and references to Attachment B checklist in the policy and Attachment A.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Chris Wells to approve Policy P-301 with changes. Motion carried.

3. P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County
   - Added statements from the State Regulations.
   - There was discussion regarding reference to J and K identifiers when distributing them with EMT numbers. The training centers will not be putting J and K identifiers with the EMT numbers as there is a problem with uploading them in the system. A comment was made regarding identifying interns for compliance, billing issues and liability.

- Attachment A referenced in the policy was missing.
- Approval for P-302 will be postponed until Attachment A as referenced in the policy has been researched.

VI. STAFF REPORT – Meredith Conte

A. Community Paramedicine (CP) projects have been approved. Additions to each pilot for similar criteria were updated. Core training will be through June. Discussion ensued on City of San Diego Regional Access Program (RAP).

B. Every three years the American College of Surgeons (ACS) conducts reviews of trauma hospitals. The reviews will take place in January through May.

C. STEMI, Stroke and pediatric regulations went out for final public comment.

D. The Duty Officer monitors QCS during the flu season. There have been 919 reports of the flu as of January 3rd and 22 ICU admissions. A reminder was given to get flu shots and review your facility/agency capacity plan. Flu reports are available from epidemiology during the flu season.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 am.
Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on February 12, 2015.

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Mike Rice, Chair – Linda Rosenberg, Vice-Chair

Education/Research Subcommittee

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imp. Counties
Gardiner, R. N., Yana – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)
Green, R.N., Katy – District 1
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

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Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Allington, R.N., Linda – City of Carlsbad
Baird, Deborah – Carlsbad Fire Department
Bessant, Drew – Carlsbad Fire Department
Clark, Josh – Carlsbad Fire Department
Dunford, M.D., James – City of San Diego
Gallucci, Joey – Carlsbad Fire Department
Hums, Jason – Southwest Community College
Sawdey, DeAnn – AMR
Workman, R.N., Debbie – Palomar Community College

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Rice, EMCC Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the June 16, 2014 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Yana Gardiner, seconded by Stephen Abbott to nominate and elect Linda Rosenberg for EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee Chairperson for 2015. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to nominate and elect Sharon Carlson for EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee Vice-Chairperson for 2015. Motion carried.

V. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) PILOT REVIEW

A. Review/Overview of Carlsbad and San Diego Rural Metro Pilot

1. Carlsbad Fire Department – Linda Allington
   - Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Department (OSHPD) has asked for more congruency between alternate destination projects. Inclusion and exclusion criteria were reviewed for the programs. June 1st is the expected program implementation date.
   - Site specific curriculum – six (6) of the twelve (12) hours of training have been completed. Training is set up through the Medical Director and final testing will be through Palomar College. All firefighter/paramedic positions are being trained in the site specific curriculum.
   - Core curriculum has 150 hours of training. On completion of the training, they will be qualified to take the national boards for CP.
   - Physicians receiving patients that meet the criteria for inclusion/exclusion will be going through base hospital training.
   - Kaiser is working on their IRB.
   - Training includes a general overview, background and history, cultural confidence, social deterrence, the role of paramedics, homeless and psychiatric outreach.

2. City of San Diego – Dr. Dunford
   - Paramedics for the program were recommended by the medical directors. Training is being given at the Naval Training Center EMS classrooms.
   - Each program is required to write a local IRB.
   - The call referral program to 211 in San Diego is funded through United Way. Dr. Dunford explained the program that has been funded for referral through the Health Navigator system for 211.

B. Review Updated Timeline
   1. Carlsbad Fire Project – Linda Allington
      - Kaiser IRB is in the process of being written.
   2. State Advisory Committee to Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development Department (OSHPD) information regarding CP – Susan Smith
      - Major roles and responsibilities of the advisory committee include: advisement on training, competencies and collection of data, and review and advisement on protocols related to triage and ongoing assurance of patient safety.
      - The committee will participate in site visits, advisement on evaluation of project reports and project issues.
      - December 8, 2014 meeting objectives included: identify data elements or outcomes for each pilot and determine the top five elements most important to the particular project; discuss methodology for each of the top five elements or outcomes.
      - January 22, 2015 meeting objectives included: collection of identified data elements and review project protocols for consistency and similar concepts (Alternate Destination, Post-Discharge Follow-up and 911 Familiar Faces). Recommendations to strengthen the protocols were provided.
      - Site visits: Seven (7) sites were scheduled for July; City of San Diego was selected as one of the first site visits. Further site visits will be scheduled.

   3. Discussion continued on IRB reference measures, data collection and elements of the studies. Challenges include similar collection and interpretation of case definitions and data elements.

VI. REVIEW CP READINESS REPORT – Carlsbad and San Diego

A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan
B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan
C. Local Treatment Protocols
D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan
E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
G. Informed Consent

VII. FUTURE ITEMS

No future items were mentioned.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am. Next meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015.

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II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the minutes from January 8, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to nominated Mary Meadows-Pitt for the Chair position. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sharon Carlson, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to nominate Chris Wells for Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

V. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

A. County Influenza Watch information as of March 11, 2015 with data from Epidemiology and Immunization Service Branch.
   1. The current influenza season totals are 6,234, with 129 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) cases and 72 deaths. Individuals who have died this year from influenza ranged in age from 51 to 104 years old. The average age was 84 years old.
   2. The vaccine this year has had a relatively low effectiveness rate compared to past years. Current technology for producing flu vaccine is made in eggs and is time consuming.
   3. A recent publication notes that some individuals can be asymptomatic, and still be infectious and spread the virus prior to showing symptoms.

B. Dr. Haynes reported on the number of Advanced Life Support (ALS) transports, patients who bypassed the requested hospital, total hours on emergency department (ED) bypass and total hours and overall percent of ED saturation.
   1. There was a significant increase in the number of ALS transports in January 2015 as well as the number of patients who bypassed the requested hospital and the total hours of EDs on bypass.
   2. Duty Officers have been involved with the hospitals communicating with the ED staff. The capacity plan is reviewed each year for updates. First Watch is also being utilized.

C. Increase in transport volume – Wayne Johnson
   1. There have been an unprecedented amount of offload delays in the past few weeks and the most transports in the history of the City. There continue to be pocketed issues partially due to patient request.
   2. There is an on-going discussion of possible solutions. Facilities have to determine the number of patients that can be admitted to their ED facility. Ambulance resource for new transport calls are limited due to the volume of ambulances that are delayed at the facilities.

3. Discussion topics include:
   - Facilities reviewing times of day the volume of offload delays are occurring. Agency supervisors following up on their ambulance delays.
   - Request by the patient to be transported to the hospital of their choice.
   - Influenza symptoms and testing as related to patient influx to hospital ED's and admission.
   - Contacting the Duty Officer, follow-up and documentation of the calls.
   - Process of triage.

VI. POLICIES FOR REVIEW – Carlos Flores

A. Policy P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County was reviewed during the previous Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting, but the attachment was not available. The attachment is an application used for an individual to be accepted as an intern in San Diego County.
   - Attachment to P-302 was reviewed and changes will be made to update the form such as email information and signature from the contact agency.
   - The subcommittee discussed preceptor and agency contact information.
   - Policy P-302 draft and attachment draft with subcommittee suggested edits will be will be brought back at the next meeting for review.

VII. STAFF REPORT

A. Medical Director Report – Bruce E. Haynes, M.D.
   1. Ebola cases have decreased. Medical volunteers returning from West Africa are isolated and go through a screening process. Liberia has had no new reported cases of Ebola for the last two weeks.
   2. Literature has been published on how to manage stroke as well as the treatment of stroke using an advanced endovascular treatment with removing clots in the brain. There have been several papers on the benefit of receiving tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) first and then following up with the endovascular treatment to reduce the clot. The current system will be evaluated, and changes in policy will be made if needed.
   3. County trauma centers are audited every three (3) years in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons (ACS); 2015 is an audit year. There are six (6) trauma centers being audited, with four (4) out of six (6) centers having been completed. The two (2) remaining treatment centers should be completed in the next two (2) months.
   4. New regulations will be coming out soon regarding the use of EpiPens. EpiPens are used by individuals for the emergency treatment for life threatening allergic reactions. The regulations will affect people who are using an EpiPen as well as those who assist someone but who do not have a valid prescription. The people who have a valid prescription will not be affected by the new regulations.

B. EMS Staff Report – Susan Smith, R.N.
   1. *Love Your Heart Day* took place at 153 sites in the County on February 13th. Over 22,000 individuals were provided blood pressure screenings. Susan thanked everyone

who participated in the event.

2. Adult and pediatric protocols have been reviewed. ALS skills policy S-104 is being reviewed as well.
3. The Base Station Physician Committee (BSPC) and Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) meetings have been moved to March 24th. The meeting will be held at Sharp Spectrum, second floor, Room 217.
4. The Fourth Annual *Strike Out Stroke* event will take place on Saturday, April 25th at Petco Park. The baseball game will feature the Padres and the Dodgers. For additional information regarding tickets, please contact Diane Royer, EMS Quality Assurance Specialist.
5. The date for *Sidewalk CPR* has not been determined. More information will be provided later.
6. The County has a new BLS provider, Lifesaver Ambulance. The company is currently going through the inspection process. As soon as that is complete, they will go live.
7. The Zone II contract has been awarded to Mercy Medical. This contract has been approved and will begin on April 1, 2015.
8. Core measure data is still needed from some transport agencies. Please call Josh Smith for submission information.
9. The annual *911 Conference* will take place on April 24th at the Vista Civic Center. One of the speakers will be psychiatrist Dr. Sergeant.
10. The Emergency Medical Services Administration Association of California (EMSAAC) annual Conference will take place on May 27 and 28 in San Diego. Handouts were provided.
11. The County Paramedic Agency Committee (CPAC) conference will take place the week of May 18-22.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.
Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on April 9, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair

Education/Research Subcommittee

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Wednesday, March 16, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Allington, R.N., Linda – City of Carlsbad
Christison, Brian – SDFD/Rural Metro
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad/SDCFC
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Vilke, M.D., Gary – City of Carlsbad
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of SD/Imp Counties

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Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Rosenberg, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee members was not present. Minutes from January 28, 2015 will be approved at the next subcommittee meeting.

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICAINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Once a month each pilot program submits a readiness report to the State.

B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan
Carlsbad pilot program is working towards a June start date.

C. Local Treatment Protocols
1. City of San Diego
   - State training has been completed. Training covered Public Health Epidemiology to advance assessment techniques new to paramedicine. Everyone passed the practical and written exams.
   - Schedules are back on track with completion of the training. The team schedule is one (1) day a week in ambulances and three (3) days out of the four (4) with the RAP team.
2. Carlsbad
   Kaiser has submitted an IRB to the State that is in the process of being evaluated.

D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan
1. City of San Diego
   - Most of the curriculum development was completed prior to the State program.
   - Specific training was added including attending the PERT academy which is three (3) day psychiatric response training in April.
2. Carlsbad
   - Paramedics went through the State training; everyone passed in the first round. Training included community resources learning.
   - Site visits have been completed including video conferencing from the field to the facilities. Confidentiality and privacy issues are being worked through.
   - Six (6) of the 12 hours of site specific curriculum were completed in August and December. A review will take place in April. Training has been aligned with other alternate destination projects. External validity and validation will be done by Palomar College.

E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
1. City of San Diego data collection is 97.3% complete as well as a thorough statistical analysis.
2. Carlsbad
   - Data is being submitted to the State. Kaiser has given a link to USCF for transfer of data.
   - There have been challenges with the data tool designed by UCSF. Challenges include only being able to utilize the software on one computer and claims data submitted through Kaiser. In summary, challenges with the data pool were one computer, one person, and external validity was not realized until the initial run.

- Base line data started in April and went through December. Kaiser patients are separated by Kaiser HMO, Kaiser Medical and Kaiser commercial programs, and the protocols are reviewed to decide which is appropriate for the program.

F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
   1. City of San Diego has no changes.
   2. Carlsbad is working through the confidentiality aspect, data to State and UCSF/Kaiser.

G. Informed Consent
   City of San Diego has no changes.

City of San Diego project discussion topics:
   1. Clarification of the psychiatric training.
      - Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) is specific to the San Diego program. PERT is subcontracted through the County Mental Health Systems (MHS). Clinicians are placed with police officers, there may be a PERT clinician assigned to the team based on a grant that is in progress.
      - Training will improve psychiatric evaluation, ability to work with the population and have community support for CP.
      - It was noted that psychiatric patients in the ED and workplace, and psychiatric/mental health/substance abuse services require full continuum of care, psychiatric services and acute care services in the facilities.
      - Educating emergency room staff and physicians regarding resources and contacts.
   2. The 211 referral system went live in January 2015. Field crews fill out referrals and consent information, and direct the referral to 211 as long as it meets certain criteria, number of contacts and a valid call back number. 211 will connect individuals to food banks and access to medical providers.

      Marcy Metz added that Ann Marie Jenson was recognized at the 211 Conference for the innovative program approach to connecting the field to services.

Carlsbad project funding: Carlsbad has been awarded a California Healthcare Foundation Grant of $8,600, with another $8,000 in March. There was a cost of $35,000 to backfill the three staff positions while they were training for the pilot project.

H. Susan Smith reported on the California State Advisory Committee
   1. CP site visits start March 19. Susan asked if there were any recommendations for questions and information for site visits of similar studies. Rural Metro site visit is July 16.
   2. October 15 is the next Office of State Hospital Planning and Development (OSHPD) meeting. Communication will be via email to discuss objectives and concerns.

Marcy Metz added that the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California (EMSAAC) and Emergency Medical Director's Association of California (EMDAC) meetings are March 17 and EMS Commission meets March 18.

V. FUTURE ITEMS

No future items were mentioned.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am. Next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes
Thursday, April 23, 2015

Members Present

Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher –District 4
Maxwell, Paul – SD Co. Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parra, Frank – S.D. County Fire Chiefs Association
Rice, Mike – S.D. County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Allen, Francis – CA Correctional Health Care Services
Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

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Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, R.N., seconded by Chris Wells, R.N. to approve the minutes from January 22, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee did not meet last month. Offload issues were added as an agenda item for discussion.

B. Discussion ensued on the following offload issues:

1. Facility and 'medical home' transport concerns. Discussion at Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) and Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) meetings to request that paramedics clarify/state why they are diverting, for Quality Assurance (QA) documentation.
2. Policy/protocol for bypass by base hospital and communication between the medics and the hospital.
3. The Health Services Capacity Task Force (HSCTF) regarding plan's triggers for levels of activation during a medical surge. It was suggested to invite prehospital agencies to the 2015 HSCTF meeting to participate in the Capacity Plan review.
4. Communication and authority to bypass, contacting the EMS Duty Officer, charge nurse, BHNC and hospital administration. Utilization of the hospital internal surge plan.
5. Treatment/medical care by the medic/ambulance, and their scope of practice while waiting on the wall.
6. Agency participation regarding offload delays is welcome at the Emergency Medicine Oversight Committee (EMOC) meetings.

Action Item:
Distribute the Capacity Plan

C. Education and Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg, R.N.
The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee is the Advisory Committee for the Community Paramedicine (CP) pilot projects.

1. CP projects are currently working on their Institutional Review Board (IRB) documents.
2. Tentative start date for the Carlsbad and City of San Diego pilot projects is June or July.
3. Hospitals are assisting in collection of data regarding arrival and discharge time as well as participating in the Health Information Exchange (HIE) project, allowing information to be shared. HIE may also help with addressing basic records regarding offload issues.

D. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson, RN
The Disaster/Operations Subcommittee has not met recently but will schedule a meeting following the May 20th drill.

Sharon Carlson reported on upcoming events:

1. The Capstone Community exercise on May 20th will drill a situation where there is a regional power outage due to an attack. Activation will start after the first 10 to 12 hours into the power outage. The scenario also includes a bus/freight train collision resulting in mass casualty/mass decontamination issues to be addressed. The exercise will test the after action plan from the 2011 power outage drill.
2. In March, the SD Healthcare Disaster Council and hospitals were invited to tour the EMS alternate care site set up. Alternative care sites are set up as medical evaluation centers during a disaster.
3. The Statewide exercise scenario in November will be a mass prophylaxis drill.

V. EMS CORE MEASURES – Joshua Smith, PhD, MPH

Josh Smith, PhD, MPH, Epidemiologist II gave a PowerPoint presentation on the California Emergency Medical Services Authority Core Quality Measures Project.

1. The purpose of the EMS system Core Measures Project is to increase the accessibility and accuracy of prehospital data for public, policy, academic and research purposes, and facilitate EMS system evaluation and improvement for a grant from the California Healthcare Foundation. The project will highlight opportunities to improve the quality of patient care delivered in EMS systems.
2. Core measures use prehospital data collected at the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) level and are submitted to the State by each LEMSA. They are used for comparison and Quality Improvement (QI). Data from 2010 to 2014 was collected for the presentation.
3. Four recurring themes include:
    - Arrival at and departure of the scene in a timely manner.
    - Accurate patient assessment by EMS personnel.
    - Delivery of time sensitive prehospital therapy.
    - Transport to a hospital capable of providing the necessary care.
4. Core measures are divided into the following categories:
    - Trauma Patient
    - Suspected Acute coronary syndrome/heart attack
    - Cardiac Arrest
    - Suspected Acute stroke patients
    - Respiratory/pediatric respiratory
    - Pain Intervention
    - Skill Performance
    - EMS response and transport
5. Moving forward:
    - Destinations of trauma
    - Validity of data and missing data
    - Additional proposed core measures modified
    - Performance Improvement (PI)

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. On Saturday, April 25, 2015 there is a San Diego Symposium addressing Concussions in Youth. Registration is 7:30 am, the program is from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Hall of Champions in Balboa Park; registration is $25. The symposium is sponsored by Rady Children's Hospital and the Kiwanis.

B. Dr. Gausche, Pediatric Specialist, has a publication out on the Pediatric Readiness Surveys of hospitals. EMS is reviewing this as a comparison to past surveys.

C. PulsePoint is the application that can be loaded on your phone and alerts you to cardiac arrests that may be occurring in your area. There have been some activations of the application in San Diego.

D. BSPC is reviewing protocol changes of the treatment guidelines.

E. There are fewer cases of Ebola. Individuals that have traveled to West Africa as a volunteer are being monitored by taking their temperature once or twice a day. UCSD is the designated Ebola treatment facility in the County. The CDC is involved in evaluating potential Ebola assessment hospitals.

F. The naloxone pilot project is used to assist in preventing deaths with narcotic overdoses. The Sheriff's Department trial is to determine if there is any benefit for deputies to administer naloxone to individuals with apparent narcotic overdoses before First Responders arrive on scene. The trial is working and may expand the jurisdiction of the Sheriff's trial.

   There is a new law regarding individuals purchasing and using naloxone if they know of someone who is a narcotic user. Instruction on use is given by the Pharmacy and the New Path organization that is involved with narcotic addiction will be organizing classes as well.

G. The State law regarding epi pen use for anaphylactic shock was broadened for individual use as well as licensed agency use.

H. Over the last two years there has been research on using stent retrievers in acute stroke patient cases. The devices are used to extract the clot that is causing the stroke. Three or four papers presented at the International Stroke meetings showed less damage to the brain if the stent retriever was used.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. The American College of Surgeon (ACS) review of trauma centers continues in May to review the remaining trauma centers, Palomar and Scripps Mercy.

B. The *Strike Out Stroke* event at the Padre's game has sold over 1,400 tickets. Hospitals will set up kiosks with screening tools and stroke awareness information. The Stroke Consortium will be awarded a Board of Supervisors' Proclamation for the

4th annual event. There will be a press conference on Friday at Petco Park the day before the game.

C. EMS personnel:
   1. EMS new hires include an Office Assistant, Office Support Specialist and Administrative Analyst II.
   2. Communications Unit EMS Coordinator recruitment is open. The DI contract employee and the Temporary Expert Professional position are also vacant. The Medical Records Technician position will be vacant as of May 8. IT issues will be covered by Max Carreon.

D. The County Fire Authority, contracted with Cal Fire, has submitted a letter of intent to become an ALS provider and will be positioning some ALS First Responders at their fire stations. As of July 1, Pine Valley and surrounding rural area will be under the County Fire Authority and become newly designated ALS First Responders.

E. Information on emergency and non-emergency responses will be collected as part of the EMS Plan updates that will be sent to the State. Agencies will be asked to collect data needed for Fiscal Years 2012/2013/2014.

F. Request for Proposals (RFP's):
   - Zone II ambulance operating area contract was awarded to Mercy Medical as of April 1, 2015.
   - Ocotillo RFP will be out to bid. A community meeting will be scheduled around the second week in May. A notice will be sent out via BuyNet and email.

G. The ENA 9-1-1 Conference is tomorrow, April 24th at the Vista Civic Center.

H. The EMSAAC annual conference held at Lowes Coronado is scheduled on May 27 and 28, 2015. Brochures for the conference were provided.

I. Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) forms reporting the needs of the community identified by the HPP group will be finalized.

VIII. EMCC MEMBERSHIP/VACANCIES

There will be a follow-up on EMCC primary and alternate vacancies as well as member term expirations that are coming up.

IX. 2015 SIDEWALK CPR DAY – Sue Dickinson

The goal for this year's *Sidewalk CPR* event is to instruct 4,000 individuals in chest compression only CPR and to surpass last year's total of 3,154. The goal is to strengthen the chain of survival in the County communities by instructing individuals on how to use hands only CPR until 9-1-1 responders arrive.

The event will involve the community setting up site areas for instruction in adult hands only CPR. Last year 24 agencies registered and participated in the event at 42 locations.

This year's event is on June 4, 2015 from 10 am – 4 pm. Forms will be distributed to register for an instruction location area, and if needed availability of a mannequin to use in the training.

X. OLD BUSINESS – Marcy Metz

There is no new information on the EMS fees.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Due to the EMSAAC Conference on May 27 – 28, 2015. EMCC will not meet in May. The next regularly scheduled EMCC meeting will be June 25, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Submitted by
Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary III
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Education/Research Subcommittee

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Wednesday, April 20, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial County
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Dunford, M.D. James – City of San Diego
Hums, Jason – Southwest Community College
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Vilke, M.D., Gary – City of Carlsbad
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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Rosenberg, Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee members was not present. Minutes from January 28, 2015, March 16, 2015 and April 20, 2015 will be approved at the next subcommittee meeting.

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICAINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Advisory Committee discussed the City of San Diego's data points required by UC San Francisco (UCSF) for the baseline pilot data and the difficulty with data collection. The data required is centered around average length of times for the patient population once in the hospital. This would require hospital resources to review records. City of San Diego continues to work with UCSF.

B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan – Completed prior to pilot approval.

C. Local Treatment Protocols – Completed and submitted prior to pilot approval.

D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan
   1. The City of San Diego team completed the Psychiatric Emergency Responses Team (PERT) Academy. PERT has funding to add a clinician to the team.
   2. Carlsbad training is nearly completed and ready for testing. Testing will be done at Palomar College.

E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
   1. City of San Diego is working with hospitals to complete baseline data. UC San Francisco (UCSF) was contacted regarding the technological aspect of Quality Assurance (QA) numbers from medical records. A request was made to the State to extend the deadline on data.
   2. Carlsbad reported that Kaiser has a direct link with UCSF for data transfer.
   3. Discussion topics included:
      - Collecting data issues.
      - UCSF requests.
      - Process and timing to develop the system.
      - Sharing information and confidential information blinding.
      - How to approach the solution with an HIE realistic deadline. HIE is ready to start, goal is for May/June/July.

F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
   City of Carlsbad is working on Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval with Kaiser.
   City of San Diego is working on IRB approval with UCSD.

G. Informed Consent City of San Diego is reviewing studies published on consent for chronic alcoholics. San Diego will use that research to determine Informed Consent process for its pilot.

V. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPUDATE – Susan Smith

There were no updates. Local site visit dates are being scheduled.

VI. FUTURE ITEMS

There will be a meeting regarding the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration-Health and Human Services-Department of Homeland Security Grant entitled "Promoting Innovation in EMS". CA EMS leaders are being asked to contribute their collective vision regarding the opportunities and challenges that lay ahead of EMS. West Health Institute (WHI) will be hosting the event. WHI is an independent, nonprofit medical research organization that works with healthcare providers and research institutions to create new, more effective ways of delivering care.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am. Next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting

Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Chris Wells, Vice-Chair

6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120

Thursday, May 14, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association

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Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Broyles, Linda – RCCP
Hums, Jason – SWCC
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the minutes from March 12, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Offload issues have remained the same. Topics of discussion included:

1. Agency measurements to capture offload to back in service time, obtaining a signature at time of patient exchange at the hospital, and First Watch dashboard for true time measure from arrival to offload.
2. Calling and informing the EMS Duty Officer: At 20 minutes call the charge nurse; at 30 minutes call the Battalion Chief who will call the EMS Duty Officer.
3. Steps to be taken for crews: Call to supervisor, supervisor calls the charge nurse who works on a solution to the hospital offload issue.
4. Throughput issues, space and lack of beds and going on bypass. Closest and requested hospital by the patient which in turn can cause ED saturation and filtering of non-system patients.
5. Agency provider's participation in Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) during guideline review for putting hospitals on bypass.
6. Public safety/contract compliance, monitoring patients on hospital grounds/hospital campus.
7. Admission:
   - Authority for hospitals activating surge plans, high patient volume ratio and disaster activation. Permission to use alternative care area during high patient volume during a non-declared disaster.
   - Surge plan triggers and capacity plan levels.

Action Item:
Place Capacity Plan on the next agenda.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW – Carlos Flores

A. Policy P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County was reviewed at the previous Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. The following changes were made to the attachment application used for interns applying in San Diego County.
   - Contact information added/updated
   - School evaluation for out-of-county paramedic interns
   - Typos noted

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Mike Rice to approve the changes made to Policy P-302 and the attachment application. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. Medical Director Report – Bruce E. Haynes, M.D.

1. Follow-up on an inquiry regarding computer aided detection (CAD) update and provisions for patient care records. Due to a CAD maintenance upgrade, patient record data submission was delayed for one day to merge patient care records (PCR) data to hospitals.

B. EMS Staff Report

1. Meredith Mahoney reported that the protocol final educational PowerPoint will be approved and distributed. Changes included the following:
   - Morphine protocol and dosage: weight base, age range, cardiac related chest pain, abdominal pain and blood pressure. Base Hospital Physician Order (BHPO) and Base Hospital Order. (BHO)
   - Change in practice for c-spine immobilization.
   - Fluids in septic patients.
   - Fentanyl versus morphine – Base Station Physician Committee (BSPC) input was to stay with morphine.
   - Recommendations regarding Pediatric fluids.
   - Capnography minor detail changes.

   Action Item:
   Meredith Mahoney will email a summary for review.

2. Sidewalk CPR is June 4th. Agency participation appears to be down from last year due to conflicting schedules. The goal this year is to instruct 4,000 bystanders in compression only CPR.
3. May 20th is the San Diego Capstone drill. The EMS DOC will be activated.
4. EMS Plan data for BLS and ALS will be requested to compare volume and trending of calls. It was mentioned that agencies may not be available to search previous data due to the system change. Deadline is May 27, 2015.
5. The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting scheduled on Monday, May 18, 2015 is cancelled.
6. EMS IT Coordinator position is currently open for recruitment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am.
Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on June 11, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING
Daryn Drum, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes
Thursday, June 25, 2015

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of S.D./Imperial Counties
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Gardiner, R.N., Yana – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Kahn, M.D., Christopher –District 4
Maxwell, Paul – SD Co. Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parr, Andy – S.D. County fire Districts Association
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Adams, Jason – American Red Cross
Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Peltier, Patricia - AMR

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Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, Chairperson of the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee called the meeting to order at 9:10 am in the absence of Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair, and Linda Rosenberg, Vice-Chair.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the minutes from April 23, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N.

1. Offload delays continue. An example was given regarding ambulance offload, anticipated delays and hospital bypass. Contacts were made to report the delays to the Duty Officer, the charge nurse, agency supervisor and hospital administration. Conversation continued on the reporting procedure and who will be contacted if there is an offload issue.
2. The Health Services Capacity Plan is reviewed annually. Agencies are invited to attend the Capacity Plan Taskforce when the plan is being reviewed.
3. Policy P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County was reviewed and approved during the March 12, 2015 Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Minor changes were made including the addition of Advanced EMTs.

   A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Stephen Abbott to approve Policy P-302 with noted corrections. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Diane Ameng, R.N.

1. IRB approval for County Paramedic (CP) City of Carlsbad pilot program has been completed; City of San Diego IRB is under review. City of Carlsbad start date is in August and City of San Diego start date is in September pending on their IRB approval.

   Paul Maxwell added that City of San Diego UCLA CP training is completed. The San Diego EMS Resource Access Program (RAP) is part of the City of San Diego CP pilot project which seeks to reduce dependence on EMS and acute care services. RAP medics use IPADs to connect and refer frequent 911 and 211 users with appropriate resources for their underlying medical, mental health, and social needs. Direction includes referral to homeless outreach or insurance 211 needs, where the referral should go and contact information.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson, R.N.

1. May 20, 2015 Community Exercise
   - The exercise started 12 hours into the scenario of a power outage.
   - The after action report has not been completed but a couple of key items noted by hospitals and County OES included a fuel plan for Critical Access Employees, paramedics, EMTs and fire fighters to refuel transportation vehicles if the gasoline station pumps are out for a considerable time.
   - During the 2011 power outage, there was concern about the 'worried well' and individuals that have home treatment medical equipment needing a continuous power source. OES will set up centers (power

areas) by region with generators to accommodate those individuals who arrive at hospitals and need a power source for their equipment. Notice regarding the power centers could be accomplished via reverse 911 and 211.

2. November Exercise
   - Scenario is a max prophylaxis drill based on an anthrax terrorist event. Jack Walsh will be working with the hospitals and the County will set up Points of Dispensing (PODs) to practice dispensing medications. Hospitals have a plan to set up a POD to treat the Critical Access Employees and their families.
   - Discussion included security issues, tracking of medication, and medication delivery to hospitals and fire agencies.
3. Members of the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee will be contacted to set up a subcommittee meeting before the November drill.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. Protocol revisions for this year are completed. Discussion during review of the protocols included:
   1. Morphine use in the field and using Fentanyl as an alternative choice. Concerns included the potential for abuse, expense and availability.
   2. Prehospital spinal immobilization has been the standard for victims who have experienced a mechanism of injury (MOI). Studies by the National Association of EMS Physicians, the American College of Surgeons and a number of EMS agencies support an evidence-based approach in an effort to lessen unnecessary spinal immobilizations in the field. Appropriate spine injury assessment guidelines and algorithms allow for the selective immobilization of injured patients.

      Long boards are valuable primarily for extrication of patients from vehicles. Prolonged use of spine boards can rapidly lead to pressure injuries and back pain.

   3. Palomar Hospital is closing their downtown campus. Labor and delivery, and acute rehabilitation are being moved to the new facility. The urgent care clinic at the downtown hospital will be closed.
   4. Studies and six (6) articles have shown that catheter use and endovascular retriever used on stroke victims to remove clots gave the patient a better functional outcome.

      Stroke centers under the Joint Commission include a primary stroke center for intervention and administering intravenous tPA and a comprehensive stroke center that also practices endovascular procedures and has additional staffing of specialists. Discussion ensued on transportation to stroke centers and identification in the field for patients that may need endovascular procedures.

   5. The trauma surgeons will be releasing a revised guidance for emergency departments and patients who are taking anticoagulants including how to reverse them and when to transfer them to a trauma center.

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. The *Sidewalk CPR* event that was held on June 4th included participation by 27 agencies at 31 locations. San Diego County trained 2,577 Individuals in hands only adult compression CPR; Southern California total was 20,035. The American Heart Association CPR week is the first week in June.

B. EMS new employees/open positions:
   1. Office Assistant and Medical Records Technician start tomorrow.
   2. EMS Coordinator interviews have begun.
   3. Recruiting for a QA Specialist will be posted soon.

C. County Fire Authority has contracted with Cal Fire and is designated as an ALS provider. Cal Fire will be assigning their ALS First Responder Paramedics to those positions. As of July 1, Pine Valley and surrounding rural areas will be under the County Fire Authority.

D. The EMS Plan is in the process of being updated. When the plan is compete it will be sent to the State.

E. Request for Proposal (RFP) in the Anza Borrego/Ocotillo area will be repeated. A community forum meeting was held on Tuesday June 23, 2015. A Statement of Objectives is being drafted. Paramedic services are currently being covered by Borrego Springs.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. There is no new information on the EMS fees. The item will be kept on the agenda in the event updated information is received.

B. It was suggested to review and update the EMCC membership vacancies. It was noted that some organizations listed in the EMCC bylaws may not exist anymore. Organizations have been contacted regarding their membership vacancies.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled EMCC meeting will be July 23, 2015.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 am.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Chris Wells, Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, June 11, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Rice, Mike – San Diego County Ambulance Association
Wells, R.N. Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

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Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Hums, Jason – SWCC
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Peltier, R.N. Patricia - AMR

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the minutes from May 14, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

Patient volume is up at the hospitals, especially during April. Transport providers volume was also up. Discussion on offload issues included documentation/reporting when patient requests for a specific hospital and the data to monitor reasons for patient destination crucial to providing accurate information to hospital administrations. Also discussed was notification when hospitals are on emergency department (ED) bypass, and bypass documentation.

V. HEALTH SERVICES CAPACITY PLAN

The Health Services Capacity Taskforce meets annually to review the Health Services Capacity Plan. The section of the plan regarding indicators for 911 ambulance provider agencies was noted. This section refers to the number of ambulances at emergency departments (ED's) with offload delays greater than 20 minutes. Discussion included contacting the EMS Duty Officer, the hospital administrator on call, and utilizing the hospital surge plan.

The Health Services Capacity Plan is distributed to hospitals and agencies.

VI. STAFF REPORT

A. The County Paramedic Agency Committee (CPAC) met yesterday.

B. The number of individuals that were trained in adult hands only CPR during *Sidewalk CPR Day* will be announced soon. It was suggested to conduct instruction on adult compression only CPR for the whole week next year versus one day.

C. Protocol Review
There was concern with morphine distribution, supply limits and alternate medication when morphine is not available. Base Station Physician Committee (BSPC) physicians discussed the issue and decided not to add Fentenyl as an alternative to morphine.

D. Intraosseous (IO) administration of Narcan was mentioned and a few cases were cited. Susan Smith stated that there was a decision not to add Narcan IO route to the protocol for standing orders, it can be administered with a physician variation.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:39 am.
Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on July 9, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair
Education/Research Subcommittee
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Wednesday, June 15, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial County
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Davis, Mike – Carlsbad/SDCFC
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of SD/Imp Counties

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Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Linda Rosenberg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:06 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **A motion was made by Sharon Carlson, Seconded by Steve Abbott to approve the January 28, 2015 EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

- **A motion was made by Chris Wells, Seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the March 16, 2015 EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

- **A motion was made by Sharon Carlson, Seconded by Chris Wells to approve the April 20, 2015 EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICAINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation. No updates.

B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation. No changes.

C. Local Treatment Protocols – City of Carlsbad stated that Kaiser is in the process of training their physicians on the protocols and the base station medical director curriculum. In July there will be a test and walk through.

D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan – Both pilots have provided site specific training in preparation for go-live. Go-live dates have changed multiple times awaiting IRB approval and baseline data collection.

E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
   1. City of San Diego pilot project submitted their data for the study. Start date will be August 1, 2015, a month after the IRB approval.

      There are some issues with the process of data update and submission with UCSF. Pilots are updating their data differently according to wording of the questions. All of the statewide projects were combined on the same account.

   2. City of Carlsbad is streamlining telemedicine with Kaiser. Familiarization and testing with the system will be in July. The new Patient Care Record (PCR) system will hopefully be completed in July.

      IPADs are being used with the Kaiser system, which has a secured encrypted video link system.

      Lou Meyer and Dr. Vilke are anticipating an August start date for the City of Carlsbad pilot project.

F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
   1. City of San Diego is reviewing their IRB before submission.
   2. City of Carlsbad/Kaiser IRB is completed with UCSD.

G. Informed Consent –
   1. The City of San Diego is currently working out a common consent form that will fit with their IRB and the State pilot process. The IRB recommends a certain standard to determine a patient's capacity to consent.

   Judith Yates added that particular attention is being given to the San Diego pilot projects. The Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial Counties (HASDIC) has received calls from San Francisco and Santa Barbara with colleagues wanting to discuss the San Diego projects.

H. State Advisory Committee Update – Susan Smith
   1. Site Visits:
      - The subject of questions regarding preparation of site visits are similar to the discussions during EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee, such as training, medics identified in the training, objectives and challenges.
      - Site visits include document review and academic tracking system review of grades and attendance. Also asked was what metrics matter most to the pilots.
      - State Advisory Committee site visit for City of San Diego is July 16, 2015 from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm at UCLA.

   2. The pilot projects are moving in a positive direction. Alternative Destination/Mental Health pilot projects have some challenges.

   3. Pilot projects have submitted their base line data which is under review.

   Anne Jensen noted that there are some UCSF instruction issues such as training, medics identified, and challenges such as the academic training tool and metrics of the pilot projects.

V. FUTURE ITEMS

Anne Jensen offered to give a presentation of the CP protocols at the next meeting.

Anne Jensen stated that the Center for Medical/Medicare Services (CMS) had a meeting in Washington DC regarding Medicare/Medicaid. Ft. Worth, Pittsburg and a few other cities along with City of San Diego have been developing a set of core community paramedic measures which were presented to the Agency of Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), and Medicare. Partners in developing the core measures were Pittsburgh, Ft. Worth, Reno and St. Louis.

County Chiefs EMS Section has discussed additional delivery models. With the CP projects, there is an opportunity to streamline the system and make it effective and efficient, but there may be some issues with payers.

Discussion ensued on the alignment of the CP projects financial model and scope of practice.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am. Next meeting is scheduled for July 20, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2015

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee
Kahn, M.D., Christopher –District 4
Maxwell, Paul – SD Co. Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)
Parr, Andy – S.D. County fire Districts Association
Rice, Mike - AMR
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Ordille, Pete – Palomar College
Schmidt, Melissa – Mercy Air

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Ameng, R.N., Diane
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Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:12 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the minutes from June 25, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N.

Prehospital/Hosptial Subcommittee did not meet this month. Discussion on offload delays was requested by Daryn Drum. The following discussion topics included:

1. Transporting a patient to their requested hospital home when the hospital is on bypass:
   - Determining the bypass situation and delay of back-in-service to the community.
   - Concept behind medical home: Chronic patients who are under continuous care of their physicians such as cancer patients, elderly patients and patients with ongoing problems.
   - Screening patients who are requesting transport to their medical home due to their medical insurance or due to a chronic illness or ongoing medical needs.

2. Documenting bypass information in QCS to bring awareness to hospital administration, the approval process and surge plan activation.

3. 9-1-1 calls, the best interest of the patients and the best interest of calls that are being held such as fire engines being out of service due to paramedic shortages.

4. Members of the committee recommended taking the offload issues to the Emergency Medicine Oversight Commission (EMOC) and the Hospital Association of San Diego and Imperial County (HASDIC).

5. Psychiatric patient holds impact in the emergency departments (EDs).
   AMR has met with the City of San Diego Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) regarding evaluating psychiatric patients and transporting them to the most appropriate facility. HASDIC has been working with the County and Behavioral Health Services on the issue of psychiatric patients in the emergency room.

6. AB 1223 Emergency medical services: ambulance transportation bill authorizing a local EMS agency to adopt policies and procedures relating to ambulance patient offload time. The bill would require the authority to develop a statewide standard methodology for the calculation and reporting by a local EMS agency of ambulance patient offload time.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg, R.N.

1. City of San Diego is waiting for IRB completion.
2. City of Carlsbad has IRB approval. Kaiser has changed their Physician lead for the project. Physicians have been trained on the protocols. Anticipated start date is August 3, 2015.

C. **Disaster/Operations Subcommittee**

1. A Tabletop exercise regarding alternate care sites is scheduled on July 29, 2015, 8:00 – 12:30 at the Rosecrans facility. Office of Emergency Services (OES) is creating a series of videos aimed at First Responders assisting individuals that have access and functional needs such as autism. The videos will be posted online in August for educational purposes.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. Marilyn Anderson's retirement celebration is on July 31, 2015. Please RSVP by July 24, 2015.

B. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) is working on updating antibiotic prophylaxis for those who have been assaulted and are working on assessments and the service operating manual.

C. Pediatric services in hospitals are being surveyed to see if improvements are needed, especially during disasters.

D. During the previous EMCC meeting there was an update on endovascular care for acute stroke. Recent studies have demonstrated that using a mechanical endovascular device to remove the clot from brain during acute stroke has revealed better patient functional improvement and better outcomes.

   Two (2) out of 16 hospitals have been designated by the Joint Commission as comprehensive stroke centers. Ten (10) out of the 16 hospitals reported that they are equipped to do endovascular procedures.

E. Mercy Hospital 2015 San Diego Day of Trauma is on November 6th.

F. The California Drug Abuse Summit is November 5 and 6. A flier with information was provided. Discussion will be on inappropriate drug prescribing.

G. US News and World reported on the evaluation of hospitals. UCSD received 12 commendations, Scripps received 4 or 5.

VI. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. EMS new employees/open positions:
   There are six (6) open positions in EMS, three (3) are out on leave, three (3) are in the disaster division and one (1) is the EMS Coordinator IT Management position.

B. Valley Center Fire Protection District has submitted a letter of intent and application to be ALS First Responders. Application materials, MOU's and MOA's are being reviewed.

C. The EMS Commission quarterly meeting will be in San Diego at the Holiday Inn Bayside on September 2nd.

D. The San Diego County Heat Plan monitors medical surveillance and works with the National Weather Service during weather events. The Heat Plan was activated in June and is usually active May through September. Patrick Buttron is the Medical/Health Operation Area Coordinator (MHOAC) for San Diego and the lead on the Heat Plan Taskforce. One heat related death has been confirmed by the Medical Examiner.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

On November 29, 2012 EMCC showed support for the proposed County EMS ambulance permit application, reapplication and inspection fees.

EMS and PHS fees will be submitted for approval in one resolution and will be part of the County Budget Build in January 2016. Information on the fee schedule will be provided at the next EMCC meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

EMCC Bylaws:
There are a number of EMCC agency membership vacancies, and a few memberships that will be coming up for renewal.

According to the EMCC bylaws, the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee is tasked with reviewing the bylaws and forwards any recommended changes and/or updates to the full EMCC for approval. Once the updated bylaws have been approved by the full EMCC, they will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final approval.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled EMCC meeting will be September 24, 2015. Due to the November meeting falling on the Thanksgiving holiday and the week before that is the November Exercise, it was recommended to cancel the EMCC November meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

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Education/Research Subcommittee
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Wednesday, July 20, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

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Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial County
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

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Agency Representatives

Allington, Linda – Carlsbad Fire Department
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad/SDCFC
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Carlson, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order at 10:11 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wells, second by Linda Rosenberg to approve the June 15, 2015 EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICAINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation. Carlsbad stated that there was a change in Kaiser project leadership; Dr. Matt Silver will be the lead from Kaiser on the project.

B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation. No changes.

C. Local Treatment Protocols – City of Carlsbad stated that there have been familiarization tours with Kaiser and Kaiser Physicians were trained on the protocols.

D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan – Both pilots have provided site specific training in preparation for go-live. City of San Diego start dates have changed waiting for IRB approval. City of Carlsbad is anticipating start date of August 3, 2015.

E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
   1. City of San Diego is defining their core measures. The state hasn't released their study information and is working on implementation.
   2. City of Carlsbad – A webinar was conducted with UC San Francisco and alternate destination sites to review implementation of data.

F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
   1. City of San Diego is working on their Institutional Review Board (IRB) document to submit to UCSD.
   2. City of Carlsbad is implementing the new Electronic Patient Care Record (EPCR) and is trouble shooting the telemedicine connection.

G. Informed Consent
   The City of San Diego is currently working out consent issues.

   Discussion ensued regarding IRB content and consent, the consent process, defining capacity to consent, and using a clinical evaluation of capacity as determined by the paramedic.

V. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Susan Smith

- Due to job transitions, some site visits and communication on updates have been postponed.
- Alternative destination summary information is being reviewed at the state level. The City of San Diego and UC Los Angeles discussed how to measure success.

VI. PROTOCOL PRESENTATION – City of San Diego

Pilot protocols presentation was given by Ann Jenson, City of San Diego EMS Resource Access Program (RAP).

A. RAP is a crisis intervention program
Individuals who call 911 are either in a short term or long term crisis. This may affect their coping abilities, emotional control and reasoning; whether they have resources in their home for their medical conditions, and do they have hope for their life, social skills, communication skills and financial resources.

B. Emergency
An emergency is determined when someone becomes a danger to themselves or others; they may have borderline personality disorders, chronic alcoholism, are making bad decisions, and putting themselves into positions where they might harm themselves.

C. Priority Intervention
In emergency cases, the program gives priority intervention if the individual has an altered level of consciousness with physical, environmental or mechanical danger. As an example, chronic alcoholics that access 911 two (2) times a day for three (3) days in a row are determined as priority for intervention.

D. Intervention Model
1. Background: Acquire a street sense and identify patients by reviewing their EMS records and contacting law enforcement.
2. Meet the client, introduce themselves as paramedics and clarify their intentions.
3. Paramedics define the crisis for the client needs and the payer point of view.

E. Stabilize
Remove the situation from the harmful environment. Refer them to Housing First, detoxification or jail if they are behaving dangerously. When stabilized they are given support, help to their appointments and help with their coping mechanisms. Support such as education, gaining commitment for appointments, follow-up and monitoring is provided.

F. Post discharge transition is important as well as transport to alternate destinations. Support will be for care for chronic conditions and plan options for release.

G. Algorithm:
- Identify the patient
- Gain consent, care planning, eligibility for the program
- Stabilize
- Connect
- Support, care for chronic conditions
- Monitor for 911 calls.

VII. FUTURE ITEMS (Group)

There were no future items to add to the upcoming agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee does not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 21, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adams, Jason – American Red Cross
Adler, Fred – County Supervisor District 3
Boudreau, Sgt. Chad – Law Enforcement (Alt)
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. Co.
DeMers, CDR Gerard – Military Agencies
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee
Green, R.N., Katy – District 1
Kahn, M.D., Christopher –District 4
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – County Supervisor District 2
Parra, Frank – SD Co. Fire Chiefs (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

In Attendance

Broyles, Linda – RCCP/AMR
Hayward, Brian – Heartland Fire
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro

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League of California Cities
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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

It was announced that Stephen Abbott will be the Chief of North County Fire starting January 2016.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve the minutes from July 23, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N.

1. Offload delays were discussed at the subcommittee meeting.
2. The Health Capacity Plan Taskforce meets October 9, 8 – 9:30 am at the San Diego Medical Society on Ruffin Road. The taskforce meeting is being held prior to the Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC) meeting.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg, R.N.

1. City of San Diego and City of Carlsbad will be starting their pilot projects next month.
2. Both pilot project IRB's are approved.
3. Kaiser Physician lead for the City of Carlsbad pilot project has changed.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson, R.N.

1. The November Statewide Medical and Health Exercise will practice mass prophylaxis. A table top exercise will take place October 5, 8 – 12 at Public Health Services (PHS).
    - The November exercise is a five (5) day drill with Region VI. The drill is a test to receive the Strategic National Stockpile. Scenario is based on an anthrax attack and is County wide.
    - The first day will consist of testing and confirmation of the agent, anthrax.
    - Second day Public Information Officers and the Joint Information Center will be looking at public messaging.
    - Third day of the drill there will be receiving and storage of the prophylaxis.
    - November 19, there will be 14 points of dispensing (PODS) open throughout the County. Two (2) drive through mega PODS will be located at Carlsbad and Qualcomm. Strategic National Stockpile will receive the prophylaxis medication. The EMS DOC/MOC will be activated for the drill.
    - November 20 will consist of disassembly and return of equipment.
    - Hospitals will be distributing their caches and setting up PODS which is a requirement for grant hospitals. Palomar, Scripps, UCSD and Sharp will be receiving medications (empty bottles) from the County.
2. The Subcommittee discussed updating the EMCC bylaws. The subcommittee is reviewing the EMCC bylaws and checking the status/vacancies of membership with the organizations listed in the bylaws
3. The next subcommittee meeting will be in January.

V. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTER – Marcy Metz

Every two (2) years EMS submits a Board Letter to the Board of Supervisors to approve the CHP

Ambulance Spare Tire Exemption requirement for ambulances to carry a spare tire. The spare tire exemption provides room on ambulances for medical supplies and equipment.

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Katy Green to approve and forward the Ambulance Spare Tire Exemption request letter to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Motion carried.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. There have been inquiries about flu vaccination for healthcare providers. A letter will be distributed clarifying that a provider who hasn't had the flu vaccine should wear a mask in the presence of a patient.

   CPAC representatives and Fire Agencies have requested that the requirement should be addressed at the October 9th Capacity Plan meeting and include Fire and First Responders.

B. The Federal Government has a ChemPac program in the County for caches of nerve agent antidotes in preparation of a wide spread exposure to a nerve agent. Hospitals and prehospital agency caches that are not expired are tested each year and monitored.

C. Law Enforcement naloxone trial program with Sheriff Deputies has the narcotic antidote available to Sheriff Deputies. Training will be become available to all Sheriff Departments. The program's focus is on narcotic overdoses and approval for the use of the antidote.

D. Stroke – There will be a five (5) year report of the Stroke system. The report will include data from the hospitals on tPA and medications.

E. The Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) will be sending a notice to hospitals regarding changes such as victim's right not to have examination evidence processed in the lab for up to 18 months. These are Non Investigative Case Reports (NIRs) where the victim does not want the finding of the evidentiary exams reported. In June, CDC new guidelines on treatment and prophylaxis of individuals that have been sexually assaulted will be sent out, including medication prophylaxis for sexual transmitted disease available to victims.

F. The Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) Subcommittee on Cardiac Arrest will be meeting and discussing the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) program.

G. Shortage of morphine vials.
   - There has been a discontinuation of the 10 mg morphine concentration vials and a shortage of the carpujets.
   - In case of medication shortages, the use of expired morphine or other drugs in the field can be authorized by the Medical Director.
   - Discussion continued on dosage and age specific issues.

H. Spinal stabilization issues are being reviewed.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. EMS Commission met in San Diego in September. The EMS Plan appeal process regulations

brought forward by the EMS Authority has been approved and is being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law.

B. State trauma system review by American College of Surgeons (ACS) will be in March of 2016 and will be hosted in San Diego. Last year was the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System.

C. Community Paramedicine (CP) pilots throughout the state have begun. City of San Diego and Carlsbad will begin reporting to the EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee.

D. The Valley Center Fire Protection District is starting an ALS First Responder program. Memorandum of Agreements (MOA) by all parties will start October 1st.

E. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Borrego Springs/Ocotillo Wells will be reviewed by State EMSA next week.

F. City of El Cajon City Council approved to have one AMR ambulance to assist staffing and deliver service to the community.

G. A Request for Information (RFI) was issued for data collection. The RFI closed September 17th. Vendor proposals submitted are being reviewed and should meet NEMSIS 3.0 requirements.

H. The EMS Authority Health Information Exchange (HIE) grant for $2.75 million is to develop and connect regions. The grant will be awarded to two (2) EMS agencies through a competitive bid process. County of San Diego and San Diego Health Connect will be reviewing possible participation for the State HIE grant. Proposals are due in October.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Fees
Increases are undergoing further analysis due to the timeline. The EMS fee increases will be included in the County Budget that will take affect July 1st. There will be more information on the certification fee increases at the October meeting. EMCC approved the $50 fee increases for EMT, Paramedics and MICNs. The increase will begin in 2016.

B. Offload delays
EMOC conversation was on the practice of transporting to a hospital on bypass. There will be a panel discussion at the November EMOC meeting.

C. Discussion topics:
1. The Department of Defense Health Agency is pursuing a narcan initiative requiring all branches of services to initiate a first responder program across EMS and Security Forces. They are expecting to phase in the program by 2018. Medical direction and support infrastructure for security personnel is being set.
2. The California Prescription Drug Abuse Summit is November 5 and 6 at the Catamaran.
3. The ENA Conference is November 13th at the Kona Kai. Registration for the conference can be made at CAENA.ORG.
4. The EMOC Summit is October 15. Registration is on the San Diego County Medical Society website.

5. Grossmont is having their ED Symposium on November 23. Dr. DeMers will speak on spinal immobilization.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled EMCC meeting will be October 22, 2015.
The meeting adjourned at 9:59 am.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Chris Wells, Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, September 10, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N. Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Ameng, Diane
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Broyles, Linda – RCCP
Hums, Jason – SWCC
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College

Guests

Gomez, Jessica - SDSU
Scripps La Jolla

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

A. Call Volume
   1. Call volume was discussed at the Fire Chiefs meeting. San Diego Fire reported 300 calls yesterday. Last month had the highest call volume in County history. Sharp and Scripps also had record days. The heat index was a factor.
   2. Flu cases have consisted of 10 cases per month.

B. Offload Delays
   1. Dr. Haynes is researching offload delays in other counties. Offload delays were discussed at the EMS Commission meeting in May and the Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC).
   2. Riverside is using an electronic system to report and notify agencies which facilities are open and what hospital thresholds are.
   3. Some hospitals are activating their Capacity Plans. Capacity Plan triggers and exercising clinical judgment was discussed. A Capacity Planning meeting with Dr. Wooten, Public Health Officer, will be held this month at Sharp.
   4. The Overcrowding Summit is on October 15th at Scripps La Jolla.

C. Mary Meadows-Pitt reported that Grossmont Hospital has a new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Nurse Officer (CNO). In December Sharp Grossmont is opening a floor which will add 32 beds. The emergency room (ER) will be taking over the Ambulatory Care Center (ACC) for 10 additional beds.

D. Linda Rosenberg reported that Sharp will be opening the ER2 on January 1st, adding 8 to 10 more beds. The eighth floor is also being renovated. Hospitals are preparing for the flu season.

V. STAFF REPORT – Susan Smith

A. Request for Information (RFI) for prehospital assessment was posted and will close on September 18.

B. Core measure reporting on ambulance response times.
   - Core measure reporting will be reported to the Board of Supervisors.
   - A letter will be sent out today describing the deadlines and data points to be reported each quarter.
   - Discussion continued on ambulance leaving the scene field time, arrival on scene and arrival at hospital.

C. Continuous County Improvement will be reported every September. County EMS has a contract with Base Hospitals to perform countywide quality assurance (QA) on patient care including medication errors. The data will be reported to the Agency to complete the Prehospital Audit Committee (PAC) report. Any agency identifying an issue which was investigated and action was taken, must be reported and entered into the PAC report.

D. At the last EMS Commission meeting, proposed regulations regarding appeals were addressed. The EMS Plan Appeal Process was approved and will go to the Office of Administrative Law for review.

E. Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) will be awarding $2.5 million for HIE Grants that will be split between two (2) Local Emergency Medical Services Agencies (LEMSA's).

F. Firescope/Fireline policy and notification to LEMSA's.
   - Out-of-county protocols should be followed.
   - Review policy, education and process for Electronic Patient Care Record (EPCR) QA.
   - Review and enter LEMSA data reporting in Quality Certification Services (QCS).
   - Change the default according to the LEMSA. Give the information to the coordinator and enter the information into QCS.
   - A Fireline survey is on the Firescope website.

G. Tactical EMS curriculum has been developed and is out for public comment, due by September 18th.

H. Community Paramedicine (CP) Base plan data Update.
   - City of San Diego is waiting on IRB approval.
   - City of Carlsbad has had a change in Kaiser Administration for the project.

I. Epi Pen regulations for the public to receive training and obtain a card and prescription. If it is in your scope of practice you will not need training to get the card.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee met on September 17, 2015. Disaster triage during a disaster was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 am.
Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on October 8, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair
Education/Research Subcommittee
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Wednesday, September 21, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Green, Katy – District 1
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

Agency Representatives

Contreras, Lyn
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad/SDCFC
Feess, John – Carlsbad Fire
Hums, Jason – Southwest Community College
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial County

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Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Wells called the meeting to order at 10:06 am in the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair. Attendees introduced themselves.

It was announced that Linda Allington of Carlsbad Fire has moved to Northern California. John Feess, Carlsbad Captain will be representing City of Carlsbad Fire. Captain Feess

will be working with Dr. Silver who is the Kaiser project leader for the City of Carlsbad County Paramedicine (CP) Project.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of members was not present to approve the minutes from July 20, 2015.

IV. REVIEW COMMUNITY PARAMEDICAINE (CP) READINESS REPORT

A. Leadership & Collaboration Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation.

B. Candidate & Supervisor Selection Plan – Submitted early in pilot preparation. No changes.

C. Local Treatment Protocols – Completed and submitted prior to pilot approval. City of San Diego is administering their final competency testing for paramedics on protocols and the pilot project Institutional Review Board (IRB).

D. Local Site-specific Curriculum Development Plan – Both pilots have provided site specific training in preparation for go-live.

E. Evaluation & Data Analysis
City of Carlsbad agreement with Kaiser and Kaiser personnel changes brought up concerns regarding Kaiser patients that may be excluded due to having a Medicare Advantage or a supplement plan.

F. Monitoring & Patient Safety/Quality Improvement
1. Originally City of San Diego was going to have a physician oversight contact for the first six (6) months of the pilot project and then reevaluate. The agreement now is to have approval from a physician for pilot intervention.
2. City of Carlsbad has been testing their IPADs for telemedicine. Telephone contact with the physician in the urgent care will likely be the initial telemedicine tool per protocol.

G. Informed Consent
City of San Diego IRB document is at the State for review.
Time frame for the pilot projects to start is September 30 or October 1.

V. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Susan Smith

A. The State Advisory Committee will meet on October 15th in Sacramento. The committee will be reviewing project baseline data.

B. Discussion topics:
1. Release of CP pilot project information to the public and stakeholders.
2. Hospital interaction with EMS personnel, the community and hospital caregivers to improve service to the community.

3. Freestanding emergency departments (ED's) interest in rural communities where there are no hospitals and legislation for freestanding ED's and freestanding emergency rooms (ERs) under license and supervision of a hospital.
4. Level of acute care needs patients and psychiatric patient placement. Request for Proposals (RFPs) for Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) development in North County. Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) and medical clearance to transport psychiatric patients to a CSU. Psychiatric patients impact hospital and prehospital ED's.
5. Representation from the County Paramedic Agency Committee (CPAC) at the Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC) meetings to address offloads issues and the Capacity Plan.
6. City of San Diego CP pilot program referring individuals to intoxication sobering centers, psychiatric and substance abuse services. Referral is approved by a physician.

C. Conclusion:
1. Data gathering and start dates will begin the same time.
2. There will be a coordinated communication approach after the pilots have started when there is enough data to provide information to share with community stakeholders.
3. Offload triggers and when it affects EMS and Fire. The Health Services Capacity Taskforce meets October 9, 8 am – 9:30 am at the Medical Society. Capacity Plan triggers, wall time and diversion will be discussed.

VI. FUTURE ITEMS

Announcement:
Congratulations to Chief Abbott on his appointment as North County Fire Chief.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.

EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee next meeting is October 19, 2015.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Daryn Drum, Chair/ Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, October 22, 2015

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adams, Jason – American Red Cross
Adler, Fred – District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. County
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agency Committee
Gardiner, R.N., Yana – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher –District 4
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Parr, Andy – SD County Fire District Association
Parra, Frank – SD Co. Fire Chiefs (Alt)
Rice, Mike – Ambulance Association of SD County
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

Vacant Positions

League of California Cities
San Diego County Medical Society
San Diego Emergency Physicians' Society

In Attendance

Abbott, Allison - Mercy
Ommarney, Dodge – EMS University
Osborn, Steve – Rural Metro
Overcast, Mike - AMEX
Pringle, John - WATER
Scheck, Charlie – EMS University
Schmidt, Melisa – Mercy Air

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.
Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

Mr. Mike Overcast requested to speak to EMCC to request assistance regarding a Mexico/US transfer issue. Mr. Overcast is representing American Medical Emergency Expedition and was formally the Mexico representative for the group in negotiating transfer protocols.

Mr. Overcast spoke at the January 2013 EMCC meeting when there was a new owner of SCORE International, desert off road racing. Kurt Caselli died during the November 2013 Baja 1,000 in Mexico. There is an inquest into the circumstances surrounding his death. A transfer occurred to bring his body across the border. Mr. Overcast stated that there was no autopsy, no determination of death and the circumstances surrounding the actions that occurred in Mexico were being covered up by SCORE International.

Mr. Overcast asked the committee for advice on what the necessary requirement is to transfer a body across the border, to determine if the transfer was done legally, and the protocol for documentation specifically with patient transfer.

Border Committee contact information was offered to Mr. Overcast by Melissa Schmidt regarding transport, proof of identity, autopsy and determination of death.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Kahn, seconded by Jason Adams to approve the minutes from September 24, 2015. Motion carried.

IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chief Daryn Drum was nominated for a second term as EMCC Chairperson.
Motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Frank Parra to elect Daryn Drum for a second term as EMCC Chairperson. Motion carried.

Chris Wells was nominated for EMCC Vice-Chairperson.
Motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Mike Rice to elect Chris Wells as EMCC Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried. Chris Wells was not present at the meeting and will be contacted to confirm her acceptance as EMCC Vice-Chairperson.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee
There is no report; EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee did not meet this month.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg, R.N.
The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee did not meet this month.
Update on Community Paramedicine (CP):

- Carlsbad CP project started on October 9th they have not yet had any patients.
- City of San Diego/UCSD Institutional Review Board (IRB) document has been approved.
- An article in the Orange County Register about Orange County CP projects will be forwarded to the EMCC attendees.

C. **Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson, R.N.**

1. The November Statewide Medical and Health Exercise and City Readiness Initiative mass prophylaxis drill is taking place the week of November 16-20, 2015.
2. Healthcare facilities participated in a pediatric patient tracking drill to practice tools developed to share names for identification during a disaster.
   - The drill included reunification and release of minors to their parents and covered issues regarding release of minors due to parent custody and proper identification. Acceptance of school documents was discussed. Triage tags were used.
   - The Pediatric Surge Plan for San Diego County was exercised by the hospitals. As part of the hospitals HPP14 Grant, they will be updating and reeducating on the pediatric surge plan.
     - At last month's Emergency Medical Oversight Commission (EMOC) EMS meeting a speaker from Israel stated that their practice is to take pictures as individuals come into the hospital, and put them in a central location for families to view.
3. Santee participated in a Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) tracking children on scene during a disaster. Participants included 90 patients, 80 transported, four (4) school buses and ambulances.

VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR - Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

A. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine and Placebo Study (ALPS) trial through the Resuscitations Outcome Consortium (ROC) and UCSD is a randomize trial of cardiac arrest medications with amiodarone, lidocaine and placebo. They are within seven (7) to nine (9) patients of enrollment before closure of the trial. The trial is being conducted in the US and Canada.

B. The new Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) document is out and includes some resuscitation changes.

C. A drug shortage of morphine was reported, but seems to be resolved. There is some concern with the ondansetron drug and a warning use for pregnant women for nausea.

D. Influenza season

There has been a small amount of reported influenza cases. The vaccine is close to the isolates that are circulating around.

Determination of the Health Officer to mandate healthcare workers to be vaccinated or wear a mask for containment while they are in patient contact is based on the issue that individuals can be contagious before they show signs of the influenza illness.

E. Field Transports

1. The field is busy with a record breaking volume of transports and wall time issues. The Duty Officer has been responding to calls and informing hospital administration when units are backed up.
2. An article regarding Rural Metro (RM) City of San Diego contract ambulance service was publicized. The article was addressing ambulance transfer compliance times. Staffing management and wall time issues are being addressed. Two (2) cases were sited where

patients were transported in the fire engine cab. RM is addressing volume and system compliance as well as contingency measures.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT – Marcy Metz

A. The Spare Tire Exemption Board Letter will go to the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 17.

B. The Health Services Capacity taskforce met for their annual review of the Capacity Plan in preparation for the flu season. The taskforce is Co-Chaired by Dr. Wooten, MD, MPH, Public Health Officer, and Jamie Kramer as a public private partnership.
   1. Discussion topics and comments included:
      - Situational awareness actions were added to the capacity plan regarding ambulances waiting by the hospital and prehospital.
      - Documents are being finalized with a cover letter addressed to the hospital CEOs regarding ambulances waiting which decreases the availability of responses to 9-1-1 calls. The documents will be distributed November 1.
      - Daryn Drum added that the taskforce meeting did address the offload issue as a system issue. Prehospital should continue to identify extreme offload delays and contact the County Duty Officer who will follow up with hospital administration.

C. EMS has seven (7) open staff positions and is actively interviewing and working with Human Resources for recruitment.

D. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Anza Borrego/Ocotillo is being finalized and will be sent to the State for review.

E. Due to the EMS staff shortage, please allow time for renewal of your certification card. The County would be able to verify certification via a phone call from the provider if the card is not ready and the individual has a receipt. In March and September EMS is especially busy as groups of certification renewals are received.

   Certification and accreditation is a core function of the EMS Branch. Additional training of staff is going on to have three (3) office assistants available to certify EMTs, Paramedics and MICNs.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. EMS Fees
   No additional information on the updated EMS fee implementation.

B. Mike Rice added that more data is being tracked from time of arrival to the hospital to time the patient is signed off to the hospital. Additional information:
   1. Sense of emergency on offload delays when the ambulance provider supervisor contacts the charge nurse who notes that they were already aware of an offload delay.
   2. Delays are an average of 1 ½ minutes longer than last year. The average time in San Diego County is 15 ½ minutes which leave turn around time at 5 minutes.
   3. Steve Abbott added that the North Zone Chiefs are considering the option used in San Bernardino. If there is an extended bed delay the option may be given to the patient to

decide where they want to be transferred due to offload delay or travel time. Throughput to the hospitals causes a fiscal and operational impact on emergency resources.

4. Daryn Drum suggested a meeting with prehospital and hospital administration, providing data (EPCR) to the CEOs so the hospital administrators know what issues have been addressed already through prehospital agencies.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next scheduled EMCC meeting is January 28, 2016. EMCC is not meeting in November due to the Statewide Medical Health Exercise and the Thanksgiving holiday. EMCC does not meet in the month of December.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Linda Rosenberg, Chair – Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair
Education/Research Subcommittee
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Monday, November 16, 2015

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Haynes, M.D., Bruce

Agency Representatives

Blacksberg, David – UCSD Health
Dunford, M.D., James – City of San Diego
Jensen, Ann – City of San Diego
Nakajima, Yuko – UCSD
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego/Imperial County

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chris Wells called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of members was not present to approve the minutes from July 20, 2015 or September 21, 2015.

IV. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (CP) PILOT UPDATES (Anne Jensen/John Feess)

A. San Diego Fire/Rescue-Rural Metro Update
   1. Institutional Review Board (IRB) not including patients with mental illness has been approved.
   2. Three (3) patients have been enrolled since implementation starting October 26, 2015.
   3. The pilot includes the Resource Access Program (RAP) criteria plus new components.
      - 1st step is pre-survey
      - Care plans are written for each participant
      - Physicians determine where they can go
      - Monthly meetings are held with physicians (Dr. Kahn, Dr. Dunford, Dr. Serra and the Primary Care Physician)
   4. Anne Jensen has created a Community Paramedicine data dictionary using NEMSIS criteria.
   5. Work to create a bi-directional device to alert crews and dispatch of participants is underway.
   6. The Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) would like to provide a clinician, implementation is being reviewed.
   7. Police policy is requesting that Community Paramedics wear bullet proof vests to follow the same policy as the officers when responding to the scene.
   8. Anne Jensen is looking for assistance to provide medical clearance for patients that have no acute medical complaint. The current social model prevents nurses, docs or the RAP pilot team to direct patients to sobering centers, etc.

B. Carlsbad Update
   1. The pilot project started on October 9, 2015 and has had two (2) patients that met criteria so far. There have been no bad outcomes. Telephone reports between Community Paramedics and physicians at the Kaiser Urgent Care in San Marcos have a "bedside turnover feel" about them.
   2. The volume of calls is expected to be very low based on the number of patients enrolled since October 9th. Two (2) calls per month is the estimate.
   3. Alternate Destination pilots have been directed to remove "Nausea/Vomiting" from their inclusion criteria. An email outlining the change was sent from Lou Meyer to all Alternate Destination pilot sites. John Feess will forward the email to be shared with the Advisory Committee.

V. ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS AND QUESTIONS

A. There was discussion about two (2) new Crisis Stabilization Units (CSUs) opening soon. One (1) contracted through Tri-City and one (1) contracted through Palomar Health. Further discussion and debate is currently taking place at the state level regarding the units being considered a higher level of care.

B. Discussion topics:
   1. There is concern regarding the process in place with alternate destination pilots that addresses EMTALA violations. No clear direction or answers have been received from EMSA.
   2. Decision on alternate destination pilots and who decides if a patient meets criteria as a pilot participant. OSHPD and EMSAs input have driven guidelines for inclusion criteria.

VI. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Site visits have been scheduled. The Orange County site visit is in February and the San Diego site visits are in March. Specific dates are forthcoming.

VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is on January 18, 2016. January 18, 2016 was identified as a holiday (Martin Luther King Day), as is the February 15, 2016 meeting date (Presidents Day). A list of alternative dates to hold a "make-up" meeting that will combine the January and February meetings will be sent out. Our regularly meetings will resume on March 21, 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Mary Meadows-Pitt R.N., Chair/Chris Wells, Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, December 10, 2015

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp. County
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Wells, R.N. Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Ameng, Diane
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

Agency Representatives

Broyles, Linda – RCCP
Forman, Kelly – Mercy Air
Hums, Jason – South Western College
McKee, Paul – Mercy Air
Rod, Rick – SD City EMS Rural Metro
Schmidt, Melissa – Mercy Air

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mary Meadows-Pitt, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of members was not present. Approval of the September 10, 2015 minutes will take place at the next meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. OFF-LOAD ISSUES

A. Susan Smith presented a draft letter that will be submitted to the Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) addressing prehospital transport times and the commitment to addressing recommended steps to bring transparency to offload times and to prevent avoidable delays.

1. The letter is brought forward to the subcommittee for input as well as suggestions from emergency department (ED) manager's hospital directors and EMS agencies.

2. EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee members recommended and discussed the following topics presented in the draft letter:
   - Official sign off and time stamp for the record of transferring the patient from EMS to the ED. (#1)
   - Clarify 'alert for a potential delay' and contacting the charge nurse with regards to EMS arrival. (#2)
   - Change contact superior to contact supervisor. Discussion on 30 minutes to contact supervisor and Duty Officer on call. (#3)
   - Correct emergency department to emergency departments. (last paragraph)

B. Correspondence was sent to emergency department managers and hospital directors regarding offload delays. The following comments were made:
   - Signature for offload.
   - Calling the charge nurse and hospital on bypass.
   - Standardizing call numbers.

V. CAPACITY PLAN – Susan Smith

Capacity plan is a standing agenda item. Documents were sent to hospitals, EMS agencies and first responders to clarify information regarding the requirements for getting the flu vaccine or to wear a mask in patient care areas, and what is considered a patient care area. Challenges regarding the flu shot mandate are addressed in the frequently asked questions document.

VI. STAFF REPORT – Susan Smith

A. Communications will be sent out soon regarding EMS authorizing the use of credit and debit cards for certification and recertification fees in January 2016.

B. There have been a total of 123 cases of the flu.

VII. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

A. A-475, Air Medical Support Utilization
A copy of the current policy and a draft of the updated policy were presented. The draft is a compilation of best practices from LEMSA's, Ventura, Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA) and Los Angeles.

B. Discussion on items in the policy:
1. IV. Procedure
   A. Utilization of Air Ambulance
      Individual statements reviewed:
      #4 Patient conditions
      - Suggested to add stroke, intervention opportunities and identifying specific patient candidates to include children and special needs.
      - Remove 'Any other' from beginning of statement (m) 'injuries or medical problems in areas inaccessible to ground units'.
      - Remove 'Other' from beginning of statement (n) 'conditions subject to the approval of the base hospital physician'.

   B. Contradictions to Transport
      Kelly Forman stated that 'Contraindications to transport' conflicts with Mercy Air policy regarding discontinuing care on an infant/baby. Mercy Air policy is to transport children that are in CPR status.

      Individual statements reviewed:
      B#1 Patients exposed to hazardous materials without appropriate decontamination. Move to C. Relative contraindications to transport.
      B#3 Clarify 'stable' patients'. Remove 'back country areas' from exception. Move to C. Relative contraindications to transport.
      B#5 Remove 'back country areas' from exception.

   C. Relative contraindications to transport
      Add B#1 and B#3 from 'Contradictions to Transport'.

      Individual statements reviewed:
      C#1 Add 'adult' to beginning of 'patients in cardiac arrest statement'.
      C#4 Remove complete statement.

   D. Utilization of Advanced Life Support (ALS) rescue aircraft
      Safety of area, closest designated landing zone and approved Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) helipad regulations was discussed as well as rescue conditions and timing of transport.

   F. Remove statement. The statement is to avoid conflict in communication. Dr. Haynes will be consulted.

2. Recommended changes will be made to the policy and the policy will be brought back to the subcommittee at the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 am.
Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on January 14, 2016.