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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, January 10, 2019

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Osth, Cory
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl

Agency Representatives

Smith, Zechariah – AMR/CSA17
Wojnowski, Jay – Heartland Fire

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. Cory Osth was introduced as the new EMS Coordinator. There were no announcements.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve the September 13, 2018 and October 11, 2018 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

4. CAPACITY PLAN

- The All-Hazards Health System Capacity Management Plan is currently activated at Level 4 Enhanced Surveillance and has been since December 26, 2018. We are monitoring daily for any indication of unusual system strain that the Health Services Capacity Task Force would need to take action on.

There are five levels of the Capacity Plan:

Level 5 Baseline Surveillance – weekly reporting

Level 4 Enhanced Surveillance – daily reporting and monitoring

Levels 3, 2, 1 – escalating system-wide actions plus daily reporting

5. STAFF REPORT

- A. Influenza – As of 12/29/18, 396 new influenza cases, total of 1,730 – considered an elevated level from Public Health Services. Influenza-like illness (ILI) among emergency departments is at 5%.
 - B. The current Health Officer Order mandating an annual influenza vaccine (or if declined, must wear a mask while in contact with patients or working in patient care areas) remains in effect.
 - C. Jury Duty Letter – letter that allows for postponements but does not excuse jury duty. This is the last year that we will submit a jury letter.
 - D. EMS Plan Data Requests – this data is necessary and is required before the LEMSA can submit the EMS Plan to EMSA. We thank the agencies that have submitted the requested data and encourage the agencies who have not submitted to do so asap.
 - E. CARES Data for 2018 – the CARES State Coordinator needs the data entered in order to obtain outcome data from the receiving hospitals. We thank the transporting agencies who are up to date on entering the data into the registry and encourage the agencies who are participating in CARES who are not up to date, to enter their data asap.
 - F. Upcoming – Save the Date for the next Love Your Heart event on Thursday, February 14, 2019. This is an annual event in which organizations from across the U.S. and Mexico join together to provide free blood pressure screenings to the public on Valentine's Day. For agencies that are interested in joining or coordinating an event, can contact us for assistance or can visit livewellsd.org/love-your-heart for registration information.
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6. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

- S-414: Do Not Resuscitate – this has been the DNR policy for many years. New End-of-Life Option Act policies have now been merged into S-414 along with the flowchart being updated.

Recommended changes/corrections:

- **Pg 3: replace the word “of” to “or”**
- **Pg 4: correct the spelling of “provided”**
- **Pg 5: strike the word “stand”**

A motion was made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve Policy S-414 with the suggested changes and clarification of time frame for what constitutes accepted patient's signed declaration/attestation. This policy will go to the next full EMCC meeting on January 24, 2019.

- S-803: Recovery of Prehospital Patient Care Reusable Equipment –

Recommended changes:

- **Pg 1, III, A, 1, b: keep entire line**
- **Pg 1, III, B, 1: strike entire line**
- **Pg 1, III, B, 2: strike the time frame**

A motion was made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve S-803 with the suggested changes.

7. COMING ATTRACTIONS

- S-004: EMS System Quality Improvement – This policy is related to the EMS QA/QI plan that has been underway for the last year. Part of the updates are due to LEMSIS and the ability to exchange information more easily between all county EMS agencies and base hospitals. Coming in the near future.
- S-009: Guidelines for the Prevention of Transmission of Contagious and Contaminants – This policy is being updated because of the new state law about EMS having to work with hospitals and the public health officer to manage patients who are deemed to be highly infectious. Currently working with our public health officer to present on this topic at this subcommittee.
- STEMI and Stroke Policies – Looking at new regulations and policies, and to fill our QA position. This will include updates to the specialty care designation process.
- 700 (Trauma) Policies – The following are being updated: the designation, de-designation, and other oversight policies and standards. The American College of Surgeons (ACS) changed their procedures slightly and we need to reflect some of those changes.
- P-804: QA/QI Policy – This policy is related to the EMS system quality improvement. To the subcommittee this spring.
- P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service – This is a broad policy of the ALS provider agency requirements, both first responder and transport. Some of the current topics being reviewed include:
 - Response time criteria to reflect all county zones
 - Received direction from EMCC in October for looking at the alternative dispatch approval process
 - Under review, no exact time frame due to many items.
- Ambulance Ordinance – This is the County ordinance for air ambulance, ground ambulance and non-emergency medical transport. Being reviewed with updates, clarification and overall streamlining. Looking to change how the county oversees the non-emergency medical transport sector. Will bring in the air ambulance dispatch fee and developing penalties for EMS agencies that fail to comply with the Ambulance Ordinance. To the subcommittee by end of 2019.

8. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on February 14, 2019.