



# County of San Diego

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## MISSION STATEMENT

**“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”**

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

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

### Minutes

Thursday, July 27, 2017

### Members Present

District 1 – Green, RN, Katy  
District 2 – Meadows-Pitt, RN, Mary  
District 3 – Adler, Fred  
District 4 – Kahn, MD, Christopher  
District 5 – Abbott, Stephen  
American Red Cross – Lyons, Laura  
Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators’ – Wells, RN, Christine  
Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators’ – Cote, RN, Chara  
County Paramedic Agencies Committee – Drum, Daryn  
Emergency Nurses’ Association – Rosenberg, RN, Linda  
Emergency Nurses’ Association – Graydon, RN, Cheryl  
Hospital Assoc. of SD & Imp Counties – Carlson, RN, Sharon  
San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association – Parra, Frank  
San Diego County Paramedic Association – Paul Maxwell

### Unrepresented

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

### In Attendance

Davis, Mike  
deKlerk, Maude  
Duffy, Jennifer  
Graham, Daniel  
Kay, Karen  
Marugg, Jim  
Molloy, Bernard  
Peltier, Patricia  
Scott, MD, Christopher  
Yates, Judith

### County Staff

Ameng, RN, Diane  
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (Recorder)  
Goldstein, Marlene  
Kirkpatrick, Jim  
Parr, Andy  
Royer, RN, Diane  
Smith, Joshua  
Yphantides, MD, Nick

\*Representative positions vacant

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

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EMCC Chair Daryn Drum called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Attendees introduced themselves.

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

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There were no public comments.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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Three sets of minutes for April, May and June were moved to approve by Christine Wells, second by Katy Green, passed unanimously.

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee**

1. There was no meeting this month
2. Items from last month EMCC return for approval due to no previous quorum
  - S-014 approval – motion by Mary Meadows-Pitt, second by Chris Wells, passed unanimously.
  - S-308 approval – motion by Frank Parra, second by Chris Wells, passed unanimously
  - S-308A approval – motion by Frank Parra, second by Chris Wells, passed unanimously
  - S-837 approval – motion by Chris Wells, second by Mary Meadows-Pitt, passed unanimously

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

1. Nothing has changed.
2. Fire Chief Mike Davis (Carlsbad) made a brief report on the progress of the alternative destination trial throughout the state. Current issues revolve around problems with receiving facilities' concerns. He also reported on a meeting held with the Fire Chiefs' Association and Hospital Association CEOs. Issues discussed included the strengths that fire service EMS brings to the table, and the flexibility needed from both payers and regulatory agencies.
3. Dr. Nick Yphantides pointed out that there are approximately 750,000 Medi-Cal enrollees in the County and that this should be considered in the payer discussions.

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

1. They have not met yet, but hope to meet in October.
2. They are sorting out who the members are.

3. Nicole del Toro Cummings will work on getting another group meeting together.
4. Planning is underway for statewide exercise on November 16. A drill will begin at 5:00 am to allow night shifts to participate.

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## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. Bylaws Discussion – Chair Daryn Drum asked the Disaster/Operations subcommittee to begin looking at updating the EMCC bylaws. This will be a long process but has not been done since 2002. Also need to clean up the subcommittee assignments and organizations’ representatives to EMCC. All EMCC members are supposed to be assigned to a subcommittee. He asked all members to submit any specific subcommittee interests they might have to Nicole del Toro Cummings, and cc Daryn Drum and Jim Kirkpatrick. Otherwise, they will get assigned to one.
- B. Executive Committee Discussion – Chair Daryn Drum mentioned that it is stated in the bylaws that we have a tool available to the Executive Committee which is the Chair, the Chair of the three subcommittees and the Vice Chair. If we are ever not able to reach a quorum and we have specific business that we need to get done in a timely fashion, we have the option of holding an Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee is empowered to do the business of the committee. Everyone will be noticed if an Executive Committee meeting is ever held.
- C. Bylaw changes - There are several unrepresented agencies on the committee. Daryn Drum has reached out to these agencies regarding their representatives. He is working to get the committee back to where we want it to be. There is a long process to changing/updating the Bylaws. If you want to have impact on the Bylaws, please attend the next Disaster/Operations subcommittee meeting to discuss changes. We will take a hard look at the bylaws and we will submit our recommendations. This will be a long term project.

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## **VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR – Dr. Kristi Koenig (Presented by Andy Parr)**

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- A. New EMT regulations  
Go into effect July 1. Jim Kirkpatrick can be contacted with any questions.
- B. Hepatitis A outbreak update
  - Issue continues to grow. Within the week, we will be in second place for most people with Hepatitis A in the nation, since the vaccine was introduced in the early 90s. About 275 cases.
  - Dr. Yphantides pointed out that this situation is very unique and distinct and that it is occurring in a very high risk, already health compromised population - primarily the homeless and individuals who have a high track record of substance abuse. We have not been able to identify the case source or where this has started. It has a very variable and lengthy incubation period from 15-50 days. He reminded everyone on the importance of employing sanitary and universal precautions. To help prevent the spread of this disease, we’ve done over 11,000 vaccines over the last few weeks, going

into canyons and areas of the county where a lot of these folks reside and exist.

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## **VII. EMS COUNTY REPORT – Andy Parr**

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### **A. Drug Shortages**

We are still monitoring. There is guidance on how to deal with them.

### **B. LEMSIS update**

- It is live and working. It's collecting 20,000 records a month, which includes Advanced Live Support cases as well as the Basic Life Support cases. Resource Bridge is also live. System is approximately 45% complete.
- Reminder to claim your account into the License Management System. Still nearly 2,000 of our EMS workers have not done so yet.

### **C. Bubble Forms**

Were discontinued on June 30 and should have been returned to County EMS by July 14. Please return any used and unused that you may still have.

### **D. QCS Data**

Now that QCS is shut down and you can no longer access it, thumb drives with archive QCS data are available for agencies to pick up at County EMS.

### **E. New Dispatch Center**

Effective July 1 - dispatch center for air ambulances changed from AMR to Monte Vista.

### **F. Fee Schedule Change**

Effective July 1 - fee increase went from \$17 to \$40. It will continue to increase next year and beyond.

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## **VIII. TRANSFER OF CARE**

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- Joshua Smith presented a report for data from May and June. Data from Heartland CAD was affected due to lost connectivity for two weeks during transition to new CAD. Data is now "unblinded" and general trend is a reduction of compliance. During a subsequent discussion of operational and compliance issues, Andy Parr pointed out that NorthCom Dispatch Center has not yet granted permission for FirstWatch to share their data and some information may not be complete from that region.
  - The Percent of Offload Times under 30 minutes by San Diego County for May was 58.3%, and for June was 56.7%.
  - The TOC Compliance by San Diego County for May was 46.3% and for June was 41.5%.
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## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

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## **X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2017 (no meeting in August).