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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) – 2018 MEETING MINUTES

• SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS

JANUARY

- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 EDUCATION/RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

FEBRUARY

- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MARCH

- **THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
- THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2018 EDUCATION/RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE

APRIL

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

MAY

- **THURSDAY, MAY 24, 2018 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE
- EDUCATION/RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

JUNE

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 – EMCC**
- PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

JULY

- **THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2018 – EMCC**
- PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED
- EDUCATION/RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

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

SEPTEMBER

- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 - EMCC**
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

OCTOBER

- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

NOVEMBER

- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2018 – EMCC CANCELLED**
- PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

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



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

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

Minutes

Thursday, January 25, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp Counties
Carlson, Sharon – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses’ Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Molloy, Bernard – SD County Fire Districts’ Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

District 1
District 4
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 Paramedic Association

*Representative positions vacant

In Attendance

Contreras, L – Southwestern College
Donofrio, Joelle – RCHSD/SDFA
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Farah, Jennifer – UCSD
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance
Marugg, Jim – SMG
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Peltier, Patricia – AMR
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD

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Christison, Brian
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Kirkpatrick, Jim
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andy
Smith, Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Introductions were made. Daryn Drum announced Catherine McJannet as the newest member to EMCC representing District 1, replacing Katy Green.

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 Christopher Scott to approve the minutes from November 20, 2017. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The subcommittee reviewed the policies brought forward to the EMCC committee today to be voted on. They recommended minor changes in the language.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee

Nothing to report. They will meet after the EMCC meeting today.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

The new Chair will be David Blacksberg. There was a discussion by the two attendees, but did not have a quorum. This subcommittee needs help and some focus.

V. POLICY REVIEW – Brian Christison

Currently credential about 3,000 - 4,000 EMTs per year, 1,500 paramedic accreditations per year, and 300 - 400 MICNs are renewed or initialed per year. Trying to create a streamline process for our licensed providers, paramedics and MICNs so that staff time to process those is less; can push them through the system faster; and re-dedicate that staff time to looking at the EMTs who we certify on behalf of the State of California. We want to decrease the application effort for applicants, increase turnaround time for all licensed providers, and decrease staff time for folks that are currently licensed.

Brian Christison presented on the New Paramedic and MICN Application Process proposal:

- Streamline process for Paramedics and MICNs
- Application filing workflow, process 30 to 45 days
- Paramedics in County and out of County. Paramedic renewals streamlining
- MICN initial application process and renewal process, CE complaint
- LEMSIS Licensing Portal, filling out application review
- Policies for review reflect application/reauthorization/certification

- A. P-303: Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization/Reauthorization
- B. S-352: EMT Certification/Recertification
- C. B-353: EMT Out of County Status
- D. B-361: Advanced EMT Certification/Recertification

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Frank Parra to approve policies P-303, B-352, B-353 and B361. Motion carried.

VI. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

- A. Medical Director – Kristi Koenig, MD
 - 1) Influenza report of cases as of January, total cases 13,712 with 174 deaths and 106 outbreaks
 - Capacity plan moved back down to Level 1, Operational Core Group meeting changed to as needed basis
 - Monitoring patient care capacity
 - Not too late for a flu shot
 - 2) Prehospital analgesia/drug shortages
 - Identified FDA tool
 - BSPC evidence based systems/input
 - Collecting data on wide spread and time sensitive morphine issue
 - Strategic National stockpile
 - Documentation from the field and national recommendations
 - Solutions: local optional practice for ketamine and IV acetaminophen, trial study

Discussion:

- Extending shelf life, considering approving fentanyl, testing lots
- Reverse distributor process
- Legal compliance, regulations and County liability
- Protocols, looking at State and other county's protocols, local optional scope
- Rotation program

Action Item: request email from the Medical Director with information on steps that County is engaging in regarding shortages

Medical Director responded limited use of opioids, State and Federal regulations

- B. County Monthly Report – Andy Parr
 - 1) Hepatitis A outbreak
 - The Board of Supervisors did not authorize the continuation of the Hep A local health emergency
 - As of January 2, 2018 – 577 cases, few new cases but no new deaths.
 - 2) EMT regulations
 - New regulations took effect July 1, 2017. Jim Kirkpatrick can any answer questions offline

- San Diego County has adopted new skills and medications into the EMT scope of practice
 - Will be new training requirements
- 3) LEMSIS
 - Next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS Elite is estimated to be June 19, 2018
 - Let us know by March 31, 2018 by submitting a form found on the LMS Portal
 - 4 hour training session for Agency Administrators and Field Providers
 - 4) Protocol Review 2017-2018
 - Protocol review is in process. Focusing on protocols that need updating
 - 45 day open comment period
 - Taskforce protocol revisions including suggestions from the comment period were brought to BSPC in January
 - Pediatric protocol review in February
 - 5) EMSA provider report
 - Dispatch and responder data being collected for required report to EMSA
 - County data request on response time data from North County and First Watch
 - Current request for EMS plan response data
 - Core measures from EMSA (example STEMI and Stroke scene time)
 - 6) Love your Heart Day
 - February 14, 2018 blood pressure (BP) checks
 - 53% had elevated BP, 77% of that taking BP meds
 - Participation is appreciated
 - More info will go out to agencies on location and collecting data
 - 7) Updating EMS fee schedule
 - The County is updating their processing fee schedule every year. Previously \$17
 - Three (3) year phase: last year \$40, this year \$63, next year \$83
 - Starts when ordinance is changed

C. Unified Service Area Report

- 1) Work is in process, two years starting January 1, 2018
- 2) We listened to our stakeholders - Fire Chiefs requested more time, input and opportunities to have their voice heard
- 3) Obtain a consultant for community meetings open to the public for input and advice

D. Other Reports – Andy Parr presentation on Emergency Medical Care Committee overview

- 1) Bylaws adopted June 13, 1978 Health and Safety Code Authority
- 2) Committee Description, Duties and Responsibilities
- 3) Meeting Information – date, time, location and contact
- 4) Membership Composition – 20 organizations, membership list, membership nominating process and membership term limits
- 5) Alternate members
- 6) Attendance requirements
- 7) EMCC officers
- 8) Quorums, Voting
- 9) Subcommittees, Chair and Vice-Chair positions

NOTE: Disaster/Operations Subcommittee reviews the EMCC Bylaws

Daryn Drum, Chair, discussed on the subcommittee assignments. Provided a draft list of who is being placed on each subcommittee in an attempt to have a balanced number of folks. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee will be tasked with reviewing the EMCC Bylaws.

VII. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Andy Parr

- A. At the January 2017 meeting reviewed the TOC module
- B. Compliance – Request from State EMSA to report data to State. Quarterly reports on the State LEMSA website. As of January 1 we will be reporting this data to the state
- C. Josh Smith, PhD presentation on TOC data
 - 1) What has to be reported to State, viewed other LEMSAs
 - 2) TOC draft introduction from the CA Hospital Association
 - 3) TOC offload time
 - Offload total % under 30 minutes, State % under 20 minutes. 90% total compliance. Added rank data based on 30% or under
 - Ambulance response zones
 - Offload by ED (minutes = 20, 30, 60, 60+)
 - Data will be on website monthly
 - First report start with January data
 - Based TOC on First Watch dispatch data not EPCR data
 - TOC time stamp, real time
 - Offload times and TOC compliance by ambulance zones

Discussion:

- 1) Data changes between monthly and quarterly data posting gives option to review corrections
- 2) Legislation State law to collect data
- 3) EPCR closeout with TOC and First Watch is by policy based on State law
- 4) Adjustments and real time regarding TOC button. Event log – unit, transport destination

Action Item: Check if there are significant differences between the monthly and the quarterly data.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT (Discussion/Action)

Engage Medical Director in drug shortage information Officer positions on next agenda

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2018.
The meeting adjourned at 10:57 AM.



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**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, January 11, 2018**

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurses Association

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

Cochran, R.N., Jennifer – Reach Air
Duffy R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire Department
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Lyons, Laura – Red Cross
Mercer, Kevin - AMR

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 8:58 AM. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Chara Cote to approve the November 9, 2017 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion Carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no Public Comments/Petitions submitted.

4. OFFLOAD TIME DISCUSSION

The Operational Core Group meets twice a week to discuss offloads, monitoring emergency departments, bed availability, tracking and trending. At the State they have discussed surge tents, staff ratio and potential waivers.

Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) flu cases, backups in the hospitals and clearing of flu patients are being reviewed at a higher level.

5. CAPACITY PLAN

The Capacity Plan is at Level 2. The EMSA group is currently conducting weekly phone calls.

6. STAFF REPORT

A. Influenza Update:

- 1) There are over 10,000 cases of flu.
- 2) The number of new cases has leveled out in the past few days.
- 3) The flu vaccine has been shown to have approximately 30% efficacy. It is not too late to get a flu shot; if you do get the flu your symptoms are likely to be less if you've received the vaccine.

B. The Hepatitis A emergency status is still in effect. The epidemic has shown signs of slowing. The emergency declaration will likely be lifted soon, possibly by the end of January.

C. EMT regulations took effect July 1, 2017. Added/adopted for EMTs to administer include:

- 1) Epi auto injector
- 2) Intranasal Naloxone
- 3) Finger stick blood glucose

The EMT regulations will be rolled into the protocols July 1, 2018. To perform these new skills the EMT must be working for an approved provider within the established EMS system. The above regulations adopted are for an EMT to administer at a prehospital scene of an emergency not in an emergency department.

As of July 1, 2019 EMTs renewing or reinstating at the State are required to submit documentation of completion of the training that includes skills and tactical casualty

care training. Programs are required to add the training by July of 2018.

- D. The next opportunity for Agencies to migrate to LEMSIS is June 19, 2018. The process for migrating will be put on the EMS website LEMSIS page. Process includes:
 - 1) Submit an agency information update form
 - 2) Receive email confirmation in April from County EMS
 - 3) Agency Administrator training May 7, 2018
 - 4) Agency provider training
 - 5) Go Live

- E. Proposed changes to treatment protocols will be reviewed at BSPC this month.

- F. Morphine shortage
 - 1) Evidence based information on Fentanyl will be presented at BSPC by Brendon Drew, DO.
 - 2) IV Tylenol expense was mentioned.

- G. Collecting data for the EMS Plan.

- H. "Love Your Heart Day" is February 14, 2018. EMS is recruiting agency administrations to sign up for the blood pressure screening event. EMS contact persons are Jim Kirkpatrick and Brian Christison.

7. Streamline Process for Certification Presentation – Brian Christison

- A. Overview of Streamline Process for Certification – Brian Christison
 - 1. Build a streamlined, low-touch system for licensed providers
 - 2. Decreases application effort for applicants
 - 3. Potential for one (1) day or less service turnaround
 - 4. Decreases staff time
 - 5. Possibility of decreasing or waiving the renewal fees for paramedics and MICNs.
 - 6. Application process for EMT Certification, Paramedic initial and renewal and MICN initial and renewal licenses were presented.

- B. Policies for Review:
 - 1. P-303, Mobile Intensive Care Nurse Authorization/Reauthorization
 - a. Discussion on authorization (continuous and reauthorization) definitions.

 - Motion made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve changes to P-303. Motion carried.**

 - 2. P-305, Paramedic Accreditation/Reaccreditation
 - a. Discussion on continuous accreditation wording (Title 22) and clarification of the definition.
 - b. III Policy, reflects streamline processing.
 - c. Initial fee, no renewal maintenance fee. It was suggested to notify Agencies of fees so they can be reviewed in their agency budget which begins fiscal year, July 1, 2018.

- d. Page 4, H. Interfacility transfer jurisdiction statement may be updated and clarified. Reflect language from H in I.

Note: P-305 will be brought back to the subcommittee to review changes before forwarding it to the full EMCC for final approval.

3. B-352, EMT Certification Renewal
Resubmission of Live Scan explained.

Motion made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Cheryl Grayson to approved P-352. Motion carried.

4. B-353, EMT Out-of-County Status
The removal of Out-of-County EMT renewal transfer is in the State regulations.

Motion made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve changes to B-353. Motion carried.

5. P-361, Advanced EMT Certification/Renewal
'Recertification' changed to 'Renewal'. Recertification occurs after the license has lapsed.

Motion made by Cheryl Grayson, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve P-362 with corrections. Motion carried.

Policy Review/Approval Summary:

Policies P-303, B-352, B-353 and P-361 were approved and will be forwarded to the full EMCC. P-305 will be brought back to the EMCC Subcommittee for further review.

8. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on February 8, 2018



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) Education/Research Subcommittee Meeting

Linda Rosenberg, R.N., Chair/ Sharon Carlson, Vice-Chair
Thursday, January 25, 2018

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association

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Kirkpatrick, Jim
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

Contreras, Leto – Southwestern College
Duffy, Jenny – SMFD
Jensen, Anne – City of San Diego

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cheryl Graydon called the meeting to order at 11:12 am. Introductions were made.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A recommendation was made to change ‘elected’ to ‘appointed’ in reference to Subcommittee Chair and Vice-Chair, Agenda item 1.

A motion was made by Chara Cote, second by David Blacksberg to approve the November 20, 2017 minutes with the recommended word changes. Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions received.

4. PROJECT UPDATES

A. Carlsbad Update – Mary Murphy
Carlsbad pilot project discontinued.

B. San Diego Fire/Rural Metro Update – Anne Jensen
Waiting to hear from the State. AB 820 is about Alternate Destinations at Community Care facilities. It was pulled because California Nurses Association (CNA) was in opposition. AB 1795 appears to match AB 820. It is same author, same build, except for one section - formation of task force. No interventions have been done.

Action Item: At the next meeting, provide an update on Legislation proposal add on Community Care. EMSA recommended/designated.

5. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Susan Smith

No updates.

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

Timeline for City and AMR - will have some direction in the next month or so.

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING –

- Ann Jensen update on San Diego Fire/Rural Metro Project
- Susan Smith training program policy review

The next EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2018.
The meeting adjourned at 11:22 am.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

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

Minutes

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. SD/Imperial Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
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Marugg, James – San Miguel Fire
Yates, Judith – Hosp. Assoc. SD/Imp Co.

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Smith, PhD, Josh
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (Recorder)
Yphantides, M.D., Nick

*Representative positions vacant

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daryn Drum, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Introductions were made. Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer introduced herself.

Dr. Nick Yphantides announce that the 'Live Well' 5K run is scheduled for Sunday, July 29, 2018 at County Administration. The theme will be "Every Day Hero's". Last year there were 3,000 participants.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Scott to approve the minutes from January 25, 2018. Motion carried.

4. COMMITTEE BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Election of Officers

1. Daryn Drum nominated Frank Parra for EMCC Chair, seconded by Stephen Abbott. Motion carried.
2. Mary Meadows-Pitt nominated Chara Cote for EMCC Vice-Chair, second by Stephen Abbott. Motion carried.

B. Committee Assignment Review – Jim Kirkpatrick

A list of 2018 EMCC Subcommittee assignments was confirmed.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

1. Offload issues were discussed.
2. Policies were reviewed and brought forward today for EMCC review and approval.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

1. Education/Research Subcommittee meetings were changed to every other month after the full EMCC meeting.
2. The subcommittee will be watching legislative bills.
3. Currently there is one program operating for the trial studies in San Diego County. Participation has been limited.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

1. Disaster/Operations subcommittee has not met.
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2. There is a Disaster Exercise scheduled on April 20, 2018. The National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) exercise will take place in Northern California. Mock patients will be taken to Miramar and distributed to appropriate facilities, patient tracking will be utilized. There will also be an earthquake as part of the exercise with facilities practicing shelter in place and mock evacuations.

6. COUNTY REPORT(S)

A. Medical Director – Dr. Koenig

1. Hepatitis A:
 - a. As of December 28, 2017 there have been no new Hep A cases. The Board of Supervisors ended the local health emergency on January 23rd.
 - b. The number of Hepatitis A cases as of February are 582 with 20 deaths and 398 hospitalizations. There have been 123,392 Hepatitis A vaccinations given.
 - c. The EMSA Local Optional Scope of Practice allowing paramedics to provide Hepatitis A vaccines is no longer in effect.
2. Influenza:
 - a. The Capacity Plan has moved to Level 1.
 - b. As of February there have been 16,078 cases of flu, 243 admitted to ICU, 251 deaths and 111 outbreaks.
 - c. Post flu myocardial infarction (MI) cases have been reported.
 - d. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) numbers report overall influenza vaccination effectiveness at 36%, influenza A (H3/H2) at 25%, influenza H1N1 at 67%, influenza B at 42% effective.
3. A pertussis alert was distributed on February 16th. County of San Diego pertussis rates for 2017 were four times higher than across the rest of the state. Pertussis is a cyclic disease; the next expected epidemic in California is anticipated in 2018 or 2019. Healthcare workers should be immunized against pertussis with Tdap.
4. Policy and Protocol:
 - a. A February 5th memo was distributed regarding immediate, short, and long-term strategies for morphine shortages. Policies regarding moving to fentanyl for pain management were discussed at the Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) and should be in place before July 1, 2018.
 - b. Two local optional scope of practice applications are planned for submission to the state regarding use of IV acetaminophen and ketamine.
 - c. Discussion topics:
 - 1) Federal policy for expired drug medication use. The FDA and State Board of Pharmacy were contacted regarding requirements.
 - 2) Physician directed action. At the point of care/time of care if a unit has only expired medication, or in a life threatening event, the use of expired medication may be discussed with a Base Station Physician.
 - 3) Expired medication use was discussed with the Base Hospital Physician Medical Directors.
 - 4) Agencies requirements to have certain medications for an ambulance to be in service.

- 5) Military research on extending the shelf life of stockpile medications and information shared with the military regarding their information on timing and expiration of morphine.
- 6) Legality and liability coverage regarding use of expired medication.

B. EMS Report – Andy Parr

1. A cross border meeting will be held with Mexico, in Tijuana on March 6 to help build relationships and share information regarding transfer of patients. A flier will be sent out to the committee.
2. EMCC membership update and filling of member positions was reviewed.
3. The next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS Elite, the County's patient care record system, is estimated to be June 19. To be considered in the June 19 migration, agencies should submit an information update form to EMS no later than March 31, 2018. If you have questions contact Diane Ameng.
4. The 'Love Your Heart Day' event was held on February 14, 2018. The event was a binational effort to provide blood pressure (BP) screenings in San Diego County as well as in the Mexican Health System and Nationwide. The agencies were thanked for their participation.
5. The 'Live Well' 5K run is July 29th.
6. The 'Sidewalk CPR' Event to instruct bystanders in how to give compression only CPR will be held on May 17, 2018.
7. The Transfer of Care (TOC) monthly report is posted on the EMS website. The EMSA quarterly report will be posted April.

C. Unified Service Area Report

1. There will be a countywide review of the report in the next 22 months. RFQ (Request for Quotation) for the communication consultant bid closes Friday, February 23, 2018.

D. Proposed Fee Schedule – Andy Parr/Josh Smith

1. Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 mandates EMS to review and recover full costs for EMT Certification, Paramedic accreditation and MICN authorization service fees. Cost for each program was determined using staffing, oversight, IT, service and supply cost based on employee time tracking and number of certifications issued.
2. A three (3) year fee implementation program started in FY 2017/18, State fees were not included.
 - a. Personnel fee schedule includes EMT, AEMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and MICN Authorization fees.
 - b. Agency three year phased implementation fees include ground ambulance initial application, renewal, ambulance inspection, continuation education providers and hospital designations for base and trauma. Agency fees will be reviewed and updated annually.
3. LEMSA personnel and agency fee comparisons were given.
4. LEMSA continuing education proposed fees are for a period of four years.
5. LEMSA hospital designations fees for base hospital and trauma vary greatly in California counties. Many counties only charge for Trauma Center designation rather than Base designation and Trauma.
6. Next steps:

- a. The cost recovery proposal is reviewed by the County Auditor and Controller. These are subject to change and will be reviewed and updated annually.
- b. The proposal would go before the Board of Supervisors during their meeting in March 27, 2018 for review and approval.
- c. If BOS approved the revised fee schedule would be effective July 1, 2018.

Action Item:

Email a copy of the Proposed Fee Schedule presentation to EMCC members.

Discussion continued on if there would be a reduction adjustment of the fee in the future. The proposed fee schedule is to review and recover previous costs as well as ongoing personnel and agency costs as described in the fee schedule. The proposed fee schedule is determined from the previous fiscal year 2016/17.

7. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

- A. Hospital data by Emergency Department for 2018 was based on compliance percentage under 30 minutes.
- B. Ambulance/agency response zone data is ranked on percentage under 30 minutes. There has been discussion on whether the agencies should be ranked on the percent under 30 minutes or on compliance percentage.
- C. TOC data by patient offload time was categorized by hospital within 20 minutes, 20-20 minutes, 30-60 minutes and longer than 60 minutes. Distribution of offload times by San Diego County Emergency Department.
- D. Discussion ensued on publically publishing month to month reporting on the EMS website.
 1. EMCC review and receive feedback on a monthly basis regarding offload time intervals are to improve compliance and to use as a resource tool for continuous improvement.
 2. Present a month versus quarter comparison at EMCC meetings.
 3. Agency access to reports.
 4. How to analyze the report, back in service times. Policy S610, Transfer of Care Guidelines was referred to regarding transfer of care and compliance information.

8. Policy Review

- A. P-305, Paramedic Accreditation/Reaccreditation
EMCC review:
 1. Updated to new LEMSIS protocol and language.
 2. Phrasing changes were made to the definitions regarding Paramedic Accreditation Workshop and training program completion and program development.
 3. Initial accreditation two year effective date for Paramedics and MICNs.
 4. Continuous accreditation and lapse.

5. Clarification of accreditation and practice with license not affiliated with an agency.

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Kahn to approve P-305 based on suggested changes. Motion carried.

B. NEW: Special Events Policy

EMCC review:

1. Definition and size of event.
2. Event requirements and permitting.
3. Medical control, physician on scene and base hospital medical direction.
4. Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) and emergency (9-1-1) transports rights, responsibility and revenue from the transport.
5. Clarify ALS scope of practice skills in the policy.
6. Definition of an emergency patient. When the patient reaches criteria that requires base hospital physician contact.

Suggested changes to the new Special Events Policy will be added to and reviewed at the Prehospital Subcommittee meeting on March 8, 2018.

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss

10. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Add Transfer of Care Reporting data as an agenda item at the next EMCC meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2018.



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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, February 8, 2018

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association

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Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Schoenheit, Candy
Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

Cockran, Jennifer – Reach Air
deKlerk, Maude - AMR
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Mercer, Kevin - AMR

1. **CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 AM. Introductions were made.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

4. OFFLOAD TIME DISCUSSION

- A. Non acute/acute patients and triage
 - B. Capacity Plan at Level 2
 - C. TOC time, signature time, compliance time and transmit record
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5. COUNTY REPORT – Jim Kirkpatrick

- A. TOC Report is available on the County EMS website. Quarterly report sent to EMSA for public recording in April.
 - B. Hepatitis A: The County has ended the Public Health emergency. There have been no new cases since December 28, 2018.
 - C. Influenza surveillance continues. There has been a second wave of flu cases. Continue to monitor TOC times, ventilator availability and data. Capacity Plan Operation changed level from 2 to 1.
 - D. EMS Fees: reminder that fees will continue to change for local services for Paramedics, EMTs and MICNs. As of July 1, 2018 certification fees change from \$40 to \$63, 2019 will rise to \$83. These few are for initial accreditation local service fees.
 - E. LEMSIS: EPCR sign up no later than March 31, 2018; go live date is June 19, 2018. Third party matters are in progress.
 - F. LEMSIS reaccreditation, recertification and reauthorization process is being streamlined and folks are able to click through the process very quickly. The down side is since it allows folks to go through the process very quickly, it can lead to oversight. Folks are cautioned to take their time to go through the process, so they don't fail to disclose anything. A mistake could result in serious consequences.
 - G. Morphine Shortages: a memo was sent out by our Medical Director regarding short term and long term solutions. BSPC will discuss a draft treatment protocol for fentanyl as a preferred medication. The longer term goal is to remove morphine and replace it with a non-opioid pain treatment while keeping fentanyl.
 - H. Love Your Heart: Blood pressure (BP) screening event is February 14, 2018. Encourage people to check their blood pressure. Last year there were 20,000 screenings, 53% found to have elevated BP, of the 53%, 77% were already taking BP meds and 77 individuals had elevated BP. If your agency or facility is interested in participating in this event, contact Jim Kirkpatrick or Brian Christison.
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6. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

- A. S-015: Medical Audit Committee (MAC) on Trauma
 - MAC Advisory Committee to monitor, evaluate and report on the quality of trauma medical care
 - Updates member list, accountability, documentation and confidentiality
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- Looks at trauma system as a whole and performance in each of the centers
- Takes every single trauma patient

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve S-015. Motion carried.

B. P-305: Paramedic Accreditation in San Diego County

- Brought back with corrections from last month's meeting: definition of continuous vs re-accreditation.
- Rephrasing of inter-facility transfer jurisdiction (County) accreditation. Default to the State basic paramedic scope.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve P-305. Motion carried.

C. NEW: Special Events Policy

- Established guidelines for EMS personnel assigned to special events in the County of San Diego
- Definition of Special Events
- EMT, Paramedic and AEMT requirements
- MD control paramedic at the Stadium Station
- Discussion on outside state company, ALS provider not in EOA and EOA right to transport. EOA protection
- Operating under a Base Hospital. Base Hospital medical direction
- Hospital notification, city permitting
- 911 response has option to have an agreement with agency company regarding transport. Right to waive EOA agreement in place. 911 EOA granted contracted agency to transport
- Response time not affected
- Billable calls

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve Special Events Policy with changes. Motion carried.

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on March 8, 2018.



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Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D. Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Peltier, R.N., Patricia – AMR

Unrepresented

American Red Cross
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
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District 4
Law Enforcement*
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*
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Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Tuteur, Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:01 am. Introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

A request was made to include the flag salute on future agendas.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Daryn Drum to approve the minutes from February 22, 2018. Motion carried.

4. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

1. Discussed the Special Events Policy again and discussed the Trauma Policy that we sent back for changes.
2. The subcommittee voted to move the meeting start time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

1. Education and Research Subcommittee did not meet. The subcommittee meets bimonthly.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

1. Disaster/Operations subcommittee has not met.
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5. COUNTY REPORT(S)

A. County Report

1. Clinical Report – Dr. Koenig
 - a. Influenza:
 - Still seeing elevated levels of new influenza detections
 - As of March 17 there have been 19,483 cases, 287 ICU, 308 deaths, 116 outbreaks.
 - We're starting to see more Influenza B.
 - County Health Officer will be extending the Health Officer order until April 30th due to the wide spread influenza.
 - EMCC continued discussion on the percentage of flu cases that had been vaccinated compared to unvaccinated.
 - b. Drug Shortages:
 - At the quarterly EMS Commission & EMDAC Meeting, the Scope of Practice Committee applied for both IV acetaminophen and ketamine as local optional scope of practice. IV Acetaminophen application submission recommended to be approved and waiting for official letter from the authority in the next couple of weeks..
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- Ketamine currently has three (3) trial studies in the state, as a result San Diego's ketamine use application will need to go to the commission in June. Plan is to implement in early 2019 if approved.
2. Administrative Report – Andy Parr
- a. Catherine McJannet – newly EMCC appointed representative from District 1.
 - b. Surveillance continues for hospital capacity issues on a regular basis. We report that internally on our emergency medical services delivery system.
 - c. Transfer of Care (TOC) discussion continues
 - d. CoSD LEMSIS program deadline to submit forms is March 31 for this round to be included in the June 19 implementation for training, education and adjustments to the system.
 - e. Sidewalk CPR is a County wide event Thursday, May 17 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The County is partnering with American Heart Association, San Diego's Project Heart Beat and American Red Cross.
 - f. Technical Representative request: EMCC received a letter from Southwestern College nominating Loretta Contreras as a Technical Representative to EMCC. Technical representatives are appointed to provide relevant technical expertise and information to the Committee. Technical representatives assigned to a subcommittee count for purpose of a quorum at the subcommittee meetings. Loretta Contreras will attend the Education/Research Subcommittee meetings.

A motion was made by Bernie Molloy, seconded by Stephen Abbott to accept the appointment of Loretta Contreras as Technical Representative to the EMCC and as a voting member to the Education/Research Subcommittee. Motion carried.

- g. EMS Fees
 - Board of Supervisors Policy B-29 mandates EMS to recover full costs for services provided to agencies or individuals, such as EMT certification, Paramedic accreditation and MICN authorization service fees.
 - Some fees include a three year phased implementation plan.
 - The costs for each program were determines using staffing and oversight costs, IT costs and other service and supply costs based on employees actual time tracking.
 - Fees include personnel, agency, CE (4 yr cycle) and hospital designation (base and trauma) proposed fees.
 - Implementation fee schedule: FY 17/18, \$40; FY 18/19, \$63; FY 19/20, \$86.
 - Base Hospital and Trauma EMSA proposed benchmark fee schedule.
 - Program breakdown.
 - Proposal to go before the BOS in April. If approved, would be effective July 1.

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve the EMS fee implementation schedule. Motion carried.

- B. Unified Service Area Report**
1. This item will remain on the agenda until 2020.

2. The USA plan is on schedule. Current activity is hiring a consultant to do communication work as well as present a report to the County on drive time analysis and other community needs.
3. There are 16 planned meetings in the communities.

6. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

A. Comparison Monthly to Quarterly

1. Hospital comparison was ranked at about 13k total offloads; ranked by the percent of offload that the hospital had that were under 30 minutes, which is the County benchmark. County total being about 58% under 30 minutes.
2. Agencies: Based on TOC compliant percentages. San Diego County 47.4%
3. State: By category (hospitals)

B. Individual Agencies are ranked on the percentage under 30 minutes

C. Report of Buttons Pushed, TOC

1. Agency data broken down by days, 8am to 8am schedule
2. Hospital data broken down by week (day and night shift), 7am to 7pm
3. County TOC policy to measure compliance per state EMSA. San Diego County at 48% this month.

7. Policy Review

A. S-015, Medical Audit Committee on Trauma

Will not be reviewed at this meeting; reviewed and approved 3/22/2018. Effective date July 1, 2018

B. P-302, Placement of Paramedic Interns

Review:

1. Updating for LEMSIS.
2. In-county and out-of-county paramedic intern policy.
3. Paramedic agencies hosting paramedic interns will add the paramedic intern to their agency roster in LEMSIS.

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Bernie Molloy to approve P-302. Motion carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None

9. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting time change will be added to the next agenda.
The meeting adjourned at 9:43 am.
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2018.



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Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs' Association
Rice, Mike – SD County Ambulance Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

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Christison, Brian
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy
Smith, R.N., Susan
Wolchko, Janet I. (recorder)

Agency Representatives

deKlerk, R.N., Maude - AMR
Mercer, Kevin - AMR

1. Call To Order/Introductions/Announcements

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM. Attendees introduced themselves.

A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Sharon Carlson to move the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital meeting time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. Motion carried.

2. Approval Of Minutes

A motion was made by Mike Rice seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the February 8, 2018 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion Carried.

3. Public Comments/Petitions

There were no public comments/petitions submitted.

4. Offload Time Discussion

- EMS trauma committee/CHA committee discussed TOC reporting data, challenges of the data and who is responsible. Hospitals responsibility regarding turn over time confirmation was discussed as well as dispatch differences, WIFI and device issues.
 - Data submitted for the EMSA site will be posted with the quarterly April data.
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5. Capacity Plan

- The Capacity Plan is at Level 1.
 - The Capacity Workgroup is in the early stages of planning and review of the capacity plan. There will be a County internal meeting regarding the basic direction to be taken and discussion with stakeholders.
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6. Staff Report

- A. Influenza cases as of February 24th are at expected levels for emergency department visits.
- B. The County Board of Supervisors ended the Hepatitis A local health emergency on January 23rd. Authorization for paramedics to give vaccinations is no longer in affect.
- C. EMS has phased in a three (3) year period credential fee increase schedule. As of July 1, 2018 fees will go from \$40 to \$63 and next year the schedule adjustment will be to \$83.
- D. LEMSIS migration to ePCR is estimated to be June 19th. Agencies should submit an information update form to EMS no later than March 31, 2018 to be considered in the June 19 migration. EMS contact person is Diane Ameng.

- E. Morphine shortage
 - Policies regarding moving to fentanyl for pain management should be in place July 1, 2018.
 - Dr. Koenig distributed the draft protocol to Base Hospital Physicians and Agency Physicians yesterday.
 - F. IV acetaminophen local scope of practice applications were submitted last Friday.
 - G. The 'Sidewalk CPR' event will take place May 17, 2018 from 10 am and 4 pm. For information regarding participation contact Sue Dickinson.
 - H. March 31, 2018 is national 'Stop the Bleed' day. There is an initiative with the County in partnership with TREF to supply information regarding education and training. A Board Letter is expected to be presented at the March 27th Board of Supervisors meeting.
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7. Policies for Review

A. S-103, BLS/ALS Ambulance Inventory

Review:

- BLS inventory requirements
 - Add automated external defibrillator (AED) as a requirement for BLS.
 - Replaceable medications minimum requirements for epinephrine auto injector (adult and pediatric) and naloxone intranasal or as an optional item requirements for epinephrine, glucometer, and naloxone intranasal.

Discussion topics:

- In a year, optional inventory medications may become mandatory.
- Based on availability of ALS responders in the County 911 system, check data on how often required meds are used.
- Suggested to take required/optional requirements to agencies for review.
- Consider having inventory requirements mandatory for special events and rural areas
- ALS inventory requirements for smaller endotracheal tube sizes were removed.
- Fentanyl and minimum requirements was added to replaceable medications inventory.
- Removed AED from ALS optional item.
- Discussion on epinephrine adult and pediatric auto injectors for ALS. Optional item for BLS.

Policy will be reviewed at the BSPPC April meeting.

B. S-015, Medical Audit Committee on Trauma

Aligns the policy with other County committees.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve S-015 and forward to the full EMCC.

C. T-460, Identification of the Trauma Center Patient and Attachment

Review:

- Language update and changed wording from 'candidate' to 'patient'
- Mechanism of injury and definition of trauma patient, criteria categories.
- Patients meeting criteria, special patient or system consideration and requirement for base hospital physician authorization to transport to a non-designation trauma center. Discussion on base hospital and base hospital physician involvement and elimination of the reference to 'trauma resource'.
- Discussion on special patient and system consideration and mechanism to identify resource patients.
- Delivery of most critical patient to the appropriate facility/trauma center.
- Added tourniquet applied to a traumatic injury to T-460 attachment, Trauma Decision Tree Algorithm.

It was suggested to have the medical director review the subcommittees input regarding trauma resource reference and base hospital physician contact and authorization requirement in Policy T-460 before moving forward to BSPC.

D. P-302, Guidelines for Placement of Paramedic Interns in San Diego County

Review:

Paramedic training requirements for out-of-county paramedic interns and agency requirements.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve Policy P-302 and forward to the full EMCC. Motion carried.

E. S-415, Base Hospital Contact/Patient Transportation and Report-Emergency Patients

Review:

Reflects changes in scope of practice for EMTs. EMT is to contact a base hospital regarding administering IN naloxone and/or epinephrine by auto-injector, and abnormal blood glucose.

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Mike Rice to approve Policy S-415 and forward to the full EMCC. Motion carried.

F. S-XXX, Emergency Medical Services at Special Events

Review:

- Clarification regarding paramedic working at special events as an EMT. Meeting base hospital contact criteria as in Policy S-415.

- Discussion on impact to the system, physician on scene versus base hospital direction assistance.

A motion was made by Mike Rice, seconded by Frank Parra to approve S-XXX, 'Emergency Medical Services at Special Events' and forward to the full EMCC. Motion carried.

8. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on April 12, 2018 at 9:30 am.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)

Education/Research Subcommittee Meeting

Cheryl Graydon, R.N., Chair/ David Blacksberg, Vice-Chair
Thursday, March 22, 2018

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Graydon, RN, Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee

County Staff

del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Wolchko, Janet

Agency Representatives

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cheryl Graydon, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:50 am.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

November subcommittee meeting minutes had a correction.

A motion was made by Chara Cote, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve the corrected November 20, 2017 minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chara Cote, seconded by Stephen Abbott to approve the January 25, 2018 minutes. Motion carried.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions received.

4. PROJECT UPDATES

A. San Diego Update – (Representative Anne Jensen not present)

5. STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE – Cheryl Graydon

- Update as of February 7, 2018 regarding evaluation of Community Paramedicine Pilot Programs on the EMSA site by UCSF.
- Monitoring legislative bills.

6. ADVISORY COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS

- Health Care District recently approved exploring a relationship with Uber doing non-medical transportations. Foundation is for senior care, a post discharge follow up program called Door-through-Door, to give relief in the field for non-medical transports.
- Uber Health contract versus taxi vouchers. Uber Health is less expensive and meets HIPPA. Billing to insurance questions.

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING –

The next EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee Meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018
The meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.



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Thursday, April 26, 2018

Members Present

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Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties
Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators/Committee
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, RN, Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, MD, Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
McJannet, RN, Catherine – District 1
Meadows-Pitt, RN, Mary – District 2
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)
Molloy, Bernard – SD County Fire District Association
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San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego Fire Chiefs' Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*

*Representative positions vacant

In Attendance

Contreras, Loretta – Southwestern College
Farah, MD Jennifer - UCSD
Graham, Daniel – Care Ambulance
Hartsock, Ryan – Advantage Ambulance
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
Mercer, Kevin - AMR
Peltier, RN Patricia - AMR
Smith, RN Zechariah – CSA17 EMS Coord.
Yates, Judith - HASDIC

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Yphantides, MD, Nick

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 am. Introductions were made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

- A. Chara Cote brought forward a request to change the EMCC meeting time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am. Committee members voted to change the EMCC meeting time to 9:30 am.
 - B. EMCC members voted to add the Pledge of Allegiance to the EMCC agenda.
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III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Christopher Scott to approve the minutes from March 22, 2018. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

- 1. The subcommittee agreed to change the meeting start time from 9:00 am to 9:30 am.
- 2. The following topics were discussed:
 - a. Pending fee increases
 - b. Morphine shortage
 - c. Out-of-hospital births
 - d. Protocols/Policies: T-712, Trauma Center Bypass and S-XXX, EMS at Special Events

B. Education/Research Subcommittee

No report.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee

No report.

V. COUNTY REPORT

A. Clinical – Dr. Kristi Koenig

- 1. Hepatitis A
 - a. A total of 137,979 vaccinations have been administered.
 - b. There have been 588 cases, 403 hospitalizations and 20 deaths as of April 24, 2018.
 - c. The Board of Supervisors ended the local health emergency on January 23rd.
 - d. Hepatitis A has spread to multiple states across the country. Some regions of the country are recommending visitors to their area have the hepatitis A vaccine.
 - 2. Influenza
 - a. An extension of the flu order is not anticipated.
 - b. As of April 25 there has been 20,661 cases, 300 admitted to the ICU, 341 deaths and 117 outbreaks
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3. Botulism
 - a. California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) reported three (3) cases of wound botulism associated with black tar heroin in 2017. Since then there have been two (2) additional cases identified and two (2) cases of infant botulism.
4. Pertussis
 - a. A pertussis health alert was sent out February 16, 2018.
 - b. County of San Diego (COSD) 2017 rates were 4X higher than the California rate.
 - c. Infants are at risk with symptoms of rapid development of respiratory distress/apnea, hypoxia or seizures.
 - d. The next pertussis epidemic is expected this year or next year.
 - e. It is recommended that health care workers receive the Tdap vaccination when receiving their routine tetanus vaccination to immunize against pertussis.
5. Policies and Protocols
 - a. There is a protocol review meeting this afternoon.
 - b. Pediatric intubation has been removed statewide as of July 1st. There will be a focus on high quality bag valve mask (BVM) ventilation and use of capnography.
 - c. Morphine Shortage:
 - A solutions memo was sent out on February 5th regarding the morphine shortage.
 - Fentanyl protocol was approved as of April 1 to be used as an opioid pain management alternative to morphine.
 - IV acetaminophen has been approved at the State for adults. Discussion was on temperature storage and mandatory usage.
 - Ketamine local optional scope of practice application has been submitted and will go before the Commission in June. Three (3) counties are using ketamine under a trial study.
 - The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) adopted drug shortages as their primary advocacy proposal for Washington DC to address a national solution.
6. Cross Border EMS transfers
 - a. A meeting is scheduled with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) tomorrow to develop a special dispatch card for cross border patients.
 - b. There will be a drill in June with transfer of a single patient across the border from the Tijuana consulate.
 - c. There will be a cross border panel discussion on cross border transfers at the State Trauma Summit on May 8 and 9.

B. Administrative Report – Andrew Parr

1. Reminder to sign in on the attendance roster to ensure there is a quorum.
2. 'Sidewalk CPR' is May 17th. Sue Dickinson is the EMS contact.
3. The 'Strike Out Stroke' event is being held during this Sunday's Padre game at 1pm. Stroke survivors will be honored on the field.
4. The annual Emergency Medical Services Administrator Association of California (EMSAAC) conference and registration information brochure was available at the EMCC meeting.
5. The state EMSA Maddy fund new guidance for distribution will be brought to EMCC in May.
6. STEMI, Stroke and EMS-C regulations are out for public comment on the EMSA web page.
7. A letter for guidance and information regarding changes in the regional communications system (RCS) will be sent out.
8. Transfer of Care (TOC) data is available on the EMS website. A quarterly report will be submitted with core measures to EMSA for public reporting on their website.

9. County EMS fee increases were approved by the Board of Supervisors and will be effective July 2018. The fee schedule is posted on the EMS website.
10. Next LEMSIS migration is in June. The next opportunity will be in the fall 2018.

C. Unified Service Area Report – Andrew Parr

- a. The Abaris group consulting firm has been hired as a consultant for the United Service Area (USA) plan. Mike Williams from the Abaris group will be contacting constituents and agencies in the local areas to set up 16 “listening sessions” for information and input.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE REPORTING – Josh Smith

A. County of San Diego data for January through March quarterly data was submitted to EMSA.

B. Percentages by individual agencies and emergency room department.

1. COSD emergency department percentage was 59.9 under 30 minutes.
2. COSD agencies by transfer of care (TOC) compliance was at 51.8%.

C. Breakdown by time window for patient offload was presented.

VII. POLICY REVIEW

A. T-712, Trauma Center Bypass – Susan Smith

Review:

1. Updated to reflect Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) agreement with the trauma hospitals.
2. No change to reason hospitals can go on trauma bypass. Language has been updated to match their MOA.

Action

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve T-712. Motion carried.

B. New Special Events Policy – Jim Kirkpatrick

Review:

1. Replace the language of optional scope of practice skills with the actual skills for epi auto injector, intra-nasal naloxone, and blood glucose testing. To utilize the skills EMT's must be working for an approved ALS or BLS agency that is part of the organized EMS system.
2. Language to allow Paramedic and AEMT to deliver non-emergency patients to physician staffed special event medical facilities.

Action:

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve the changes to the policy. Motion carried with one no vote by Dr. Kahn.

C. S-415, Base Hospital Contact/Patient Transportation and Report - Emergency Patients - Susan Smith

Review:

1. Updated to reflect changes in the EMT scope of practice and when the EMT needs to contact the base hospital specific to administration of naloxone, epi auto injector or if they obtain abnormal blood glucose result.
2. Discussion continued on data pertaining to low blood glucose, EMT treatment and contacting the Base Hospital. Obtaining an abnormal or low reading of blood glucose as defined in the treatment protocol.

Action:

A motion was made by Chris Kahn, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the changes in S-415. Motion carried.

D. T-460, Identification of the Trauma Center Patient and Trauma Decision Algorithm – Dr. Koenig

Review:

1. Previous policy regarding community practice and terminology.
2. Reviewed national standards in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on the latest field trauma triage guidance.
3. Trauma Decision Algorithm:
 - a. First three major trauma victim assessment levels are transported to the appropriate trauma center after contacting the trauma base.
 - Tourniquet applied to traumatic injury was added to the ‘Assess Anatomy of Injury’ assessment level by Base Station Physicians’ Committee (BSPC) and Medical Audit Committee (MAC).
 - Neurologic of vascular deficit of extremities was also recommended to leave in the ‘Assess Anatomy of Injury’ assessment level by BSPC and MAC.
 - Exposure to blast or explosion was added to the ‘Assess Mechanism of Injury’ level.
 - b. ‘Assessment of Special Considerations’ level discussion:
 - Low impact mechanism age category.
 - LEMSIS tracking and tracking patient transfer versus non-transfer to trauma center.
 - Change from the 2008 policy regarding trauma resource concept and language.
 - CDC language and language consistent with the national standard.
 - Baseline data, national standards for trauma transfers and transports.
 - Base hospital order for transport to non-designated trauma center hospital.
 - Under and over triage data collection, trauma patients non-transfer data.

Action:

400 Policies go to the advisory committee meetings for discussion and a vote is not required. It was suggested to reconsider policy T-460 after a six (6) month baseline under triage data collection.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No discussion

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:57 am. The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for May 24, 2018



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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, April 12, 2018 – 9:30 am

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

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Agency Representatives

Hinton, William – Mercy Air
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Peltier, Patricia – AMR
Smith, Zechariah – AMR/CSA-17

1. Call To Order/Introductions/Announcements

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM. Attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval Of Minutes

A quorum of members was not present to approve the minutes from March 8, 2018.

3. Public Comments/Petitions

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

4. Offload Time Discussion

Hospital clerk and hospital technicians' involvement with documenting transfer of care (TOC) was discussed. The topic was also mentioned at the County Paramedics Agency Committee (CPAC). The intent was that TOC responsibility is shared between the hospital and EMS, but the policy currently states the button should be pushed by the receiving nurse or physician.

5. Capacity Plan – Jim Kirkpatrick

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- There is continued discussion and an agreement to update the plan.
 - There will be discussion at the division managers meeting tomorrow.
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6. Staff Report – Jim Kirkpatrick

A. Ongoing topics and reminders will be posted on the EMCC agenda sidebar.

B. Influenza:

- 1) 20,000 cases have been reported in the county.
- 2) The CDC mentioned there could be another wave of flu cases.
- 3) Weekday monitoring of the indicator data, ILR information and off load times continue.
- 4) The Public Health Officer extended the flu order to April 30, 2018. Healthcare workers are required to either have a flu shot or wear a mask.

C. Updated TOC data is posted.

D. EMS fee increases:

- 1) Fee increases start July 1, 2018 for EMT certification/renewal, MICN authorization/reauthorization and Paramedic accreditation/reaccreditation.
- 2) As of July 1, 2018 fees will increase from \$40 to \$63 and increase to \$83 July 1, 2019.
- 3) A reminder was given to maintain authorization and accreditation and to not let

the expiration date lapse.

- 4) An inquiry was made regarding the maintenance fee. Response was that there will be an initial fee but the intent is that there will not be a fee for maintenance. The fee structure has to be approved by the County Board of Supervisors.

E. LEMSIS migration is June 19, 2018.

F. Morphine shortage:

- 1) Fentanyl is being added as an additional pain management alternative. The fentanyl protocol has been released. The official start date is July 1, 2018. Agencies need to begin using fentanyl as an alternative to morphine.
- 2) IV acetaminophen has been approved in the state as a local optional scope of practice medication. The IV acetaminophen pain management protocol is being discussed with a probable start date of July 1, 2018. This will be a local scope option and requires base hospital contact.
- 3) Ketamine was discussed at the San Diego Scope Committee meeting. Ketamine is currently looked at as a trial study in three LEMSAs in the State. Use of ketamine as an additional pain management alternative will go before the EMS commission in June.

G. Pain management protocol changes will occur July 1, 2018. Training and provider agencies will provide the training. Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators are preparing an instructional PowerPoint. A tentative date has been set for a summary meeting on April 26, 2018, 2:00-3:30 at EMS.

H. Regional Communication System (RCS) radio changes, upgrades and improvements are in process. January 2019 P25 Phase 1 re-banding will be implemented. There are approximately 600 EMS radios. A list of radios will be distributed.

I. EMT regulations:

Training institutions are required to begin teaching the new epi, narcan and blood glucometer testing EMT skills. EMTs that renew July 1, 2019 or after must submit proof they have been trained in epi, narcan and blood glucose testing by a continuing education (CE) or approved EMT training program. The skills completion verification form was updated July 1, 2017.

J. Thursday, May 17, 2018 is 'Sidewalk CPR' day. The community will have the opportunity to learn compression only CPR by participating agencies. EMS contact for information on the 'Sidewalk CPR' event is Sue Dickinson.

7. Out of Hospital Births – Jim Kirkpatrick

Information and subcommittee input and guidance:

- San Diego County has approximately 60 out-of-hospital births each year.
 - Parents have 30 days to obtain a birth certificate for their child.
 - Office of Vital Records medical documentation needed to issue a birth certificate includes the delivery address, date and time, and medical provider (Policy 166). Discussion on electronic documentation, form and form location options included adding an attachment to the policy and contact information to obtain medical documentation.
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8. Policies for review

A quorum of subcommittee members was not present. Members reviewed and discussed the following policies:

T-712, Trauma Center Bypass

- Updates were based on bypass requirements. Bypass time periods were reworded and some were changed in the policy.
- Trauma personnel will enter the initial time and criteria for bypass into LEMSIS. (Replaces QCS)
- Discussion included the wording regarding trauma center bypass less than 5% on a monthly basis. Policy will go to the Medical Audit Committee (MAC) for review.

S-XXX, Emergency Medical Services at Special Events

- The policy review will be on the April EMCC agenda.
 - The subcommittee discussed scope of practice skills performed by a paramedic or AEMT affiliated with a County of San Diego approved ALS provider who is staffing a special event as an EMT.
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9. Adjournment/Next Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is May 10, 2018 at 9:30 am.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses’ Association (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross (Alt)
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

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

In Attendance

Contreras, Loretta – SWC
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy Scripps
deKlerk, R.N., Maude – RCCP
Kleinschmidt, Aaron – Mercy Air
Marquez, Amy – Mercy Air
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – CSA17 EMS Coord
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

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Smith, R.N., Susan
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 am. The group recited the pledge as requested by the chair. Introductions were made. The chair announced that he and Criss Brainard were approved by the Board of Supervisors as EMCC members representing San Diego Fire Chiefs' Association. Frank Parra is the primary member and Chris Brainard is the alternate member.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Christopher Scott to approve the EMCC minutes from April 26, 2018. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Reviewed policies that are to be discussed and reviewed at this meeting.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

No meeting.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

No meeting. Andy Parr is requesting a meeting to discuss Annex D.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- 1) Influenza season is over. As of May 7, there have been 20,777 cases of influenza, 300 in the ICU, 341 deaths and 117 outbreaks.
 - 2) Hepatitis A: an accommodation was given to the paramedics for vaccination. Hepatitis A is spreading to other states. As of May 15, 588 cases, 68% hospitalizations and 20 deaths.
 - 3) Ebola outbreak: watching carefully, no international concern. There is an experimental Ebola vaccination. 58 suspected cases have been reported and 27 deaths.
 - 4) Drug shortages:
 - Use of Fentanyl as an alternative pain medication effective July 1.
 - IV acetaminophen use for adults and pediatrics (age 12+)
 - Joint letter published linking shortage to disaster for distribution purposes.
 - 5) Continue to work on cross border transfers. They were discussed at the May 8 & 9 border summit.
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B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) National EMS week; County staff is giving out goodies to EMS staff at emergency departments throughout the County.
- 2) LEMSIS programs continue; new agencies joining. Next opportunity to join is in the fall.
- 3) 7th ANNUAL Hands only ‘Sidewalk CPR’ was a big success. Many agencies participated. Additional are welcome next year to participate.
- 4) Next week is the EMSAAC conference on May 30-31 in San Diego. Information will be provided to those who are interested.
- 5) EMT regulations have changed. As of July 1, 2019, documentation of training on the regulations changes is needed to certify or renew certification.

C. Unified Service Area Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Working closely with our contractor to announce the dates and times of the Listening Sessions in the community: two in San Marcos, two in National City and about a dozen more in the back country, north, central and south. Look forward to input from the communities.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

- 1) Updated format of offload times in Emergency Department table, which now includes previous months.
- 2) Compliance was up to 60%.
- 3) Sharp Grossmont Hospital showed a huge percentage increase.
- 4) County increase 67% for under 30 minutes.
- 5) EMS Agencies TOC compliance.

Comments:

- Agencies are reminded to update county staff whenever changing unit identifiers in First Watch (example: RA to MA).
- Level of increase in compliance and how it affected overall perceived times; will explore longer term trend next month.

VII. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REVIEW (EMCC Voting Item)

A. “Maddy” Emergency Medical Services Fund Board Letter.

- 1) Maddy funds are distributed according to a formula specified in Health and Safety Code.
- 2) State EMSA issued new guidance for the distribution and reporting of Maddy funds.
- 3) There will be a small adjustment of less than .5% of Maddy funds that come to the program in June for distribution.
- 4) Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors consideration on June 19 is to adopt an updated resolution that clarifies all collections deposited into the EMS Maddy fund, to be distributed in accordance with the state EMSA guidance and with Health and Safety code.
- 5) Discussion on distribution and proportion of fees. Suggestion to repeat information and explanation at the upcoming EMOC meeting.

Action:

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Christopher Kahn to approve the “Maddy” Emergency Medical Services Fund Board Letter. Motion carried.

B. Public Hearing to Confirm Fiscal Year 2018/19 Levies for Permanent Road Division Zones, County Service Areas and Zones, and Stormwater Maintenance Zone Board Letter

- 1) Minor adjustments in fee levies for areas CSA-17 and CSA-69.
- 2) Benefit fees only assessed on residential dwellings and are shown separately on an individual property owner’s tax bill.
- 3) Increase in CPI.
- 4) Adjustment amount is 3.01%.
- 5) Recommendation to Board of Supervisors on June 27, which will be bundled with 67 other fee levies.

Comment: A request was made to receive this kind of information for review, prior to the board meeting and the committee meeting.

Action:

A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by Jim Marugg. Motion carried.

VIII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. P-430: Special Assignment – Fireline Paramedic

Review:

- LEMSA reporting and notification of personnel and resources
- Check and balance, crew movement and resources
- Following home LEMSA policies and protocol
- Data on frequency of use on pain control
- Aspirin mg correction
- Create notification email address for County EMS

B. S-601: Documentation Standards and Transferal of Prehospital Care Record (PCR) Information

Review: Date change

C. S-602: EMS Provider Data Submission Process

- Date change
- Discussion and comments on the use of third party vendor and data submission.

D. S-603: System Management and Support during Downtime

Review: Date change

Action:

A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Sharon Carlson to approve the changes to S-601, S-602 and S-603. Motion carried.

E. P-806: ALS First Responder Inventory

Review:

- Discussion on pediatric intubation tubes, esophageal confirmation syringes.
- Alignment with updates in scope.

F. P-807: Wildland ALS Kit Inventory

Review: Alignment with updates in scope.

G. B-834: BLS First Responder Inventory

Review:

- Alignment with updates in scope.
- Addition of optional items, glucometer, epinephrine auto injector (adult and pediatric) and naloxone intranasal (Required July 1, 2019).

IX. MEDICAL POLICY REVIEW (EMS Medical Director Approval)

A. T-460: Identification of a Trauma Center Candidate

Review:

- Collecting data to drive policy changes.
- Age 55 vs 65. Special consideration, evaluation at the scene, paramedic assessment.

X. OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2018.
The meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.



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Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

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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

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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.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, June 28, 2018

Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross
Meadows-Pitt, R.N. Mary – District 2
Molloy, Bernard – SD County Fire Districts Association
Moriarty, Douglas – SD County Ambulance Association
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Unrepresented

District 1
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Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
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Military Agencies
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society*

In Attendance

Covell, RN, Brian - Mercy
deKlerk, RN, Maude - RCCP
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire Department
Sleeter, Jeremy – ARC
Smith, RN, Zechariah – CSA17 EMS Coord
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

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Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirn, Shannon
Kiviat, Aurora
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Laugen, Gary
Lee, Chris
Parr, Andrew
Smith, Josh

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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Meeting was called to order by Frank Parra at 9:31 am.
 - B.** Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C.** Introductions were made.
 - D.** EMCC new and reconfirmed members include:
 - 1. Sgt. Richard George and Lt. Chris Cross representatives from Law Enforcement.
 - 2. Kevin Mercer and Douglas Moriarty representatives from the Ambulance Association.
 - 3. Mary Murphy was reconfirmed as the County Paramedic Agencies Committee Alternate representative for another term.
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II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Fred Adler to approve the EMCC May 24, 2018 minutes.

EMCC also approved previous EMCC Disaster Operations Subcommittee minutes from September 17, 2015, January 21, 2016 and March 16, 2017. The subcommittee minutes were not previously approved due to lack of a quorum and meeting cancellation.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee**
Did not meet.
 - B. Education/Research Subcommittee**
Did not meet.
 - C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg**
 - 1. Mass casualty incident Annex D will be discussed under the ‘System Policy’ agenda item VII.
 - 2. The Statewide Hospital exercise will take place November 15, 2018. Due to the recent Hep A outbreak and influenza the scenario for that exercise will be a pandemic.
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V. COUNTY REPORTS

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig

1. Influenza
 - a. The flu season is over. Final data reported May 7 include: 20,757 cases, 300 ICU, 341 deaths, 117 outbreaks.
 - b. The Capacity Plan will be updated for the next season.
2. Hepatitis A Outbreak
 - a. Latest data posted on June 26 showed 590 cases, 68% hospitalizations, 20 deaths.
 - c. Vaccinations as of June 6 were 162,253
 - b. Hepatitis has spread to at least six (6) other states.
3. Ebola outbreak
 - a. Containment is proceeding well
 - b. The World Health Organization (WHO) has said that the outbreak is a low global risk.
 - c. As of June 24, there have been 24 cases and 28 deaths.
4. Policies and Protocols - Drug shortages.
 - a. Strategy is on track with implementing fentanyl as an alternate pain management medication. Fentanyl was approved April 1 for implementation July 1.
 - b. IV Acetaminophen was approved by the state as a local optional scope of practice.
 - c. The proposal to move ketamine off the trial study basis into the local scope of practice received unanimous agreement at the EMS Commission Meeting. Ketamine will be used in low doses for pain control.
5. Initiatives
 - a. Cross-border EMS transfers improve and are ready to beta-test the border card at the dispatch level.
 - b. Evidence-based presentations at BSPC are now posted on the EMS Medical Director web page.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

1. County EMS fees
 - a. The current certification fee is \$40 which will increase July 1 to \$63. Next year the fee will be adjusted to \$83. The fee schedule is posted on the EMS website.
 - b. As of July 1, there is no fee associated with Paramedic accreditation renewals or MICN authorization renewals. If your accreditation or authorization expires you will be subject to the re-accreditation or re-authorization fee of \$63.
2. CoSD LEMSIS

The next opportunity to migrate to LEMSIS Elite is estimated to be November 13, 2018. Agencies must submit an 'Agency Information Update Form' to EMS no later than September 4, 2018 to be considered in the November 13 migration. Updates are on the LEMSIS page of the EMS website. If you have questions, please contact Diane Ameng.
3. 2018-2019 BLS/ALS Protocol Update

A protocol summary of changes and a letter from the Medical Director regarding updated protocols was emailed through the LEMSIS System. If you did not receive the email with attachments, please contact Meredith Mahoney.
4. EMT regulations

- a. EMTs who newly certify or renew their certification after July 1, 2019 must provide documentation of training from an approved EMT training program or approved CE provider on the use and administration of naloxone, epinephrine auto-injector and the use of a glucometer. This documentation will be required for renewal after July 1, 2019.
- b. Agencies that provided the previously mentioned training to personnel prior to April 1, 2018 but are not approved training program providers may contact County EMS to request assistance in having their program reviewed by an approved training provider.
5. 'Sidewalk CPR' (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation)
On Thursday, May 17, 2018, the County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services in collaboration with the American Heart Association, San Diego Project Heart Beat and the American Red Cross coordinated a county wide community training on CPR. 2,001 persons were trained.
6. "EMS Notification"
 - a. San Diego County EMS has established an email address to advise EMS leadership of important but not necessarily emergent information. EMSnotification.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov. Urgent and emergent messages should be directed to the EMS Duty Officer.
 - b. Reasons for notifying County EMS include fire personnel leaving the County for fireline paramedic assignments, HHSA/EMS contractors with service disruptions lasting longer than two (2) hours, planned exercise operations and notifications.
 - c. Messages received in the mail box are time stamped and electronically acknowledged. Responses to the notifications will come from an EMS Staff member assigned to the issue, the next business day.
7. Unified Service Area (USA)
 - a. There have been sixteen (16) community listening sessions for the USA plan. The final five (5) sessions are today at the following locations:
 - Alpine, 10:00 am
 - Lake Cuyamaca, 1:00 pm
 - San Marcos, 6:00 pm
 - Julian, 6:00 pm
 - Jacumba, 6:00 pm
 - b. Please provide feedback to the listening sessions by July 1.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) – Josh Smith

- A. Compliance
 1. Emergency departments compliance were under 30 minutes.
 2. Agencies by category compliance were down.
 3. Last month it was suggested to show trending of TOC compliance versus offload times. December to May report was given.
 4. Continue to work with agencies recording back in-service time by using the TOC button.
 5. TOC reports are available on the County website at SanDiegoCountyEMS.com
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VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW

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- A. The Annex D report will be brought to EMCC in July. Meetings have been held with several agencies and constituents. Annex D is the County Mass Casualty Plan.
 - B. 'Stop the Bleed' feasibility assessment presentation.
 - 1. 'Stop the Bleed' program is a national awareness campaign to encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency situation before professional help arrives.
 - 2. On March 27, 2018, the Board of Supervisors directed County staff to explore options to raise awareness through training County personnel and placement of bleeding control kits in County facilities.
 - 3. The proposed implementation has a two (2) year strategy, options for bleeding control kits and training.
 - 4. Current County safety initiatives include: pulse point mobile app, public access AEDs and security.
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VIII.OLD BUSINESS

There is an adjustment in the Maddy Fund distribution formula. As requested, EMS is preparing information for a presentation at the EMCC September meeting.

2018 EMCC Subcommittee assignments were noted. All EMCC meetings including subcommittee meetings are open to the public.

IX.NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 am
The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for July 26, 2018.



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Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

Thursday, July 26, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp. Counties
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD
Covell, Brian – Mercy Hospital
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sullivan, Karen – Mercy Hospital

Not in Attendance

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Meeting was called to order by Frank Parra, EMCC Chair at 9:31 am.
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance.
 - C. Introductions were made.
 - D. No announcements.
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II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Fred Adler to approve the EMCC meeting minutes from June 28, 2018.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee**
Did not meet.

 - B. Education/Research Subcommittee**
Did not meet.

 - C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee**
Did not meet.
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V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

- A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**
 - 1. Surveillance
 - a. Continuing Base Line monitoring
 - b. DRC declared an end to Ebola outbreak
 - c. Pertussis – we are expecting an epidemic potentially this year or next year. Be sure you are vaccinated.
 - 2. Drug shortages
 - a. Continue to monitor
 - b. Agencies are proceeding with use of fentanyl as a pain medication to morphine. Options of using ketamine as a local scope of practice. The commission has allowed us to submit our local optional scope of practice application.
 - c. We have a meeting with the scope of practice committee on August 14 to talk more about our proposal. Looking very positive at getting the approval within the next few months and on track at implementing that in the next calendar year.
 - 3. Policies and protocols
 - 4. Pediatric intubation was removed from the statewide scope of practice as of July 1. EMSA has given authority for air ambulances, if medical director has approved it, to continue with intubation while they sort out the idea for a statewide unified
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scope of practice. Dr. Koenig has provided that authorization in a memo, to continue during this interim period.

5. The capacity plan is being revamped and has been renamed the All Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

1. San Diego County EMS has established an email address to advise EMS leadership of important but not necessarily urgent or emergent information EMSnotification.HHSA@sdcounty.ca.gov. Urgent and emergent messages should continue to be directed to the EMS Duty Officer.
2. Radio report protocol – new protocols effective July 1.
 - a. Local Optional Scope of Practice reporting
 - b. Closely monitoring T460, Identification of the Trauma Center Patient field triage guidelines
 - c. Physician variation clarification
3. Email went out on July 6 to agencies for input on protocols teaching points and CE clarification. You can email Meredith with this information; she will put together a summary for distribution.
4. Monthly TOC report is now publicly available on the County of San Diego EMS website. A quarterly TOC report will be submitted with our Core Measures to EMSA for public reporting on their website beginning in April.
5. Evidence based presentations that Dr. Koenig has initiated at the monthly BSPC meetings have been posted on the Medical Director's page on the County of San Diego EMS website.
6. EMS fees as of July 1 will be \$63. Next year fee will be \$83. A lapse in paramedic accreditation or MICN authorization will result in payment in the amount of the new fee.
7. The next opportunity for LEMSIS migration is November 13. Submit form by September 4 to be considered in the migration.

i. Unified Service Area Report

USA listening sessions for information and input were completed on July 17, most in the back country areas. Sessions were attended by residents, fire agencies, volunteers, CERT Team members and local officials. Information was inputted into the Contractors report. Contractors report should be ready soon to inform the construction of the RFP.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

- A. TOC data for calendar year Q2 April through June was submitted to EMSA. Core measures submitted this year from the ER department NEMSIS 2.4.
 1. Share improvements and discuss best practices
 2. 60% solid compliance for three months in a row
 3. Discuss at the EMS Chiefs or CPAC regarding true issues, 60%, offload and wall times plus the effect of local hospitals.
 4. Reviewing TOC policy and provisions. Dual ownership review and signature versus TOC button.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW

- A.** Annex D originated from Office of Emergency Services (OES), then to Public Health Preparedness and Response. The subcommittee met and largely approved the content. Document is now easier to use.
1. Document update on content and readability.
 2. Principle difference, MCI to be run by local policy.
 3. When Policy is overwhelmed, need Annex D to access COSD resources.
 4. Physician resources in the field clearly defined.
 - a. Specialty resources
 - b. Duty officer authority
 - c. Providers covered by liability/liability protection
 - d. Homework on options for September meeting, take under consideration.
 5. Suggestions:
 - a. Add Brian Covell from Scripps Mercy to the list of “Staff and Principal Planners” on the document first page
 - b. Acronym DMS and define
 - c. Base hospital notification
 - d. Definition of emergency patient
 - e. Header to repeat on page 21
 - f. Check spelling

Action Item:

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve the Annex D document with noted correction changes. Motion carried.

B. Annex E

1. Housed in the Public Health Services Department
2. Is similarly going through edits
3. Related to mitigating disease
4. Distributed via Health Services Advisory Board
5. Example: hazmat transfers guidelines, MOU, authority and capability
6. Inclusion of agencies in the discussion

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Frank Parra received a request by Chief Drum to review Policy 801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service, at September’s meeting. Discuss dispatch to 9-1-1 triage. County consider amending.

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for September 27, 2018

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM



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Minutes

Thursday, September 27, 2018

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Adler, Fred – District 3
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association (Alt)
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Nevin, Jon – SD County Paramedic Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

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Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Idman-Gervan, Dianne – Grossmont
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Overcast, Mike – AMEX
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept
Peltier, R.N., Patricia – AMR
Rios, Matt – Miramar FD
Smith, Zachariah – CSA-17 EMS Coord
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wojnowski, Jay – Heartland Fire

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Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Loughrey, Ryan
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Malloian, Joie
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
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CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The group recited the pledge as requested by the chair. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There was a public comment made by Mike Overcast with AMEX who presented information on a US/Mexico cross border transfer during Baja Racing. Mr. Overcast mentioned a wrongful death suit which can be found at bajaracingnews.com. Will be a significant case having to do with transfer protocol.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Chris Kahn, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the July 26, 2018 minutes.

III. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Briefly discussed the Capacity Plan, but will be meeting later today to discuss further on it. More to come.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Did not meet.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

Did not meet.

IV. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**1) Surveillance:**

- a. Influenza – reminder to get your flu shot
- b. Health alert went out on September 14 regarding a fentanyl overdose. Fentanyl was laced with cocaine. In 2017, across San Diego County there were 81 deaths, 15% with fentanyl alone.

2) Policies and Protocols:

- a. Ketamine approved for local optional scope of practice. Dosing and route discussed at EMDAC. Implementation of ketamine for analgesia only, on July 1, 2019.
- b. IV acetaminophen – hearing anecdotal reports of frequent and successful uses.

3) Initiatives:

- a. The Capacity Plan has been renamed the All Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan, and it is intended to better address the many scenarios that can affect the County's health service providers.
- b. EBM presentations from BSPC meetings are posted online at the medical director page.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Unified Service Area RFP – on track to the timeline we posted and the RFP is in draft
- 2) Stop the Bleed Program – County staff working to place stop the bleed kits in all County facilities. Will go before the Board of Supervisors in December to implement this training program.
- 3) Information Reporting:
 - Fire agencies notifying EMS office of personnel that are on out-of-county assignment, through Op Area Incident Status Summary Form 209.
 - Surveillance of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) is ongoing. Recommending increased awareness and vigilance. Questions being asked of persons that traveled to or near the Arabian Peninsula for the annual Haj pilgrimage to Mecca during August 19-24, 2018.
 - Behavioral health patients with psychiatric complaints transported by EMS are not required to go to an LPS facility, which are often overwhelmed. Can take the patient to closest facility or their medical home. And as a reminder, “psych bypass” is not a valid diversion reason defined in policy S-010.
 - Personal protection equipment/glove use under OSHA protocols by EMS crews inside hospitals has been brought to EMS’ attention. Cross contamination prevention discourages the use of gloves – even clean gloves – while maneuvering gurneys through healthcare facilities
 - Radio report reminder for paramedics effective July 1, 2018.
 - All IV acetaminophen use must be reported to the Base Hospital. This is a condition of the State’s approval for EMS acetaminophen and is used for reporting.
 - July 1-Sept 1, 452 fentanyl doses administered, 21 for pediatrics.
 - 470 IV acetaminophens administered, 4 for pediatrics.
 - Physician variation clarification: IV acetaminophen is only approved for pain management, and not for other uses.
 - Closely monitoring T460, Identification of the Trauma Center Patient implementation. T460A Trauma Decision Algorithm section on Assessing Special consideration patients.
 - EMS fee changes. EMS started a three (3) step increase. The second step was adopted on July 1, 2018. This fee increase of \$40 to \$63 is for County personnel application processing. These fees will increase from \$63 to \$83 on July 1, 2019. Paramedics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurses (MICNs) that renew their accreditation on time can renew with no fee to maintain their accreditation
 - Emergency Care Summit is November 8, 2018 at the Kona Kai. Information is on the San Diego Medical Society’s website
 - Judith Yates initiated group discussion on behavioral health patients

C. Health Services Capacity Task Force Presentation

- 1) Developed in response to a historic flu patient surge.
- 2) Task Force members include representatives from fire agencies, EMS providers, hospitals, community clinics, and skilled nursing facilities
- 3) New plan frame work
 - Designed to detect events earlier using LEMSIS data
 - Five (5) activation levels
 - Provides more action options at each activation level

- Refocused on the full continuum of care and each sector's contribution to mitigating strain
- 4) From 9-1-1 call to admission or discharge
- 5) Detecting health system strain.
- 6) Toolbox approach

V. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

Upcoming new format for reporting overview. Will move from a PDF to a live online dashboard system with exact same data drifted into new format.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW

No policies to review. Agenda item is a place holder.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. MADDY Fund Informational Presentation:

- Background: EMS trust fund established as MADDY Fund. Fund includes Richies Fund (pediatric and trauma)
- Fund collections. Government funded mainly through traffic violations.
- Fund distributions (is a pass through). Collections by Courts, deposits into Maddy trust fund, distributions, expenditures and reimbursements.
- Collections are distributed according to a formula specified in Health and Safety Code Section 1797.98a by County EMS.
- Trend \$7 mil to \$8 mil for local collections.
- Funding distribution by recipient: Physician's for trauma and EMS services 49.3%, HHSA for Admin Physicians Fund and EMS Special Projects 24.4%, hospitals 26.3% for pediatric and trauma hospitals (EMS trauma).
- Group discussion on claims and paid amounts.
- Summary – Fund disbursement.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Board of Supervisors – Policy K-9 (Ambulance Services) and K-12 (EMS Management)

1. Sunset Review December 31, 2018.
2. Changes are administrative (draft was provided). Merging the two policies (K-XX) called Emergency Medical Services System and will bring back to EMCC in October.

B. [Policy P-801, Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service](#) (subject by request of Chief Drum on behalf of County Paramedic Agencies Committee [CPAC])

1. Ground ALS response (transfers) call screening and triage, dispatch protocol review and dispatch plan.
2. Discussion:
 - MPDS effectiveness to triage, evidence based medical
 - 9-1-1 triage
 - Call Volume increase per year, 5%-7%

- Tier dispatch resources to send
- Policy revision:
 - ALS intervention at hospital
 - Dispatch protocols at EMD standardizing dispatch items
 - City ordinance requiring two (2) paramedics to respond. If not perceived as a lower level of care by the public
 - Evidence based changes and input
- Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) programs not the same for medic and EMT
- County Fire Chiefs discussed
- Economics and liability
- Subject referred to Prehospital Subcommittee for recommendation

A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by Jim Marugg to request to open P-801 for review to the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. Motion carried.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM



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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.



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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair

Minutes

October 25, 2018

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Brainard, Criss – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association (Alt)
Carlson, RN, Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)
Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Graydon, RN, Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts’ Association
Murphy, RN, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Comm.(Alt)
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 2
District 3
District 4
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee*
Law Enforcement Agencies
League of California Cities*
Military Agencies
San Diego County Ambulance Association
San Diego County Paramedic Association
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society*

In Attendance

Butz, Don – Lakeside FPD
deKlerk, RN, Maude – RCCP
Martin, Geoffrey – SW College
Stephanie Martin – Reach Air
Peltier, RN, Patricia – AMR
Smith, RN, Zechariah – CSA-17 EMS Coord
Yates, Judith – HASDIC
Garlow, John – Santee FD
Alatorre, Javier – A-Med
Idman-Gervais, RN, Dianne – Grossmont
Akec, Daniel – AMR
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Smith, Richard – Santee FD
Wojnowski, Jay – Heartland Fire

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Beam, Jamie
Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole (recorder)
Kirkpatrick, Jim
Lee, Chris
Pacheco, RN, Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Scott, RN, Sheryl
Smith, PhD, Josh
Smith, RN, Susan
Tuteur, MD, Jennifer
Wolchko, Janet

*Representative positions vacant

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:33 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Bernie Molloy to approve the September 27, 2018 minutes.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Susan Smith

Met but did not have a quorum. Discussed three policies that will be brought back for review: QA Policy, Equipment Policy, and Infection Control Policy.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Linda Rosenberg

Did not meet.

C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – Sharon Carlson

Did not meet. The November 15 exercise scenario will focus on a pandemic.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Susan Smith, RN

- 1.) Influenza – as of October 20, there have been 105 cases. Flu order starts November 1, 2018 and will go through March 31, 2019, unless extended.
- 2.) There is no longer a Hepatitis outbreak, but a reminder was given to healthcare providers regarding vaccination.
- 3.) The meningococcal vaccine was given at SDSU. Symptoms included a fever and rash.
- 4.) The Emergency Care Summit and ENA Conference are combined and are both November 8, 2018 at the Kona Kai Resort in San Diego.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1.) The Health Services Capacity Task Force Plan has endorsed the updated and newly revised plan.
- 2.) Policy 801 review
 - Section 9, Response time policy
 - Section 13, Patient Care Records
 - Section 16, Designated Paramedic programs
 - Section 3A, Alternate Dispatch Plan for initial dispatch
- 3.) EMCC meeting scheduled for November conflicts with the November 8th ENA conference and Thanksgiving.
Historically we move up the meeting date a week, and December is a dark month.
- 4.) Unified Service Area report – the request for proposal continues its process. The Abaris Report done by the consultant is posted on our website for your review.

VI. TRANSFER OF CARE (TOC) REPORTING – Josh Smith

- A. Online dashboard – new format
- B. New data – Real time data
- C. Data is collected from two sources: LEMSIS and First Watch - which have four options:
 - 1.) LEMSIS ED
 - 2.) LEMSIS Ambulance Operating Areas
 - 3.) ED First Watch
 - 4.) Ambulance Operating Areas
- D. TOC compliance by month > 3-month decline impacts

Discussion:

- Compliance consequences
- Accountability issue, dispatch/signature
- LEMSIS time/log

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

None to review due to no quorum at the subcommittee meeting. Will bring back in January.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Board of Supervisors – Policy K-9 (Ambulance Services) and K-12 (EMS Management)

A motion was made by Bernie Molloy, seconded by Criss Brainard to extend the review of Board Policies K9 and K12. Motion carried.

- B. Stop the Bleed

- National ‘Stop the Bleed Day’ in March 2018.
- Primarily internal process.
- Draft Board Letter going to the Board of Supervisors on December 11, 2018 meeting agenda to implement across the County.

A motion was made by Stephen Abbott, seconded by Bernie Molloy in support of the ‘Stop the Bleed’ Board Letter. Motion carried.

- C. Policy P-801 update - nothing new to report. Will be going to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Take action on the next EMCC meeting date.

A motion was made by Mary Murphy, seconded by Sharon Carlson to reschedule the EMCC meeting to January 24, 2019.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC full meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2019.

The next Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.



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Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 2018

Members Present

Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee

Agency Representatives

Duffy, Jenny – San Marcos Fire
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association
Heiser, Chris – SD Fire Department
Pearson, Danielle – Vista Fire
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Department
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Christison, Brian
del Toro Cummings, Nicole
Laugen, Gary
Mahoney, R.N., Meredith
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Smith, R.N., Susan

1. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Meeting was called to order by Mary Meadows-Pitt, Vice-Chair, at 9:32 am.
- Introductions were made.
- There were no announcements

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting did not have a quorum; therefore, the minutes from September 13, 2018 will be on the January 10, 2019 meeting agenda for approval.

The November 8, 2018 Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting has been cancelled due to the annual Emergency Care Summit at the Kona Kai, San Diego.

4. OFF LOAD TIME DISCUSSION

Off load time discussion is a standing agenda item. There was nothing to report. Information is being presented at the full EMCC meeting.

Members agreed to remove the 'Off Load Time Discussion' item from the Prehospital/Hospital agenda.

5. STAFF REPORT

A. Surveillance:

1. Influenza

The flu order from November 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 is still in effect. It is required that healthcare providers get a flu shot or wear a mask when taking care of patients.

2. Meningitis

CAHAN alert was sent out on September 28, 2018 informing participants of a meningococcal meningitis outbreak at SDSU. The San Diego County Public Health Officer recommends that all unimmunized undergraduate students enrolled at SDSU and less than 24 years of age get vaccinated.

B. The Capacity Plan:

1. Has been renamed the 'All Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan'

2. The updated plan has different metrics and includes transfer of care (TOC). Dr. Kahn has included it in his CE.

C. Behavioral Health:

1. A reminder was given that a patient with a psychiatric complaint does not have to go to an LPS facility. The patient should go to the closest facility available facility or preferably to their medical home. AB 2983 that was just signed by the governor clarifies that hospitals may not require a patient who is voluntarily seeking treatment to be placed on a 5150 hold as a condition of transfer. There was discussion on transport by Law Enforcement versus ambulance.

2. There is no such thing as psych bypass.

D. Regulations:

1. The STEMI and Stroke regulations were passed at the September EMS Commission meeting. Policies will be reviewed to ensure they conform to the regulations.

2. The local scope of practice application to add ketamine as a pain medication has been approved. July 1 was the start date for ketamine to be added to the treatment protocol rotation for training.

E. Radio report:

1. Base Hospitals have been collecting data for IV acetaminophen to report to the state. It is important for crews to report as well to ensure we have accurate numbers.

2. The implementation of T-460, 'Special Consideration Patient' is being closely monitored. Crews should report when they have a 'special consideration' patient for accurate data to be collected.

F. Upcoming: The Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee meeting is cancelled in November due to the annual Emergency Care Summit at the Kona Kai Resort.

6. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

(Policies were reviewed, but due to lack of a quorum, all will be brought back to this subcommittee before moving to EMCC.)

A. S-004, EMS System Quality Improvement (Meredith Mahoney)

Review and discussion:

1. The policy description was updated.
2. Responsibilities for COSD EMS and Paramedic Base Hospitals were updated to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) approved County of San Diego EMS Quality Improvement (QI) Plan.
3. Reporting through the Local Emergency Medical Service Information System (LEMSA), is a quality assurance issue (PAC Report).

Discussion:

- Review PAC voting membership. PAC member positions, equal representation from agencies and length of term for members.
 - Discussion continued regarding cases going to PREPAC and PAC, PREPAC vetting cases for PAC, evidence confidentiality and cases meeting criteria.
4. COSD EMS responsibilities
 - Develop and implement the local QI Plan based on EMSA regulations.
 - Facilitate information, identify and develop indicators for performance measurement, collect and report core measures.
 - Education and training programs to implement QI Plan.
 - Monitor and report progress.
 5. EMS Service Providers
 - Develop and implement an agency-specific written EMS QI Program.
 - Assist in the identification of indicators.
 - Dissemination of information forwarded from PAC. Clarify #3, split into two (2), Internal QI activities and dissemination of information forwarded from PAC to agency personnel.
 - Discussion on distributing information regarding trends and confidentiality.
 6. Paramedic Base Hospitals responsibilities
 - Assist in the identification of EMS QI indicators
 - Determining occurrence/incident levels.
 7. Attachment A, County's model to implement quality improvements: Observe, Orient, Decide and Act.
 8. Attachment B, Quality Assurance Occurrence Form
 - Site specifics for agencies that are not on LEMSIS.
 - Define diagnostic readings for prehospital reporting and what documents to include.
 - Hospital reporting, internal use checklist. Verifying PCR reports.

B. S-009, Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of contagions and contaminants

Review and discussion:

1. Updates and additions related to the Health and Safety Code.
2. Compliance with the guidelines and requirements outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and the California Occupation Safety Administration regarding 'universal precautions' and protection of personnel. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)
3. Includes the outline of use of the Communicable Disease Exposure Form.

4. Added C which incorporates the Health and Safety Code addition. Prehospital agencies develop and implement policies regarding immediate isolation of individuals, as requested by a Health Officer's order, who may have been exposed to biological, chemical, toxic and radiologic agents that may spread to others.
5. Recommend clarification of what agencies are allowed to draw from the patient without their permission.

C. S-803, Recovery of Prehospital Patient Care Reusable Equipment

Review and discussion:

1. Update procedures for prehospital agency and hospital responsibilities regarding reusable equipment recovery, release, and liability.
2. Suggested changes can be emailed to Brian Christison and will be discussed at the next subcommittee meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Invite Sayone Thihalolipavan, Deputy Public Health Officer, to the January Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting for discussion on Policy S-009, #C.

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 10, 2019.