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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
Thursday, September 13, 2018

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary (Alt) – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Scott, M.D., Christopher – San Diego County Medical Society

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Smith, R.N., Susan

Agency Representatives

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Association of SD & Imp Counties
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:34 AM. Introductions were made. Cheryl Pacheco, new QA Specialist to EMS, was introduced. Cheryl will be taking over Meredith Mahoney's assignment when Meredith resigns from the County in December.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the March 8, 2018 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the May 10, 2018 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

4. OFF LOAD TIME DISCUSSION

This agenda item will be removed permanently, since it is a standing item on the full EMCC agenda.

There was discussion on AB3115. It has gone to the Governor.

5. STAFF REPORT

- A. No Current Policies. Next Policies for review –
- a) Infectious Disease Policy S-009, update to reflect legislative changes. Diane Ameng is point of contact.
 - b) S-803 Recovery of Prehospital Patient Care Reusable equipment
- c) QA Plan – submitted to the state and approved; current policy reflects approved plan but want to review QA/QI policy for ways to enhance process.
- B. EMS notifications – San Diego County EMS has established an email address for non-urgent notifications. EMSnotification.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov
- C. Surveillance – Recommending increased awareness and vigilance for Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). EMS providers are encouraged to inquire about travel history information.
- D. Behavioral Health – A reminder that a patient with a psychiatric complaint does not have to go to an LPS facility when transported by EMS. The patient may go to any receiving facility. Most importantly, receiving facilities may not go on “psych bypass;” policy S-010 delineates receiving facility diversion criteria, and psychiatric capacity is not one of the decision parameters.
- E. Radio Reports – County EMS is required to report data to the State on any LOSOP; it is important the agencies report to the base for every administration of IV acetaminophen. Also, County EMS is tracking the outcomes of trauma patients in the “special considerations” category.
- F. EMS Fees – County EMS fees changed effective July 1st from \$40 to \$63. There is no fee assessed on Paramedic accreditation/MICN authorization renewals, unless you let your accreditation or authorization expire.
- G. Emergency Care Summit – November 8, 2018 at the Kona Kai Resort. CE and CME available. Additional information can be found on the San Diego Medical Society’s website and at www.CaliforniaENA.org
- H. Health Services Capacity Task Force Capacity Plan
- Developed in 1997 in response to a historic influenza patient surge
 - Task force members include representative from fire agencies, EMS providers, hospitals, community clinics and skilled nursing facilities

Process to Date:

- designed to recognize strain and align resources to meet the demand
- Redesign to apply new LEMSIS data
- Allows earlier capacity event detection
- A toolbox approach
- Engages the full continuum of care

Next Steps:

- Draft comments returned from stakeholders
- Full HSCTF review and approval September 27th
- Next review process slated for Spring 2019

6. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on October 11, 2018.