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MISSION STATEMENT

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

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Vice-Chair
6255 Mission Gorge Road, San Diego, CA 92120
Thursday, May 10, 2018 – 9:30 am**

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Blacksberg, Davd – Hosp. Assoc. SD/Imp. Co.
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Graydon, RN, Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Assoc. (Alt)
Kahn, MD, Christopher – District 4
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – Co Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Ameng, RN, Diane
Christison, Brian
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy
Wolchko, Janet I. (recorder)

Agency Representatives

Graham, Daniel – SD Co Ambulance Association
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Pierce, Jodi – SD Fire Department

1. Call To Order/Introductions/Announcements

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval Of Minutes

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee April 12, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

Approval of the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee March 8, 2018 minutes will be added to the next meeting agenda. The March 8th minutes were not approved previously due to the lack of quorum required to vote on the minutes.

3. Public Comments/Petitions

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

4. Offload Time Discussion

Comments were made on volume level during the UCSD employee strike.

5. Capacity Plan

No updates

6. Staff Report – Jim Kirkpatrick

A. Influenza

1. The flu order was not extended at the end of April.
2. Influenza like illnesses are at expected levels.

B. Pertussis

1. In 2017 San Diego County pertussis cases were four times higher compared to the California state level.
2. Next epidemic is expected this year 2018 or next year 2019.
3. Young infants may be afebrile with mild symptoms and rapid development of respiratory distress, hypoxia or seizures.
2. All health care workers should be immunized against pertussis with the Tdap vaccine.

C. Clarification on 5150 holds confirmed that a copy of a 5150 is as valid as the original.

D. Transfer of Care (TOC) data has been reported on the EMS website and is sent to the state quarterly.

- E. EMS credentialing fee schedule change starts July 1, 2018.
1. July 1, 2018 fees increase from \$40 to \$63
 2. July 1, 2019 fees increase to \$83.
- F. Next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS is in the fall of 2018.
- G. Morphine shortage
1. Agencies are adding fentanyl to their inventory. CPAC agreed to track the list of agencies.
 2. Agencies that are rolling out fentanyl and IV acetaminophen prior to July 1, 2018 should inform EMS. IV acetaminophen is a local optional scope item; therefore agencies are required to make a radio report to collect data.
- H. Protocol Update
1. A printed version of the protocol summary has been distributed.
 2. Base Hospital Nurses Coordinators (BHNC) have created an informative PowerPoint which is available.
- I. 'Sidewalk CPR' is May 17, 2018 between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Sites will be listed on the County EMS website. EMS contact for information on Sidewalk CPR participation is Sue Dickenson.
- J. Regional Communication System (RCS) radio changes, upgrades and improvements are in process. There will also be additional changes January 2019 for upgrades and replacement of radios. This does not affect the base or satellite hospitals whose radios are the responsibility of County EMS.
- K. EMT regulations
- EMTs that renew July 1, 2019 or after must submit proof they have been trained in epinephrine, naloxone and blood glucose testing by a continuing education (CE) or approved EMT training program. The skills completion verification form was updated July 1, 2017.

7. Policies for review – Jim Kirkpatrick/Diane Ameng

P-430, Special Assignment – Fireline Paramedic

In addition to P-430 Required Fireline Paramedic inventory, P-806 ALS First Responder, P-807 Wildland ALS Kit and B-834 BLS First Responder inventory policies were updated with the addition of the new EMT skills for epinephrine, naloxone and blood glucose testing. Inventory changes also include adding fentanyl as an option to morphine and adding acetaminophen and requirement to carry vented IV tubing.

- B-834, BLS First Responder Inventory – Added Optional items, glucometer, epinephrine auto injector (adult and pediatric), and naloxone.
- P-806, ALS First Responder Inventory – Remove pediatric intubation tubes.

Replaceable medications added morphine sulfate and fentanyl citrate. Add vented tubing list to acetaminophen.

- P-807, Wildland ALS Kit Inventory – Replaceable medications added morphine sulfate and fentanyl citrate. Add vented tubing list to acetaminophen.

Action:

A motion was made by Cheryl Graydon seconded by Mary Murphy to move all inventory changes to Policies B-834, P-806 and P-807 to the full EMCC for review and approval. Motion carried.

S-601, Documentation Standards and Transferal of Prehospital Care Record (PCR) Information

- Minor update in language.
- Clarify agency submission of PCR collection and tracking of non-patient response.

S-602, EMS Provider Data Submission Process

Discussion on EMS provider responsible for ensuring and demonstrating third party vendor PCR integrated with LEMSIS.

S-603, System Management and Support during Downtime

Date change and added LEMSIS dictionary website.

Action:

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to accept date changes and approve S-601, S-602 and S-603. Motion carried.

Announcements

Upcoming disaster operations events:

1. Miramar Exercise on May 16 may be cancelled.
2. OES Regional Tabletop in June is by invitation only. Hospitals are participating.
3. There will be an unannounced State Hospital Evacuation tabletop exercise that will center on evacuation of 20% of patient population.
4. Statewide Health and Medical Exercise is November 15th. The exercise focus will be a pandemic.
5. OES Regional Full Scale exercise is in November 2019 and will be a terrorist exercise event.

Coalition Subcommittees:

1. Subcommittee working on an active shooter response for hospital consistency in following the same practice.
2. Subcommittee on evacuation skype meeting is today at 2 pm. Discussion will include the evacuation process that is currently in place, tracking hospital staff and allowing hospital staff access to the patient medical record.

8. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 am.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is June 14, 2018 at 9:30 am.

NOTE: Add approval of the March minutes to the next meeting agenda.