



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) – 2019 MEETING MINUTES**  
• **SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**JANUARY**

- **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**FEBRUARY**

- **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – EMCC**
- PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING CANCELLED

**MARCH**

- **THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**APRIL**

- **THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**MAY**

- **THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**JUNE**

- **THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**JULY**

- **THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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

**SEPTEMBER**

- **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 - EMCC**
- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**OCTOBER**

- **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

**NOVEMBER**

- **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2019 – EMCC**
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019 PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE

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



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

### Minutes

**Thursday, January 24, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties  
Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator  
Drum, Daryn – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
George, Sgt., Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross  
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)  
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, RN, Mary – District 2  
Murphy, RN, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Comm.(Alt)  
Rosenberg, RN, Linda – Emergency Nurses’ Association  
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

#### In Attendance

Andora, Jason – Mercy Air  
Caplan, Gregg – AMBU  
Cumming, Steve – Mercy Air  
deKlerk, Maude – RCCP  
Evans, Chris – Boundtree  
Martin, Geoffrey – SWCC  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Overcast, Michael – AMEX  
Smith, RN, Zechariah – AMR/CSA17  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

District 1  
District 4  
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Ambulance Association  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
San Diego Fire Chiefs’ Association

#### County Staff

Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Koenig, MD, Kristi  
Lee, Chris  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, RN, Cheryl  
Smith, PhD, Josh  
Tuteur, MD, Jennifer

\*Representative positions vacant

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Chara Cote, EMCC Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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

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There was a public comment made by Michael Overcast with American Medical Emergency Expedition (AMEX), who presented information on injury proceedings that occurred in Mexico during Baja Racing, which have resulted into lawsuits. The injuries are becoming more frequent. For additional information, Michael can be reached at [amexnow@hotmail.com](mailto:amexnow@hotmail.com).

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Fred Adler to approve the October 25, 2018 minutes.

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote**

Met and discussed several policies at Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting, which will be discussed later in this meeting during System Policy Review

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

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg**

Did not meet, but there are two upcoming exercises: 1) an exercise on May 7, 2019 for the hospitals in conjunction with County HHSA. 2) a planned no notice evacuation exercise that will take place before the end of June for the hospitals and County HHSA, which is required by the federal government.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

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### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

#### 1.) Surveillance

##### a. We are in flu season.

- 3,097 total cases, 24 deaths, 2 outbreaks. Across the country 6.2 to 7.3 million people with flu per CDC estimates.
- Health Officer Flu Order in effect.
- Jury Duty Excuse Letter – last year we will provide.
- Triggers met for enhanced surveillance on the capacity plan (from Baseline Level 5 to Enhanced Level 4) because of two triggers: respiratory complaints and ED bypass.

##### b. Ebola Outbreak is DRC declared August 1, 2018

- Challenging due to high insecurity – WHO reports suspended vaccination program and contact tracing

- With 600 confirmed cases and 343 deaths recorded since August 2018, the outbreak is the second largest ever after the massive epidemic that struck West Africa 5 years ago and killed over 11,000.
- Second largest outbreak in history, but the risk to spread globally remains low.
- Reviewing CDPH guidance – Rady’s for children, Cedars-Sinai for adults

2.) Policies and Protocols

- a. Remain on track for ketamine implementation for analgesia on July 1, 2019
- b. Reminder that IV acetaminophen is approved for treatment of pain and NOT for fever.

3.) Initiatives

- a. 12-lead EKG transmission to receiving hospitals – CAC reported high percentage of false positive cath lab activations.

There was a long discussion amongst the committee members on EKGs and valid patient identifiers such as not being able to identify who the EKGs belong to.

**Action: It was suggested that this topic be moved to the Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee for review and input and bring back some recommendations.**

- b. Will be applying to the State for Unified Operational Scope of Practice for California within Qualified Transport Programs
  - Six separate procedures are included in this optional scope:
    1. Pediatric intubation
    2. RSI medication administration including sedative, paralytics, analgesics, and induction agents.
    3. Video laryngoscopy
    4. Supraglottic airway devices
    5. Ventilator initiation, maintenance and management
    6. Intraosseous (IO) access for adult and pediatric patients
- c. National Drug Shortages – continue work via NAEMSP Advocacy and Standards and Practice Committees – Top 10 and Top 5 for ASPR in follow up to a meeting
- d. Migrant Caravan Activities
  - Protect the health of the public, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s), referring for outside medical care as appropriate, monitoring daily reports for infectious diseases. Conducted 2400 health screening assessments for asylum seeking families only, with less than 1% to the emergency departments.
- e. Reminder re: Evidence-Based Medicine presentations from BSPC are posted online at medical director page – most recent was on “Hanging, Strangulation and Other Forms of Asphyxiation” by Dr. Steve Campman from the Medical Examiner’s office  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

- f. Strangulation Educational Initiative – developing a CAHAN in collaboration with the DAs office, MAC, EMOG, SART and others with a goal for distribution in mid-February.

**B. Administrative Report – Chris Lee, EMS Program Coordinator**

- 1.) EMS Plan Data Requests – this data is necessary and is required before the LEMSA can submit the EMS Plan to EMSA. We thank the agencies that have submitted the requested data and encourage the agencies who have not submitted to do so asap.
- 2.) CARES Data for 2018 – the CARES State Coordinator needs the data entered in order to obtain outcome data from the receiving hospitals. We thank the transporting agencies who are up to date on entering the data into the registry and encourage the agencies who are participating in CARES who are not up to date, to enter their data asap.
- 3.) EMT Renewal – Effective July 1, 2019, EMTs who are renewing their certification must upload evidence of having received training in naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training must have been provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or by an approved CE provider. Submitting a Skills Competency Verification Form with the new skills signed off is not sufficient by itself. The EMT must have received formal didactic, skills training, and testing.
- 4.) Upcoming SAVE THE DATE – the next Love Your Heart event is on Thursday, February 14, 2019, Valentine’s Day. This is an annual event in which organizations from across the U.S. and Mexico join together to provide free blood pressure screenings to the public on Valentine’s Day. For agencies that are interested in joining or coordinating an event, can contact us for assistance or can visit [livewellsd.org/love-your-heart](http://livewellsd.org/love-your-heart) for registration information.

**a. Unified Service Area Report**

We are continuing preparations for the RFP to be posted on Buynet. No further updates.

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

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- A. We now have two sources of TOC data: LEMSIS data and FirstWatch data.
- B. Reminder that TOC is a vital indicator in our surveillance for our capacity plan.
- C. If there are errors with the destination field or the ambulance unit field, will most likely not have a TOC button. However, continue sending the reports to Josh Smith because if a pattern emerges, will need to take action.

It was noted that there are login issues on devices with FirstWatch, which is causing lower compliance. Josh will address this issue with FirstWatch.

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**VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

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**A. Discuss and Approve**

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

**Recommended changes:**

- o **III, 9, a: strike “and/or area of ventilation when applicable”**
- o **III, 9, d: add “(airway positioning, suctioning)” after comfort measures**
- o **Last page, Flowchart: realign the last two bottom boxes**

**Action: Policy S-414 will be brought back to the next EMCC in February with the recommended changes.**

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

**Recommended change:**

- o **III, B, 2: strike entirely**

**A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by James Marugg to approve Policy S-803 per the recommended change. Motion carried.**

**B. Policies Coming Before EMCC in 2019**

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

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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### A. Membership Update

There are currently eight (8) seats that are due for reauthorization:

- Emergency Nurses' Association, Seats 3 and 4
- San Diego County Paramedic Association, Seats 22 and 23
- Military Agencies, Seat 10
- Supervisor District 2, Seat 25
- Supervisor District 4, Seat 27
- Supervisor District 5, Seat 28

Members are eligible to two terms. If they want to renew their term, they must submit a nomination letter from their organization along with a completed and signed application to Nicole del Toro.

The following seats are open/ vacant:

- Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators' Committee, Seat 30
- Bi-national Emergency Care Committee, Seat 31
- League of California Cities, Seat 9
- San Diego County Emergency Physicians Society, Seats 16 and 17

It was noted that the San Diego County Emergency Physicians Society no longer exists, and there has been no response from the League of California Cities.

**A couple of suggestions were made:**

- 1.) Add a representative from the City of San Diego**
- 2.) The Bylaws need to be reviewed by the Disaster Planning Subcommittee to delete the two organizations that are not active and add others to replace them.**

### B. Election – Chair

**A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by Christopher Scott that Frank Parra remain the Chair for the 2019 calendar year. Motion carried.**

### C. Election – Vice Chair

**A motion was made by Daryn Drum, seconded by Christopher Scott that Chara Cote remain the Vice Chair for the 2019 calendar year. Motion carried.**

### D. Subcommittee Assignments – Review and Recommend Assignments

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Daryn Drum that the current members in the subcommittees remain in their same assignments. Motion carried.**

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## IX. OLD BUSINESS

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Board of Supervisors K Policy Update –

On December 11, 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved Policies K-9 and K-12 as is, no changes, except for the revision of the sunset date now being December 31, 2025.

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## X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2019.

The meeting adjourned in honor of Patricia Peltier. Meeting adjourned at 11:08 AM.



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### Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting

Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Vice-Chair  
**Thursday, January 10, 2019**

## Minutes

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### IN ATTENDANCE

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#### Members

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

#### County Staff

Christison, Brian  
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Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl

#### Agency Representatives

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

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

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

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.



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#### 4. CAPACITY PLAN

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

There are five levels of the Capacity Plan:

Level 5 Baseline Surveillance – weekly reporting

Level 4 Enhanced Surveillance – daily reporting and monitoring

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

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#### 5. STAFF REPORT

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- A. Influenza – As of 12/29/18, 396 new influenza cases, total of 1,730 – considered an elevated level from Public Health Services. Influenza-like illness (ILI) among emergency departments is at 5%.
  - B. The current Health Officer Order mandating an annual influenza vaccine (or if declined, must wear a mask while in contact with patients or working in patient care areas) remains in effect.
  - C. Jury Duty Letter – letter that allows for postponements but does not excuse jury duty. This is the last year that we will submit a jury letter.
  - D. EMS Plan Data Requests – this data is necessary and is required before the LEMSA can submit the EMS Plan to EMSA. We thank the agencies that have submitted the requested data and encourage the agencies who have not submitted to do so asap.
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**Recommended changes/corrections:**

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

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

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

**Recommended changes:**

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

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

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## **7. COMING ATTRACTIONS**

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## **8. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

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



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### Minutes

**Thursday, February 28, 2019**

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Adler, Fred – District 3  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)  
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  
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
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

Martin, Geoffrey – SWCC  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept  
Rios, Matt – Miramar/Julian  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA-17  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

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League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society\*

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Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Lee, Chris  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

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

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the January 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote**

Did not meet due to participation in the Love Your Heart event.

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

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster/Operations Subcommittee – David Blacksberg**

Did not meet.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

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### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

#### 1) Surveillance

- a. Flu – hit a second peak in numbers. 5,486 total cases, 42 deaths, 13 outbreaks. Mostly H1N1 locally.
- b. Ebola Outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018. CDPH CAHAN put out a health alert on February 15. WHO reports 829 confirmed and probable cases and 521 deaths.
- c. Measles Outbreak – more likely to see. CDC has confirmed more than 100 cases in 10 states this year, including Los Angeles County. WHO reporting substantial case increase with outbreaks in more than 40 countries. Highly contagious in susceptible population; airborne transmission.
- d. Mumps – increases in parotitis. Droplet transmission.

#### 2) Policies and Protocols

Revising our current pain protocol to assist with our prehospital analgesia strategy implementation when ketamine becomes an additional option on July 1.

#### 3) Initiatives

- a. Received authorization from State for Unified Optional Scope of Practice for California within Qualified Transport Programs on February 20 (through the end of February 2022). Six procedures are included in this optional scope.
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    - RSI (rapid sequence induction) medication administration
    - Video laryngoscopy
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- Supraglottic airway devices
  - Ventilator initiation, maintenance and management
  - Intraosseous (IO) access for adult and pediatric patients
- b. Migrant Caravan Activities – Protect the public's health, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s), and referring for outside medical care as appropriate. Moving to a new location early March.
  - c. Strangulation – only 4 lbs of external pressure to occlude the jugular veins; only 5-11 lbs of pressure to occlude the carotid arteries; unconsciousness can occur within seconds, death within 3-5 minutes. Victims with no or minimal external signs of trauma may have life-threatening internal injuries such as carotid, vertebral dissections or fractured hyoid bones.  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications\\_documents/02-12-19.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/02-12-19.pdf)
  - d. EBM presentations – are posted online at medical director page. Last week's talk was on prehospital management of the agitated patient.  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)
  - e. Future pilot project – announced on February 14 by CMS for reimbursement for transport to alternate destinations. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation's (Innovation Center) Emergency Triage, Treat, and Transport (ET3) Model is a voluntary, five-year payment model that will provide greater flexibility to ambulance care teams to address emergency health care needs of Medicare beneficiaries following a 911 call.
  - f. Cardiac Arrest Task Force – Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practice model being finalized as an educational product.

## **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Health Services Capacity Task Force – The new plan is currently in effect. As a review, the plan is designed around five steps, Level 5 being the lowest and 1 being the highest. We are currently at Level 4 due to two metrics exceeding the trigger level: respiratory complaints/provider impressions and ED bypass hours. Also, Transfer of Care time compliance is a critical indicator of system stress, and it is important to push the TOC button at the right time.
- 2) Love your Heart event was on February 14. We thank all who participated.
- 3) EMS Employment Opportunities – three full-time positions for 1 year increments, with flexible work schedules, until the tasks are completed. Position can be extended. \$40/hour with no benefits.
  - 1 EMS/Fire Liaison TEP – preferably a fire service professional
  - 2 Special Project TEPs – seeking experienced EMS professionals to work on
    - 1) 800 MHz radio updates and upgrades and 2) review current agency MOUs

Preference will be given to local EMS knowledge, programs, and operations.

If interested, contact Andy Parr at [Andrew.parr@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Andrew.parr@sdcounty.ca.gov) or 619-285-6524.

- 4) Procurements – EMS is currently preparing several Requests for Proposals, including ALS service for the National City Operating Area, the San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area. In addition, a procurement for patient transport billing in the CSA-17 and CSA-69 areas. During the procurement process, many reviews (internal, departmental, and management) are conducted, therefore timelines can vary substantially. For additional info on procurement process or on these specific procurements, contact Kristen McEachron, Sr.

Procurement Contracting Officer at 858-505-6360 or can search for these procurements on BuyNet.

- 5) EMT Renewal – the following will go into effect July 1, 2019:
- For BLS agencies, current optional equipment will be required equipment (AEDs, naloxone, epinephrine autoinjectors, and glucometers)
  - For all EMT renewals, all applicants must upload course completion documents for naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training may only be provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or an approved CE provider.

We encourage those who are renewing in March, April or May to submit their renewal documentation early to avoid the delay during the expected April spike.

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

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EMS has received some reports that the TOC button being pushed early, which affects the TOC reporting in the wrong way.

2019 data is now up. 2018 is still available. Users can search by year, month, emergency room or EMS agency.

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## VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

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### A. Policy S-414: Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) – Susan Smith

While County EMS no longer provides an education powerpoint for the July revisions, we will provide a summary sheet of charges. This summary sheet will include pertinent points related to S-414.

**A motion was made by Stephen Abbott seconded by Catherine McJannet to approve Policy S-414 with the recommended change of striking “within 48 hours” on page 3. Motion carried.**

### B. Policy S-822: Performance Standards for Emergency Medical Service Providers when Responding to Emergency Requests for Medical Services – Andy Parr

This policy only impacts Unified Service Area. Being introduced today; will be presented at the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting and will go to the next EMCC full meeting in March for approval.

#### Requests/Recommendations:

- **A map be provided**
- **Page 2, II, B, ALS Unit Response Time: add “or staged”**
- **Page 2, II, B, Emergency Response: add examples of exceptions**
- **Additional time for County Fire Chiefs to review**

Discussion on response times and land use. Stephen Abbott suggested that County EMS speak to Planning and Development Services (PDS) on how this policy may implement or impact land use decisions in North County, or be a part of the County General Plan for fire. Andy Parr and Stephen Abbott will continue their discussion further offline.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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The 12-lead EKGs transmission concerns expressed at CAC. This item will go to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting for discussion in March.

## **IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, March 28, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)  
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)  
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

#### In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide  
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD  
Covell, Brian – Scripps  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

District 4  
Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators’ Committee  
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*

#### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Beam, Jamie  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Japlit, Rissa  
Kirkpatrick, Jim  
Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Loughrey, Ryan  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Thompson, Amy  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

\*Representative positions vacant



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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. Frank Parra announced that there has been a request to make a change on the agenda, item IX, B, from a non-voting item to a voting item.

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

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Stephen Abbott to approve the February 28, 2019 minutes, as well as the change on the agenda of item IX, B, from a non-voting item to a voting item. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote**

Met, though Chara Cote was not present to give a report. Everything that was covered at the Prehospital meeting is on the EMCC agenda. No report needed.

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

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg**

Working to get the committee together, and getting the committee and bylaws organized.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

#### 1) Surveillance

- a. Flu – hit a second peak in numbers. As of 3/27/19, 7,886 total cases, 54 deaths, 23 outbreaks. Shifted locally to H3N2 predominantly as of last week with some influenza B as well. Health Officer's flu order has been extended to April 30<sup>th</sup> due to ongoing activity with the potential to be extended again. Hospitals are encouraged to vaccinate patients prior to discharge to SNFs.
- b. Ebola outbreak in the DRC was declared August 1, 2018. CDPH site visit to Rady Children's Hospital on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Andy attended the all-day inspection and states they did very well. The only Ebola preparedness center for adults nearby is Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, though if an adult and child are together Rady can handle both temporarily.
- c. Measles Outbreak – more likely to see. 314 cases have been confirmed by the CDC so far this year in 15 states, including CA and as close as LA County. Highly contagious to susceptible populations due to airborne transmission. Unvaccinated people under age 18 are banned from public spaces in Rockland County, New York following an emergency declaration. The 3I Tool with pictures

- of the measles rash and Koplik spots will be posted on the web page for easy identification of a measles case.
- d. Mumps – increase in parotitis cases. As a reminder, mumps is transmitted through droplets.
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. We remain on track for ketamine implementation for analgesia starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder to administer *slowly*.
  - b. A draft of the new pain protocol was discussed at BSPC last week; the decision made for ketamine concentration of 50 mg/ml to accommodate for both IV and IN dosing.
  - c. Ketamine is in shortage.
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Migrant Caravan Activities – Protecting the health of the public including families seeking asylum by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s) and referring for outside medical care as appropriate. Moved to new location in early March. With 270 health screenings and no ED referrals last night, the shelter has exceeded 8,000 screenings to date with only around 1% referred to ED. 911 access has been rarely needed.
  - b. EBM presentations are posted on the Medical Director page online.
  - c. Cardiac Arrest Task Force – Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practices is being finalized as an educational product and will be made available on our web page soon.

#### **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Regular attendees at our routine County meetings may begin to receive calendar announcements from a new EMS Admin email account. This move by EMS allows for greater control over the scheduling of our many EMS meetings.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements – The County of San Diego EMS Section continues to be in the preparation stages of the procurement process for several services. These include 9-1-1 Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services for the National City Operating Area, San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area. In addition, a procurement will also be conducted for Billing and Collection Services for patient's transported from our County Service Area (CSA) 17 and CSA 69 Ambulance Districts. The County's current estimated timelines for posting of procurements are available on the BuyNet site.
- 3) Sidewalk CPR – This year the County of San Diego EMS has elected to make a change in the way Sidewalk CPR is provided throughout the County. Rather than selecting one day, each agency or organization may select the day (or days) that they believe would reach their targeted audience of participants. All training totals, if the agencies elect, can be shared with County EMS in order to report on the number of hands-only CPR trained individuals in San Diego County.
- 4) EMS Employment Opportunities – three full-time positions for 1-year increments, with flexible work schedules, until the tasks are completed. Position can be extended. \$40/hour with no benefits.
  - 1 EMS/Fire Liaison Temporary Expert Professional (TEP) – preferably a fire service professional.
  - 2 Special Project TEPs – seeking experienced EMS professionals to work on 1) 800 MHz radio updates and upgrades and 2) review current agency MOUs.
- 5) EMT Renewal – April in odd-numbered years is the peak season of certifications and renewals for MICNs, EMTs, and paramedics. Effective July 1, 2019, EMTs who are renewing their certification must upload evidence of having received training in

naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training must have been provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or by an approved CE provider. Submitting a Skills Competency Verification Form with the new skills signed off is not sufficient training documentation. The EMT must have received formal didactic and skills training (and testing). EMTs who already have the training and are renewing prior to July 1, 2019 may submit their documentation now to be “checked off” early. Those who do not, should be reminded to physically hold onto their documentation for use during their next renewal.

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

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- Policy states that the Transfer of Care application button should be used on the paramedic’s device, and only if there is an issue with the device, should the TOC button be used on the Emergency Department’s computer.
- 72% of the time the hospital login is being used to record TOC.
- Compliance is back up to the usual 60% after dipping to 52% in January.
- EMS staff recommend that the TOC policy be reevaluated. A subcommittee may need to be developed in order to work on the policy.

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## **VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

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- A. S-413: Triage, Multiple/Mass Casualty Incidents, Annex D** (Status update) – Will be brought to BSPC next month.
- B. S-166/S-166A: Newborn Deliveries / Out of Hospital Birth Report** (Status update) – Came before BSPC last week. Approved on consensus. After reading through S-166, it was discovered that some of the ALS treatment elements no longer apply and have been moved to the BLS side. Will make changes that BSPC requested, and will likely be ready for publication July 1<sup>st</sup>, when the form will be put on our website for agencies to download to place in OB kits and distribute to their paramedics or EMTs.

About 60 out-of-hospital deliveries occur per year throughout the county, and this policy is created to ease the process of those parents obtaining their child’s birth certificate through the Office of Vital Records. The County recognizes there are specific timelines for parents to gain official records for their newborn. The form (S-166A) will be handed to the parents by the EMS crew with the basic information required for the Office of Vital Records.

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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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S-882: Performance Standards for Emergency Medical Care Providers when Responding to Emergency Requests for Medical Services (Status update) – Andy Parr met with the Fire Chief’s Association per their recommendation, and S-882 will not be coming back to the committee in the form originally presented. It was agreed to take the response time matrix out of page 4 and place a draft into the Unified Service Area RFP. It should be noted that with this change, it creates a couple of conflicts with existing policies 1) County Board Policy K-9 and 2) EMS Policy P-801.

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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. Disaster Planning Subcommittee Assignment – (Bylaws Review)**

In January, the EMCC asked for a Disaster Planning Subcommittee meeting to discuss the bylaws. A meeting will be scheduled for the subcommittee to meet.

- B. The [HHSA Fee Package FY 2019/20](#) PowerPoint was presented by Rissa Japlit, Department Budget Manager from the HHSA Budget Office. (Voting Item)

HHSA will present a comprehensive fee package to the Board of Supervisors on April 9, 2019. This is a County-wide effort to comply with B-29 to ensure full-cost recovery where possible. The presentation covered the following: Fee Consideration, Approval Process of the Fee Package, Fees and Rates Proposed for Board Approval, PHS fees, Personnel & Agency Fee proposal, Continuing Education & Hospital Designation Fee Proposal, BHS fees and rates, Proposed Fees and Rates. Contact info: (619) 338-2885 charissa.japlit@sdcounty.ca.gov

**Recommended Change:**  
**Slide 7: change “Recertification” to “Reinstatement”**

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Cathy McJannet, to approve the proposed fee package. Motion carried.**

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

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2019  
Meeting adjourned at 10:40 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

Minutes  
**Thursday, March, 14, 2019**

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

### County Staff

Calzone, R.N., Lorraine  
Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Kirkpatrick, Jim  
Osth, Cory  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, R.N., Susan

### Agency Representatives

Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Department  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA-17  
Garrow, Jennifer – American Heart Association

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. Andy Parr announced that he would like to add a conversation about S-882\* to the agenda.

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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Mary Murphy to approve the January 10, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.**

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### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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### IV. STAFF REPORT

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- Capacity Plan – The All-Hazards Health System Capacity Management Plan is currently activated at Level 4 Enhanced Surveillance and has been since December 26, 2018. We are tracking elevated metrics including ED bypass hours, transfer of care. While there have been intermittent periods of system strain, Level 3 Partial Activation has not been implemented.
- Influenza – As of week ending in 3/9/1 there have been 564 new cases, which is considered an elevated level. Influenza-like illness (ILI) complaints among emergency departments is at 5%, expected for this time of year. There have been two new influenza-related deaths in the last reporting week, and 5% of deaths registered as pneumonia and/or influenza overall.
- New EMS Admin email account – Regular attendees at routine county meetings will begin to receive calendar announcements from a new EMS admin email account to allow for greater control over scheduling the many EMS meetings.
- Upcoming Procurements – The County of San Diego EMS is in the preparations stage of procurement for several service areas: In spring of 2019 for the City of National City and the City of San Marcos; in late spring 2019 will be the procurement of the Unified Service Areas, which includes north, central, and south counties in the back country.
- Love Your Heart event – We thank the agencies who participated in this event.
- Sidewalk CPR Event – Taking suggestions on how to alter the event in comparison to the many other CPR events hosted by different agencies.
- Ketamine Implementation – Remaining on track for ketamine implementation to be effective on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder that IV acetaminophen is approved for pain and not for fever. After BSPC, information will be circulated regarding the ketamine concentration so that medication orders can be placed, although ketamine is currently in shortage.

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### V. INFORMATIONAL POLICIES

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- **S-166/S-166A: Newborn Deliveries** – Brought to the subcommittee for informational purposes. About 60 out-of-hospital deliveries occur per year throughout the county, and this policy is created to ease the process of those parents obtaining their child's birth certificate through the Office of Vital Records. The County recognizes there are specific timelines for parents to gain official records for their newborn. The form (S-166A) will be handed to the parents by the EMS crew with the basic information required for the Office of Vital Records.

The operational concept is that S-166a can be placed in the OB kit. It will also be produced in the third-party non-affiliated protocol reference book ("The Flip Book") as an acceptable version of the form.

The changes will be going to BSPC for further comments

### **Changes/Corrections Made**

- **Line added: “Complete ‘Out of Hospital Birth Form’ (S-166A) and provide to parent.”**
- **Proposing the addition of S-166A for attachment, the form itself.**
- **S-413 (New) Proposed Replacement for S-140 (MCI)** – Brought to the subcommittee for informational purposes. S-413 is replacing S-140, as S-140 seemed more like a policy than a protocol.

The changes will be going to BSPC for further action.

### **Recommended Changes**

- **Pg 2, III, D: change “Simple Triage and Rapid Treatment (START)” to “Prehospital providers will utilize a nationally recognized triage system (as an example START Triage)”**
- **Pg 2, III, D: change “treatment tags may be utilized to document care” to “treatment may be documented”**
- **Pg 2, III, E: add “If available” after #4, followed by indents for Age, Gender, Primary impression or pertinent findings.**
- **Information on determination of death was in S-402 and has been deleted from S-413**
- **Pg 3, III, G: combine the verbiage from G and H to clarify situations for contacting the receiving facility.**
- **S-882\*: Performance Standards for Emergency Medical Service Providers when Responding to Emergency Requests for Medical Services** – Bringing back for further discussion and comment. Fire Chiefs Association remains the primary objectors to S-882\* and wish to take additional time to consider the policy. It was agreed to take the response time matrix out of page 4 and place a draft into the RFP. This policy has a couple of conflicts with the following existing policies 1) County Board Policy K-9 and 2) Policy P-801. Will possibly come back in the coming months for review by EMCC.

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## **VI. PREHOSPITAL TRANSMISSION OF EKGs – REFERRAL FROM CAC**

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Long group discussion on transmission of EKGs.

- Many EKGs are reporting false positive STEMI in the field, resulting in hospitals stepping up their cardiovascular STEMI teams.
- No common theme for this issue has been identified, but recommending to extract the data to narrow it down. Will prepare to discuss statistics in April about possible solutions for the issue.
- Generalized complaint – hospitals feel they are not getting the EKGs transmitted to them. Request from field personnel is to tell everyone when the transmission doesn't happen in order to track down the root of when an EKG doesn't transmit. They need actual data of cases to determine what type of problem it is. Suggests compiling a list of the cases and providing them either by patient name, incident number or by some identifier that can be passed on by the providers to track it down.

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## **VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on April 11, 2019.



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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

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

### Minutes

Thursday, April 25, 2019

#### Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3  
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  
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts' Association (Alt)  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts' Association  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee(Alt)  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association

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Caplan, Gregg – Ambu Inc  
Covell, R.N., Brian – Scripps  
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD  
Martin, Geoffrey – Southwestern College  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Dept  
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
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Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians' Society\*  
San Diego County Medical Society  
San Diego County Paramedic Association

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Christison, Brian  
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Kenner-Brininger, Amelia  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Tuteur, MD, Jennifer

\*Representative positions vacant

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Frank Parra, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. Jennifer Tuteur welcomed RNs from the Public Health Nurse Residency Program, who were in attendance, and who are the first group in their class to go through a 12-week program through the County.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Bernie Molloy, seconded by James Marugg to approve the March 28, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.**

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

- 1) Policy S-009: Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of contagious and contaminants – will bring back to the subcommittee.
- 2) Policy S-476: Emergency Medical Services at Special Events – went to BSPC.

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

Did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

Did not meet.

#### i. Bylaws Review Meeting Set

Will meet on May 9 at 11:00am to start the Bylaws review process.

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## V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

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### A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- 1) Surveillance –
    - a. As of April 10, over 8,000 cases with 59 deaths, compared to last year with over 20,000 cases and 318 deaths. Flu order will not be extended due to the season winding down.
    - b. The 2018 Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo is being watched. A site visit was done by CDPH at Rady Children’s Hospital, which is an assessment hospital for pediatric patients for 72 hours. The closest adult facility is Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles.
    - c. Measles outbreak – no cases reported in San Diego, though the state is at Level 3 monitoring.
    - d. Ketamine – Reminder prior to July 1 implementation: IV Ketamine must be administered slowly and the approved Concentration is 50mg/mL, although aware it is in shortage. Please notify County EMS if your agency is unable to obtain ketamine.
  - 2) Policies and Protocols –

We are entering the busy legislation season, and there are multiple bills relevant to EMS in various stages of amendment. Proposed paramedic regulations are posted on the EMSA website, and comments are due by May 20.
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- 3) Initiatives –  
Cardiac Arrest Task Force has released a best practices narrated PowerPoint which is posted on our webpage. This presentation may be adopted by CE providers as a CE opportunity.

**B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) All Hazard Health Services Capacity Plan – currently at Enhanced Surveillance Level 4. There may be some changes after our Operational Core Group call today at noon.
- 2) Sidewalk CPR has been modified. Was previously one day of the year, is now all year long.
- 3) Stroke Awareness Day at the Padres Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Stroke Consortium is promoting stroke prevention, awareness and recovery. Can contact County EMS or local hospitals for additional information.
- 4) Excessive Heat Response Plan – is a coordinated effort of County departments and partner agencies in order to protect vulnerable populations from the effects of excessive heat by putting the word out such as cool zone locations and closing back county roads and trails. The plan is being updated and activity and messaging will go out in the coming months.
- 5) County EMS employment opportunities – three full-time positions for 1-year increments, with flexible work schedules, until the tasks are completed. Positions can be extended. \$40/hour with no benefits.
  - 1 EMS/Fire Liaison Temporary Expert Professional (TEP) – preferably a fire service professional.
  - 2 Special Project TEPs – seeking experienced EMS professionals to work on 1) 800 MHz radio updates and upgrades and 2) review current agency MOUs.
- 6) Credentialing & Permitting Unit – month of April, in odd numbered years, the EMT renewal process peaks, with roughly three times more EMTs requiring renewal. Working collaboratively with our partner agencies, the vast majority of these EMTs came through the process early, and we thank those agencies that helped us get the word out early.
- 7) Stop the Bleed program was an initiative by the Board of Supervisors to have tourniquets placed in County facilities. The kits are attached to AEDs throughout County buildings. County employees are being trained. The Board of Supervisors hopes that other local governments will follow their lead and place Stop the Bleed kits in additional facilities.
- 8) STEMI/Stroke and EMSC regulations have been accepted and will go into effect July 1. As a result, the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting on May 9 will have a long list of policies to review.
- 9) Naloxone data – County EMS receives many important requests for Naloxone data. An email with an attached form has been sent out to the agencies requesting this data to allow us to provide accurate, county-wide numbers. An email will be sent out again to ensure everyone received it.

**i. Unified Service Area Report**

Still in process and on track for late spring.

**ii. Update on HHSA Charges and Fees**

Went to the Board of Supervisors last Tuesday; was approved on the first reading and will go for the second reading next Tuesday. We anticipate this to be the last of the three-year fees escalation, and will go into effect July 1, 2019.

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

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The County is at 60 percent compliance.

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## VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

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None.

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## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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### A. Transmission of 12 lead electrocardiograms

This topic was brought up at a recent CAC meeting and took it to BSPC meeting. CAC would like to see the transmission sent in advance so they can call to activate the cath lab to reduce the number of false positives. Discussions about this issue and potential policy change are ongoing and routed through the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

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## IX. NEW BUSINESS

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### A. Base Station Physician Committee Meetings – Rescheduling

Potential change in date (same day but one week later) for June and September 2019 BSPC and PAC meetings due to conflicts of other meetings for the physicians. A revised Outlook meeting invite will go out.

### B. Bypass Hours Report – Un-Blinding

This was prompted by a request we received from a hospital to provide bypass hours. This information is currently available on Resource Bridge. It is not publicly disseminated information, but it also is not secret.

This information could be released and used as a tool. Looking for input from the committee on comments. This item will come back to the next meeting for further information, discussion and advice.

### C. Behavioral Health Survey

Many hospitals are voluntarily reporting Emergency Department bed holds. We have found this data interesting and drives some of our system decisions.

Amelia Kenner-Brininger presented a snap shot of bar graphs with the following data:

1. Percent of ED Holds by Type Per Month (with the following bed types: Behavioral Health, ICU, Med-Surg, Tele)
2. Number of Days ED Holds Submitted
3. Number of ED Holds Submitted and Percent of ED Beds Occupied by a Hold

This data is being collected from hospitals voluntarily once a day in the morning. Other hospitals that are not reporting are encouraged to do so. The charts will be brought to the committee from time to time to share.

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## X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:14 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

Minutes  
**Thursday, April 11, 2019**

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – District 2  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – County Paramedic Agency Committee (Alt)  
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

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Christison, Brian  
Collins, Siri  
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Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Smith, R.N., Susan

### Agency Representatives

Burke, R.N., Penny – Sharp Grossmont  
Duffy, R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire Department  
Froelich, Dan – SD Fire Department  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Pearson, Danielle – San Marcos Fire Department  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD Fire Department  
Wojnowski, Jay – Heartland Fire

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. Mary Murphy announced that Daryn Drum has taken a position in Manhattan Beach and will no longer be on the committee. Mary Murphy will be the primary representative for CPAC, with Dan Froelich as the alternate.

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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the March 14, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

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## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## IV. STAFF REPORT

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1. Surveillance – we are at our second peak in flu numbers, which are finally starting to decrease. Flu order extended to April 30<sup>th</sup>, with potential to extend again.
  2. Sidewalk CPR – gathering numbers for the entire year for reporting to the American Heart Association, as opposed to one day. Open to ideas for publicizing.
  3. We remain on track for Ketamine implementation for analgesia effective July 1, 2019. Reminder that IV acetaminophen is approved for treatment of pain and NOT for fever. Variations of this protocol are not encouraged prior to renewal of the application.
  4. For BLS providers, we are on track for our plan to require AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone as of July 1, 2019.
  5. Patient Tracking Module through Research Bridge is in a pilot phase. Currently being implemented at Scripps Mercy, Kaiser, UCSD, and Sharp Memorial hospitals to test patient tracking in a large-scale disaster. May 7<sup>th</sup> full-scale exercise will be a pilot. November 12<sup>th</sup> drill will mobilize the new system. Medical Examiners, Sheriff and 211 will also use it for missing persons during large scale events.
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## V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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- S-009 Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of contagions and contaminants – No changes except for paragraph C, which is a new paragraph to cover any situation.

### **Recommended Change:**

**Include matrix of the Ryan White Act, Mary Murphy will forward.**

Long group discussion with suggestions for the form associated with S-009. It was suggested that a space is put on the form to have a number for the agency's duty officer who is authorized to receive test results. Suggestion to have the Public Health Officer to publish a document that can be referenced in the policy regarding the need to determine possible contamination early.

- S-476: Emergency Medical Services at Special Events – Recently implemented. Information from the waiver letters have been added in to the policy.

### **Recommended Changes:**

- **Pg 1, II, A: Add definition of first aid**
  - **Pg 1 and 2, III: Combine verbiage of A and B. Dr. Kahn will give verbiage to committee for notes.**
  - **Pg 2, III, B, 1, b: strike "criteria"**
  - **Pg 2, III, B, 1, b, bullet 2: add "(if indicated)" following "The patient's vital**
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signs are within normal limits”

- Pg 2, III, B, 3: Strike first sentence.
- Pg 2, III, B, 3: Add “shall be released to their custodian, if their custodian is not available, they shall” before “be taken to a first aid station or “lost child” holding area.”
- Pg 2, III, B, 3: Add a bullet for minors aged 13-17 referencing other policies covering release of a minor. “Children aged 13-17 shall be released in accordance with policy”

This policy will go to BSPC next week for further review.

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## **VI. PREHOSPITAL TRANSMISSION OF EKGS – DISCUSSION**

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- Some STEMI coordinators have expressed concerns over the number of false positive STEMI pages received. Regular reporting will now integrate causes behind false positive STEMIs
- Presentation by Penny Burke of Sharp Grossmont Hospital
  - STEMI pages are always more frequent than true STEMI cases
  - Cancelled calls cost the hospital time and money
  - An acceptable cancellation rate is 15%, currently the cancellation rate is over 30%.
  - True STEMI cases vary between medic arrivals and walk-ins over the years.
  - Percentage of Cancellations by Reason for Cancellation
- Failed transmissions
  - Notify agencies of ST<sup>^</sup> cases that turn out to be false STEMIs to see if there’s a programming issue.
  - Get data back to agencies of failed transmissions to get Quality Assurance staff on the case.
  - When the transmission consistency issue is resolved, paramedics can focus on providing clear EKGs and enhance communication between base hospital and paramedics
- Capture information when EKGs aren’t transmitted to the base hospital to bring up at protocol review in June along with the importance of getting a good EKG in a controlled environment.

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## **VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on May 9, 2019.



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, May 23, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties  
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Covell, Brian – District 2  
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Marugg, James – SD County Fire Districts’ Association (Alt)  
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

#### In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide  
deKlerk, Maude – RCCP  
Martinez, Daniel – Advantage Ambulance  
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Sharp Grossmont  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air

#### Not in Attendance

District 3  
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
San Diego County Fire Chiefs’ Association  
San Diego Paramedic Association

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Collins, Siri  
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Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

\*Representative positions vacant

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Chara Cote, EMCC Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 9:34 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. An announcement was made introducing Brian Covell as the new EMCC member representing District 2.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the April 25, 2019 minutes. Motion carried. The March 28, 2019 minutes required a re-vote due to the primary and alternate members from same organization voted to approve, which is not permissible. A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by James Marugg to approve the March 28, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.**

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The subcommittee met. There were a lot of policies to review and it was agreed that there was not enough time to give the policies adequate consideration. It was decided to take the policies back and they will be reviewed at the next meeting.

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

Did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg

The subcommittee met, reviewed the bylaws, and made edits. Will present the edits at the June meeting.

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## V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

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### A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

#### 1) Happy EMS Week

- a. County EMS staff delivered goodies to EMS crews during their offloading at hospital EDs.

#### 2) Surveillance

- a. Influenza: Final report for the season published May 8

- 9,373 total cases, 68 deaths, 27 outbreaks
- Last season 20,767 cases, 342 deaths
- Masking requirement by Public Health Officer for unvaccinated HCWs ended April 30

- b. Measles

- Closely monitoring; No cases in San Diego
- County established webpage is available for updates  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html)
- Highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000.

- c. Ebola outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018



- Very concerning in country and region with >100 cases reported the week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, but still reported to be low threat of global spread reported by the World Health Organization.
  - Rady Children's is pediatric center; Cedars Sinai is adult center in LA
- 3) Policies and Protocols
    - a. Starting training on new policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) that will go into effect on July 1.
  - 4) Initiatives
    - a. Cardiac Arrest Task Force
      - Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practice model has been finalized as an educational product and is posted on the EMS home page.
    - b. Stroke Awareness Event was Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Padres Game.
      - <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-teams-with-padres-to-raise-awareness-about-stroke/>
    - c. June 6-7 will be conference in Tijuana sponsored by Mexican Red Cross (Dr. Andres Smith)
      - 4<sup>th</sup> Binational Congress on Emergency Medicine and Trauma
    - d. Migrant Caravan Activities
      - Protect the health of the public, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s), and referring for outside medical care as appropriate.
      - >11,000 screenings performed since mid-December 2018
      - Monitoring news reports that migrants from Texas may be transferred to San Diego by plane
    - e. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
      - This month's topic was human trafficking  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

**ACTION: Nicole del Toro will re-send Measles web link.**

## **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Patient Tracking – During the Spring Exercise, working with four hospitals and Public Health Preparedness and Response team to trial a patient tracking module that was successful in designing and implementing to collect information about patients from a disaster. Bolster ability of reunification for families. In pilot phase. It will be rolled out to a greater number of hospitals during the November exercise.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements – County continues to work on the three remaining procurements: National City, San Marcos and Unified Service Area. National City has asked for their procurement to be paused. San Marcos and Unified Service Area are still going through their approval process. We are on track for those to be released through BuyNet.
- 3) Sidewalk CPR – County EMS has sent a letter with a fillable form attached, to agencies requesting their 2018 data. This was accompanied by a Naloxone letter. The deadline for submitting the form is tomorrow, May 24, 2019.
- 4) Policies and Protocols – For BLS providers, AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine auto-injectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
- 5) Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. For personnel fees, the County

fee has increased from \$63 to \$86. Agency and hospital designation fees will be posted on the EMS website.

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

TOC Reporting continues to be up on website at [www.sandiegocountyems.com](http://www.sandiegocountyems.com). April data is posted. May data will be posted after June 1, 2019.

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## VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

- A. S-003: Program Recordkeeping: Training and Certification  
This policy remains unchanged, and it is time for the group to review the policy.

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-003. Motion carried.**

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## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Base Station Physician Committee Meetings – Rescheduling of June & September  
There has been a slight reschedule for BSPC meeting in June. The information has been posted on the back of the EMCC agenda.

- B. Bypass Hours Report – Un-Blinding  
Looking for EMCC advice. Will continue with business as usual, by remaining blinded.

Discussion on bypass hours report.

- **A request was made to have this topic placed back on the agenda.**
- **A request was made to have Policy S-010 (Guideline for Hospitals Requesting Ambulance Diversion) placed back on the agenda as it refers to bypass hours. This policy has not been looked at since 2007.**

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## IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.



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Minutes  
Thursday, May 9, 2019

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

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

Covell, R.N., Brian – Scripps Mercy  
Duffy, R.N., Jenny – SM Fire  
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire  
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Scripps Mercy  
Fornier, Paul – AMR

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., seconded by Christopher Scott, M.D. to approve the April 11, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.**

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### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

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A comment was made by Christopher Scott, MD stating that there were eight (8) policies brought to the committee from several different County EMS staff members, given with less than 24-hour notice to review them and provide advice. Recommends that the County send the policies one week in advance of the meeting. Will motion to table all of the policies, except for S-009, until the next meeting.

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### **IV. STAFF REPORT**

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1. Surveillance –

- Flu is on the decline. Per the May 1<sup>st</sup> report: 9,287 total cases, 67 deaths, 26 outbreaks, compared to last season with 20,735 cases and 341 deaths. The flu order from the public health officer through April 30<sup>th</sup> has not been extended. The Health Services Capacity Task Force All-Hazard Management Plan has returned to Baseline (lowest) level.
- Measles – No documented cases in San Diego. There have been cases in Los Angeles and Orange County, and most have been associated with international travel. Agencies may want to consider requesting immunization records for the providers to determine staff who may need to receive the MMR vaccine.

2. Patient Tracking – County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Preparedness and Response branch are in the process of designing, building, and implementing a Patient Tracking system in conjunction with the San Diego Healthcare Disaster Coalition. The Patient Tracking system is part of LEMSIS Resource Bridge and is currently in its “Pilot” Phase. Four hospitals have tested the system during the Spring 2019 Medical and Health Full-scale Exercise on May 7<sup>th</sup> which will be followed by further testing in early summer. Thank you to the agencies who participated. Over summer and fall of 2019, Patient Tracking will move to the “Go-Live” phase. Additionally, we are collaborating with organizations such as Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff, Medical Examiner and 211 to include patient tracking as a part of the missing persons reconciliation process in our county.

3. Upcoming Procurements – Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website. These include 9-1-1 Advanced Life Support Ambulance Services for the National City Operating Area, San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area. The Unified Service Area procurement will include three distinct areas in one procurement; Inland North, Inland Central, and Inland South.

For specific questions regarding these procurements or the process, please contact Kristen McEachron, Senior Contracting Office, Department of Purchasing and Contracting at [Kristen.McEachron@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kristen.McEachron@sdcounty.ca.gov) or (858) 505-6360.

4. Sidewalk CPR – County EMS would like to thank our community partners for their participation in Sidewalk CPR. This year the County of San Diego EMS has elected

to make a change in the way Sidewalk CPR is provided throughout the County. Rather than selecting one day, each agency or organization may select the day (or days) that they believe would reach their targeted audience of participants. All training totals, if the agencies elect, can be shared with County EMS in order to report on the number of hands-only CPR trained individuals in San Diego County.

5. Stroke Awareness Event at the Padres – May 19<sup>th</sup>, against the Pittsburgh Pirates. Discounted tickets are available at <https://www.mlb.com/padres/tickets/specials/strike-out-stroke>. Members of the Stroke Consortium will staff informational booths at the event promoting stroke prevention and recognition. Stroke survivors will also be recognized on the field prior to the game.
6. Policies and Protocols –
  - We remain on track for ketamine implementation effective July 1, 2019. Reminder that IV acetaminophen is approved for pain, not for fever.
  - Stroke and STEMI policies have been updated to reflect new regulations. After committee review goal is that policies will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - For BLS providers, AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
  - Paramedic Regulations are currently open for comment until May 20<sup>th</sup>. This information is available on the EMSA website, [www.emsa.ca.gov](http://www.emsa.ca.gov)
7. Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86. Agency and hospital designation fees will be posted on the EMS website shortly.

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## V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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- S-003: Program Record Keeper Training and Certification (Chris)  
**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policy S-003 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.**
- S-009 Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of contagions and contaminants (Diane)
  - Many changes that were suggested at the last meeting are specific to the Ryan White Act, which the County does not have purview within the hospital setting to call out specific instructions. Open for discussion to resolve the issue in a different way.
  - Senate Bill 432 passed and significantly amended Health and Safety Code 1797-188, requiring hospitals to have an infection control personnel member available at all times with contact information easily accessible on the hospital's website. Currently only three (3) hospitals are complying with this policy: Palomar, UCSD, and Sharp. If the others can comply with this requirement, a primary source of the issue may be resolved. Diane Ameng has been in contact with hospitals to clarify their progress on complying with new mandate, and while many were unaware of the requirement, they were open to begin work on fixing the issue quickly.
  - Ideally this will allow for better communication between the hospitals and

agencies, to comply with the requirement of results as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours wait time.

- Hoping to create a form that meets needs between hospitals and agencies. Working towards a fillable form, though that may not be a quick process due to gathering information for what all sides need to be on the form. A paper version of the form will be brought to the committee for review, as it needs major revisions.
- This policy will return to the next meeting for further review. The goal is to provide clarification and guidance and allow for the policy to serve as a reference and empowerment tool for nurses to ease communication between the agencies and hospitals.

**Recommended change: Place a summary of the state law in the policy with a link to the full document if links are capable of being added to policies. Diane will work with Susan on this and bring the policy back for review at the next meeting.**

- S-019: Cardiovascular Advisory Committee (CAC) (Lorraine)  
**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N., to table policy S-019 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.**
- S-020: ST Elevation Myocardial Infraction Critical Care System Designation (Lorraine)  
**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.**
- S-029: Stroke Advisory Committee (Lorraine)  
**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.**
- S-440: Utilization of Nerve Agent Exposure Drugs (Lorraine)  
**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.**
- S-461: Designation of Stroke Receiving Center (Lorraine)  
**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Mary Murphy, R.N., to table policies S-020, S-029, S-440, and S-461 until the next meeting to allow an appropriate amount of time to review the material before making comment. Motion carried.**

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## VI. POLICIES FOR STATUS UPDATE

- P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service (Andy) – Brought before EMCC. There are a number of sections within that policy. First section is

getting the most attention, which requires two paramedics to be dispatched to an emergency call. Section 9 has had the most revision, which refers to response times. The meeting with the fire chiefs decided the response time matrix from section 9 will appear in RFP, not in P-801. Additional staff will be brought on this summer to assist with that process. Updates will take place in early fall.

- BOS K-9: (Chris) – K-9 has been approved with just a date change and no content changes, but is now being broadened. Can be put on agenda for review at next meeting. Current and proposed versions of K-9 were handed out to the committee, with a request for an electronic copy to be distributed as well.

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## **VII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on June 13, 2019.



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, June 27, 2019**

#### Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties  
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
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)  
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
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  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)

#### In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide  
Cheng, Tabitha – UCSD  
Hartsock, Ryan – Advantage Ambulance  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Miller, Matt – MCSD Admin Volunteer  
Parker, Seth – CARE  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Scripps La Jolla  
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

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Parr, Andy  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer  
Yphantides, M.D., Nick

\*Representative positions vacant



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## I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. An announcement was made regarding a slight change on the agenda: To eliminate the redundancy of agenda item XI, B, Bypass Hours Report – Un-Blinding, which was listed in Old Business in error. A motion was made by James Marugg, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christopher Kahn, MD, seconded by Cathy McJannet, RN, to approve the May 23, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

The subcommittee met. Reviewed polices and made recommendations that are on today's agenda.

### B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

Did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg

The subcommittee met. Discussed the Bylaws and will discuss at today's EMCC meeting.

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## V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

### A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- Dr. Backer, State EMSA Medical Director, is retiring at the end of this month. There may be some changes from the state level in leadership.

#### 1) Surveillance

- a. Influenza – no longer in influenza season. Final County report was published on May 8. Monitoring for ILI at migrant shelter for families seeking asylum as plane loads of up to 140 people 3x per week arrived in San Diego from the overcrowded Texas facilities.

- i. 13,591 overall screenings since mid-December, only about 1% to ED and only a handful via 911.

- ii. Total ILI cases since May 19 is 235.

- iii. New prehospital ILI monitoring tool with PIs to ensure no spillover into community.

- iv. <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-responds-to-flu-outbreak-at-migrant-shelter/>

- b. Measles – still no cases in San Diego, but >1,000 across U.S. (1077)

- i. County has established webpage for more information [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html)

- ii. Highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 and since measles was declared eliminated in 2000
  - c. Ebola outbreak, continuing to monitor, in DRC declared August 1, 2018
    - i. Ebola has crossed the border to Uganda on June 11, infecting a 5-year old boy
    - ii. WHO convened an emergency meeting, but no PHEIC declared
    - iii. Rady Children's Hospital and Cedars-Sinai in LA for adults
- 2) Policies and Protocols
  - a. New policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) effective July 1
- 3) Initiatives
  - a. EMSA is establishing a state STEMI and Stroke Technical Advisory Committee
  - b. U.S. Forest Service has plans to initiate EMS on Forest Land.
    - i. Serve as fireline EMTs; not intended to serve the public at this time
    - ii. No ALS
    - iii. No transport
  - c. EMSA has released the draft paramedic regs for public comment; include transport to alternate destinations like psych and sobering centers
    - i. Now in second round public comment 15 days; Closed June 27; Timeline: Moves to Commission in September (San Diego, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>) or December; Once commission approves, submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
    - ii. <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2019/06/EMSA-Paramedic-Regulations-15-Day-Modified-Text.pdf>
  - d. San Francisco EMS pilot program proposal for EMS naloxone distribution (Project FRIEND [First Responder Increased Education and Naloxone Distribution]) presented at state meetings last week; County is exploring and welcomes input
  - e. EBM presentations posted on line at medical director page
    - i. This month's topic was on burn patient management by the director of the UCSD burn center
    - ii. [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

## **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) LEMSIS Elite
  - a. Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed, work on the third party vendor integration will resume.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements
  - a. Unified Service Area RFP is on track and nearing completion.
  - b. San Marcos is still at the state for EMSA review.
- 3) Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86 effective July 1, 2019
- 4) Policies and Protocols
  - a. For BLS providers – AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine auto-injectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
- 5) EMT renewal – effective July 1, 2019 must upload evidence of having received training in naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training must have been provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or by an approved CE provider. Submitting a Skills Competency Verification Form with the

new skills signed off is not sufficient. The EMT must have received formal didactic and skills training (and testing).

6) LEMSIS email newsletter went out on June 21. Ensure you received the email.

**C. Other Reports**

- 1) Unified Service Area Report – we are still on track for the RFP
- 2) [Love your Heart 2019 Report](#) – a PowerPoint presentation was provided of an overview of the Love Your Heart event that occurred on Valentine's Day.
  - a. The annual Live Well 5k run is at the Waterfront Park Downtown on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 7:30am, and the Kids 1k run is at 8:30am. Nicole del Toro will send out the flyer/ announcement to the committee.

**D. MCSD Report – Jennifer Tuteur, MD**

Migrant shelter update: 13,591 people have been screened. Flu outbreak, staffing 39 county employees a day, diagnosed 273 ILI cases, with only 115 emergency department referrals. As of July 1, the primary healthcare coordinator and provider will be UCSD providers.

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

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**A. Monthly Report**

TOC is online. There are no significant updates. TOC numbers are updated within a week of reporting. It is encouraged to continue to monitor; this drives a lot of the decision making and surveillance, which is a critical measure for the EMS office.

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**VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

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**A. S-009: Guidelines for the Prevention of Infectious and Communicable Diseases**

**A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-009. Motion carried.**

**B. S-019: Cardiovascular Advisory Committee**

This policy was updated to reflect recent regulations from State of California that were put into effect regarding STEMI critical care systems.

**A motion was made by Fred Adler, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-019. Motion carried.**

**C. S-020: Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center**

This policy was updated to reflect recent regulations from State of California that were put into effect regarding STEMI critical care systems.

There was discussion about having STEMI center designations when multiple places are supported by one team.

**ACTION: A request was made by Christopher Kahn to bring this item back for future discussion at the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.**

**A motion was made by Christopher Kahn, seconded by Linda Rosenberg to approve Policy S-020. Motion carried.**

D. S-021: De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center

This policy was updated to reflect recent regulations from State of California that were put into effect regarding STEMI critical care systems.

**A motion was made by Cathy McJannet, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve Policy S-021. Motion carried.**

E. S-028: Stroke Critical Care System Designation

This policy has been updated to reflect the Stroke State regulations similar to STEMI that are effective July 1, 2019.

**A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Brian Covell to approve Policy S-028. Motion carried.**

F. S-029: Stroke Advisory Committee

This policy has been updated to reflect the Stroke State regulations similar to STEMI that are effective July 1, 2019.

**ACTION: Lorraine will reach out to appropriate agency/committee representatives regarding vacant SAC ad hoc member positions.**

**A motion was made by Linda Rosenberg, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve Policy S-029. Motion carried.**

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## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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### A. Base Station Physician Committee Meetings – Meeting Change Announcement

- BSPC meeting in August is dark.
- BSPC in September has been rescheduled and relocated: Thursday, September 12, 2019, Sharp Tech Way Building, 8520 Tech Way, Rms 124 & 125, San Diego 92123.

### B. 12-Lead ECG Transmission to the receiving hospital prior to the patient arrival

This item has been assigned to the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

### C. Bylaws review and recommendations

This item has been assigned to the Disaster Planning Subcommittee. The Disaster Planning Subcommittee will meet immediately after today’s EMCC meeting, to bring back the final edits for review by the EMCC in July.

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## IX. NEW BUSINESS

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### A. Bypass Hours Report provided for Hospitals (Un-blinding)

There was a long discussion whether the report/data should be un-blinded or not. The initial proposal was to un-blind some category data but not publish it; the report would be available by request. There was some community reluctance to share the unblinded data. The County’s stance is this data is un-validated information captured from our LEMSIS Resource Bridge provided by the emergency departments that wasn’t necessarily intended for the public; there was an objection from the hospital sector of EMCC and request for more information; HASDIC is presumed to be opposed. For these reasons, EMS retracted its proposal to post un-blinded online.

**ACTION:** The group decided to hold this item over until Policy S-010 is reviewed and updated; then the committee will decide if should be moved into a committee.

**B. Policy S-010 Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion**

It was recommended that this policy be sent to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for discussion and review.

**A motion was made by Cheryl Graydon, seconded by Brian Covell to move Policy S-010 to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Motion carried.**

**C. Return of RAP**

We know that there are many questions in the EMS community and the LEMSA has some of its own. We hope that as the system reinvents itself, more information will be forthcoming to the EMCC for better understanding. We applaud San Diego for resuming this important program and look forward to hearing more in the coming months on the success.

Currently in pilot phase. Discussion on changing the name. Weekly meetings are held. For any questions or concerns, contact Dr. Christopher Kahn.

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**X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.



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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ (Vacant), Vice-Chair

### Minutes Thursday, June 13, 2019

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Moriarty, Douglas – SD County Ambulance Association (Alt)  
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

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Christison, Brian  
Collins, Siri  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, R.N., Susan

### Agency Representatives

Duffy, R.N., Jenny – San Marcos Fire  
Froelich, Dan – San Diego Fire  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Chris Scott, M.D., seconded by Brian Covell and Chara Cote to approve the May 9, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **IV. ELECTION TO FILL CURRENT VACANCY OF PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON (VOTE)**

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**A motion was made by Brian Covell, seconded by Chris Scott, M.D., to elect Brian Covell as Vice Chair of the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee. Motion carried.**

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## **V. STAFF REPORT**

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1. Measles Outbreak – No documented cases in San Diego, but cases in Los Angeles and Orange County. Most have been associated with international travel. Agencies may want to consider requesting immunization records for the providers to determine staff who may need to receive the MMR vaccine.
2. Patient Tracking – County of San Diego Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Preparedness and Response Branch are in the process of designing, building, and implementing a Patient Tracking system in conjunction with the San Diego Healthcare Disaster Coalition. The Patient Tracking system is part of LEMSIS Resource Bridge and is currently in its “Pilot” phase. Four hospitals utilized this system during the drill on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Over summer and fall of 2019, Patient Tracking will move to the “Go-Live” Phase at which time every hospital will be trained on how to use the system to enter and track patients. Additionally, we are collaborating with the organizations such as Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff, Medical Examiner, and 211 to include patient tracking as a part of the missing persons reconciliation process in our county.
3. LEMSIS Elite
  - Third-Party Vendor Integration Update: Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed, work on the Third-Party Vendor Integration will resume.
  - CARES Exporting: County EMS is currently in the testing phase between CARES and Image Trend. Once testing is completed (estimated by the end of Summer) agencies using LEMSIS Elite will no longer have to manually enter data into the CARES database, as it will export automatically.
4. Upcoming Procurements – Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website.
  - National City RFP has been paused at the request of National City.
  - San Marcos is active and working its way through the lengthy approval process.
  - USA (3 procurements) is working its way through the lengthy procurement/approval process.
5. Paramedic Regulations – The Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) is proposing modification to Chapter 4 under Division 9, Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations. Chapter 4 contains the standards, policies, and procedures for paramedic training, scope

of practice, licensure, and discipline. The public is invited to submit written comments on modifications to the proposed regulations during the 15-day public comment period from June 11, 2019, through June 26, 2019. Alternate destination is also covered in these modifications, so it is recommended that members of the Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee look over these regulations for potential comment.

6. Policies and Protocols

- We remain on track for ketamine implementation for analgesia, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder that ketamine must be administered *slowly* IV and is NOT approved for use for treatment of agitation or for drug-facilitated intubation. It is recommended that dosing be covered in training of ketamine following expressed concern over the large vial size.
- Reminder that IV acetaminophen is approved for treatment of pain, NOT for fever.
- Stroke and STEMI policies will be reviewed this month at EMCC – updated to reflect new regulations that will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.

7. Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86. Agency and hospital designation fees will be posted on the EMS website shortly.

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## VI. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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- S-009: Guidelines for the prevention of transmission of contagions and contaminants – Addition of reference links for regulations at section II, B.
  - Diane Ameng, R.N. continues to reach out to hospitals for 24/7 available contact to be easily visible on their websites in accordance to SB-426.

### **Recommended Changes**

- Encourage hospitals to have a policy or use their existing policy to streamline the process with EMS personnel.
- Revise the form and make it fillable as an attachment to the policy.

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Frank Parra, to approve policy S-009 with the recommended changes. Motion carried.**

- S-019: Cardiac Advisory Committee – Changes were made to reflect regulations that will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - A request was made to include representation from non-STEMI centers to provide feedback on the repercussions of recommendations on non-STEMI centers and patients who have “medical homes.”

### **Recommended change:**

- Section II, B: Move up number 4 and add a representative “from a non-STEMI center.”



**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Frank Parra, to approve policy S-019 with the recommended changes. Motion carried.**

- S-020: ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Critical Care System Designation – Changes were made to reflect regulations that will take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Recommended change:**

- Section III, A, 2: Change verbiage from “a currently licensed registered nurse or qualified individual” to “a qualified licensed individual”.

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Douglas Moriarty, to approve policy S-020 with the recommended changes. Motion carried.**

- S-021: De-designation of an ST Elevation Myocardial Infarction Critical Care System Center

**A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Scott, M.D., to approve policy S-021 as written. Motion carried.**

- S-028: Stroke Critical Care System Designation

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Frank Parra, to approve policy S-028 as written. Motion carried.**

- S-029: Stroke Advisory Committee

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Frank Parra, to approve policy S-029 as written. Motion carried.**

- S-461: Designation of Stroke Receiving Center

S-461 has changed to S-028 and needs no further action.

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## **VII. POLICIES FOR STATUS UPDATE**

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- BOS K-9
  - County of San Diego goal to have 30 minute response time throughout the county in difficult in the rural areas.
  - Will retract the need to make adjustments to BOS K-9 and continue to work on goal of making an effort to the 30 minute response time. Will be revisited in 2025 for update.

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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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12-lead transmission – Reminder that EMCC tasked the Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee with discussion and advice on the need for 12-lead transmission for hospitals. This topic will be added on to the agenda for next meeting.

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## **IX. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:06 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on July 11, 2019.



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, July 25, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Blacksberg, David – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imperial Counties  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)  
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)  
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Bey, Christian – UCSD  
deKlerk, Maude – RCCP  
Froelich, Dan – CPAC  
Heiser, Chris – SDFD  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Parker, Seth – CARE  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD  
Rios, Matt – Miramar  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. An announcement was made to delete agenda item number VIII, A, as it was a duplicate item added in error.

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

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Christopher Kahn, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the June 27, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote**

The Subcommittee met. Will discuss Policy A-200 at today's EMCC meeting. Also reviewed Policy S-010, formed an informal Subcommittee of the Prehospital Subcommittee, and will meet for additional review today after EMCC meeting.

### **B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon**

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blackberg**

The Bylaws were approved by the subcommittee. Additional review discovered another area to be looked, which needs to be run through County Counsel. Therefore, the bylaws are not yet ready for distribution.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

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### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

#### 1) Surveillance:

##### a. Influenza

- i. Influenza is still circulating in the community at about 25 cases a week
- ii. Latest report from shelter posted July 1; no change from 235 ILI cases
- iii. Possibly receiving 2 flights/week from Texas so continuing to monitor
- iv. UCSD has assumed the health screenings as of July 1 and has reported 3 ILI cases recently (county performed 13,630 screenings)
- v. <https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-responds-to-flu-outbreak-at-migrant-shelter/>

##### b. Measles

- i. No cases in San Diego, but more than 1,000 across the U.S.
  - ii. Infected people can spread measles to others from four days before through four days after the rash appears
  - iii. Vaccination is the best way to prevent it
  - iv. August is dark for EMCC, but it is NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH!
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- v. CDC released updated guidelines in July 2019 for infection prevention and control in HC settings
    - o Ensure healthcare personnel have presumptive evidence of immunity
    - o HCP include EMS personnel
  - vi. <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/pdf/guidelines/Measles-Interim-IC-Recs-H.pdf>
  - vii. Consistent with our May 3 Memo: To protect both workers and the public, prehospital providers involved in direct patient care activities should have documentation of measles immunity, confirmed either by receipt of 2 MMR vaccinations or IgG positive serology. We are not prescribing HOW you collect/maintain that documentation nor do we know what public health would accept, however, if personnel are exposed to measles, they may be subject to quarantine until they can demonstrate immunity and could potentially be removed from patient care duties from day 5 to day 21 following exposure.
  - viii. [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html)
  - c. Ebola outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018
    - i. WHO declared PHEIC on July 17 following the first case in Goma (a city bordering Rwanda with an international airport)
    - ii. Only the 5th time for such a declaration (2009 H1N1, 2014 Polio, 2014 Ebola, 2016 Zika virus)
    - iii. CAHAN July 17
    - iv. > 2500 confirmed or probable cases with 140 HCWs infected; 40 died (2 community HCWs have been murdered; ongoing unstable security)
    - v. Experimental vaccine highly effective (but in short supply)
    - vi. Regional risk of spread is high, but global risk remains low
    - vii. County PH monitored a portion of the 21-day Ebola monitoring of a HCW returning from treating Ebola patients in West Africa
    - viii. Rady Children Hospital and Cedars Sinai in LA for adults
  - d. Mumps
    - i. Circulating in the community; local transmission is occurring
    - ii. CAHAN July 19 Health Advisory Update: Mumps and Acute Parotitis in San Diego
    - iii. Outbreak (7 cases) in local ICE facility
    - iv. Sporadic cases in the county (23 so far this year, a 25-year high)
  - e. Other surveillance – has been very busy, e.g. STEC at county fair, RMSF, and more, e.g., Phase 2 of the heat plan a couple of times since we last met
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. New policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) effective July 1
  - b. Unified Optional Scope for Qualified Transport Providers approved by EMSA for our LOSOP on February 20, 2019 for 3 years. (Through February 28, 2022). Will request your input later in the agenda on the draft protocol.
  - c. Prehospital 12-lead EKG transmission strongly encouraged (S-126); working with CAC and EMCC subcommittee on improving systems to facilitate.
  - d. Looking forward to input on the diversion policy.
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Cardiac Arrest Task Force
    - i. Shared best practice power point previously
    - ii. This month at BSPC, Dr. Brad Schwartz (prior chair) presented the 2018 CARES data at July's BSPC meeting.

- b. EMSA is establishing a state STEMI & Stroke Technical Advisory Committee
  - i. We have nominated our coordinator (albeit there was no call for nominations)
- c. EMSA has released the draft paramedic regs for public comment; include transport to alternate destinations like psych and sobering centers – challenge if legislation also passes (Gipson AB 1544 - Community Paramedicine)
  - i. Additional modifications have been made to the proposed regulation text, and those modifications shall be open to public comment for a second 15-day comment period beginning on Monday, July 29 and ending on Tuesday, August 13, 2019. Moves to Commission in September (San Diego, Sept 18th) or December; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
  - ii. <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2019/06/EMSA-Paramedic-Regulations-15-Day-Modified-Text.pdf>
- d. SART is one of the programs we oversee
  - i. Palomar Health Forensic Health Services maintains a 24/7 service, with trauma informed private locations throughout the county to provide Sexual Assault Forensic Exams after medical stabilization
  - ii. We are working with local EDs to improve preservation of forensic evidence collection, e.g. ensuring that patients avoid hand washing and genital wiping prior to evidence collection
- e. GEDA = Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation
  - i. ACEP initiative with 3 levels
  - ii. We are working with Second District Supervisor (Jacob) to explore seeking accreditation in our county EDs
  - iii. Currently UCSD Jacobs Medical Center is accredited at highest level 1; Alvarado at level 3
  - iv. Do not anticipate any changes in destination decisions
- f. EBM presentations posted on line at medical director page
  - i. This month's topic was on VAD
  - ii. [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

## **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) LEMSIS Elite – Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed work on Third Party Vendor integration will resume.
- 2) Upcoming Procurements – Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website.
  - 911 – Ground Ambulance Transport Procurements
    - National City RFP has been paused at the request of National City
    - San Marcos is active and working its way through the lengthy approval process. Estimated public release of the RFP is: as soon as possible.
    - USA (3 procurements) is working its way through the lengthy procurement/ approval process. Estimated public release of the RFP: Late Summer

For additional information, you can log on and register at County of San Diego Purchasing and Contracting website called BuyNet.
- 3) BLS Providers and ambulances – For BLS providers, AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019.
- 4) Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same

as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86.

- 5) Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC) meeting in September will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 12:00pm at the Sharp Tech Way Building. Flyers with this information were included in the meeting packets.
- 6) All are welcome to attend the HHSA Live Well San Diego 5K & Kids 1-Mile Fun Run held Sunday, July 28, 2019 at the Waterfront Park.
- 7) EMT Renewal – Effective July 1, 2019, EMTs who are renewing their certification must upload evidence of having received training in naloxone, epinephrine, and blood glucose testing. This training must have been provided by an approved EMT or paramedic training program, or by an approved CE provider. The required documentation is a CE or course completion certificate AND a skills verification form is mandatory to document the EMT must have received formal didactic and skills training (and testing).

**C. MCSD Report – Nick Yphantides, MD**

Updates were provided regarding the migrant dynamic at the border. Based on the good collaboration between the County, UCSD and the other federally qualified health centers, as of July 1, 2019, the County has turned over the point lead of the screening process to UCSD. The state of California will be eventually subsidizing UCSD for that support. The volume has dropped, but there are still issues. The county is fully involved for anything related to communicable diseases.

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

- The newly created Medical Care Services Division (MCSD) website was shown, which includes EMS's programs and units.
- TOC numbers hit an all-time high of 63% in June.

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**VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Status Report)**

**A. A-200: Air Medical Treatment Protocol Unified Scope of Practice for California**

BSPC approved A-200 last month; the application was approved for San Diego County. It was discovered that it also needed to be in protocol and policy. It is now in 200.

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**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service**

The committee has requested Policy P-801 be reviewed. Justin Sigmund, student intern with EMS, is currently working on breaking up the policy into a number of sections so we can go through it one section at a time. Anticipated date back to the Prehospital Subcommittee to go through the policy is September. The hot buttons are requirements that two paramedics respond to an emergency call and response times.

**B. S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion**

To be discussed by the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting following this meeting. To continue as an Old Business agenda item; not yet completed.

- C. At the request of EMCC, the subcommittee assignments are on the back of the agenda, as a reminder.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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No new business.

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**X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am.



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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)**  
**Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting**  
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

## Minutes

Thursday, July 11, 2019

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Christison, Brian  
Collins, Siri  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Velasco, Anjelica

### Agency Representatives

deKlerk, Maude – RCCP  
Ezell, Kierra – Mercy Air  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Meich, Tyler – Reach Air  
Parker, Seth – CARE  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.



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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Christopher Scott, M.D. to approve the June 13, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

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## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## IV. STAFF REPORT

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1. Surveillance
  - a. Measles: At this time there are no documented cases in San Diego, however it is possible that this will change. There have been cases in Los Angeles and Orange County, and most have been associated with international travel. Agencies may want to consider requesting immunization records for their providers to determine staff who may need to receive the MMR vaccine.
2. LEMSIS Elite
  - a. Third Party Vendor Integration update: Recent changes to the State schematron resulted in a major system update for Elite. When this system update is completed, work on Third Party Vendor Integration will resume.
  - b. CARES Exporting: County EMS is currently in the testing phase between CARES and Image Trend. Once testing is completed—estimated by the end of summer—agencies using LEMSIS Elite will no longer have to manually enter data into the CARES database, as it will export automatically.
3. Upcoming Procurements – *Information regarding upcoming procurements can be found on the County of San Diego EMS website.*
  - a. 911 – Ground Ambulance Transport Procurements
    - i. National City RFP has been paused at the request of National City.
    - ii. San Marcos is active and working its way through the lengthy approval process. Public release of the RFP will occur as soon as possible.
    - iii. USA (3 procurements) is working its way through the lengthy procurement and approval process. Estimated public release of the RFP is late summer.
  - b. *Please note that the contact person for procurement questions has changed.* If you should have specific questions regarding these procurements or the procurement process, please contact Sheena Figueroa, Procurement Contracting Officer, Department of Purchasing and Contracting at [Sheena.Figueroa@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Sheena.Figueroa@sdcounty.ca.gov) or (858) 505-6350.
4. Policies and Protocols
  - a. New protocols went into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. Reminder that Ketamine must be administered SLOWLY IV and is NOT approved for use as treatment of agitation or for drug-facilitated intubation.
  - b. For BLS providers; AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone are now required as of July 1, 2019. Some providers have had difficulty obtaining EpiPens, and we are handling this on an agency-by-agency basis.
5. Fees
  - a. The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86. Agency and hospital designation fees will be posted on the EMS website shortly.

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## V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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- A-200: AirMedical Treatment Protocol Unified Scope of Practice for California
  - Effective July 1, 2019.
  - This has been revamped from the original A-200 and EMS has submitted to EMSA.
  - Adds in Unified Scope of Practice for Paramedics on Air Medical for uniform patient care when crossing boundaries.
  - Reach Air and Mercy Air have both reviewed the policy and have no alterations.

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, M.D., seconded by Kevin Mercer, to approve policy A-200 as written. Motion carried.**

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## VI. NEW BUSINESS

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- S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion
  - This is an opportunity to update a 12-year-old policy. A review of S-010 has been requested by EMCC.
  - Highlights (in the following sections) that may need to be altered:
    - I. A. – verbiage of *Accessible* vs. *Closest* when referring to hospital distance.
    - I. C.
    - II. A. – diversion categories – when ambulances ignore the ED SAT policy, they overload EDs. Specialty care may need to be reworked in Resource Bridge. Internal disasters may want to be addressed as a diversion for a safety concern.
    - II. D. 1. a. – the 20 minute time frame.
    - II. D. 2.
    - II. D. 3. & 4.

**Action: The EMCC Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee will read and annotate the policy on their own and meet following the EMCC meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2019 in Conference Room A to discuss, and prepare proposed changes for the September 12, 2019 Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.**

- Specialty Team Availability Discussion
  - Some specialty teams (STEMI, Stroke) are listed as a team for multiple hospitals. Resource Bridge will need to be prepared to handle where these teams are assigned in order to place hospitals on bypass for STEMI and stroke until backup teams are available.
  - County EMS is working on Resource Bridge adjustments and research regarding this issue, and will report back at the next meeting.

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## VII. OLD BUSINESS

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- 12-Lead Transmission (Cory Osth)
  - The Cardiac Advisory Committee met and discussed solutions, technologies and best practices for 12-lead transmissions. Research is being conducted with the group and more solutions will be brought to the subcommittee when updates are available.

- Discussion regarding the quality of the EKG taken in the field and alternate reasons for cancellation.

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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on September 12, 2019.



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties  
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

#### In Attendance

Benjamin, Stephanie – UCSD  
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD  
Idman-Gervais, Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Sharp Grossmont  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Pearson, Danielle – Vista Fire  
Prior, Tracy – CoSD DA  
Seabloom, Lynne – Oceanside FD  
Sloan, Christian – UCSD  
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17  
Vilke, Gary – UCSD  
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

District 1  
Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
San Diego County Fire Districts’ Association  
San Diego County Paramedic Association

#### County Staff

Christison, Brian  
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Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Sigmund, Justin  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

\*Representative positions vacant

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. Chris Wells was announced as the new alternate member representing Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Chris Kahn to approve the July 25, 2019 minutes with a word correction (change “outreach” to “outbreak”) on page 3 under Clinical Report. Motion carried.**

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote

Met and approved some updated trauma policies. Policies P-801 and S-010 were also looked at, but due to these policies being so big to review, it was recommended that they get referred to an Ad hoc committee.

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Cheryl Graydon to approve the creation of two (2) Ad hoc committees, one to study P-801 and the other to study S-010, and report back to EMCC.**

S-010 Ad hoc meeting will meet after EMCC meeting.

The following people volunteered for P-801 Ad hoc committee: Steve Abbott, Kevin Mercer, Chris Kahn, Frank Parra. Chris Kahn will be the lead.

### B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

Did not meet.

### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blacksborg

The Bylaws are still on hold based on the Authority section. Staff work continues, and will bring back to the committee in October.

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## V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

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### A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- i. Strangulation Prevention Campaign: San Diego Health CARES Initiative  
A [PowerPoint presentation](#) was provided by Dr. Koenig and Tracy Prior, Chief Deputy District Attorney.

**ACTION: It was suggested to emphasize this topic to our Prehospital Agencies**

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## 1) Surveillance

### a. Influenza – Flu season is coming!

- i. Early signs point to a possible severe flu season; Australia had a particularly severe season; flu is unpredictable and we are continuing to see cases year round
- ii. 22 cases, 2 deaths and 1 outbreak already reported for 2018-2019 timeframe in San Diego.
- iii. FluWatch usually comes out in mid-October, but is planned to start on October 2 this season.
- iv. There will NOT be a “Jury Duty Excuse” letter this year (as we noted last year) and it is not needed for a medical professional to defer jury duty.
- v. Health Officer Order for Influenza Vaccination Program or Masking of Healthcare Personnel during Annual Influenza Season remains in effect. <http://www.sdiz.org/documents/HCP/SDIB-Bulletins/Health-Officer-Order-Mandatory-Vaccination-or-Masking-FINAL.PDF>
- vi. For the purposes of this Order, emergency medical service personnel include paramedics, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and advanced EMTs.
- vii. This order is ongoing indefinitely and applies to current and future influenza season unless the order is rescinded. For purposes of this order, the influenza season is defined as November 1 to March 31 of the following year. In any given year, if influenza surveillance data demonstrate unusually early and/or late peaks, the Health Officer may extend the period during which the masking program shall apply for that year. This means as of November 1 (at the latest) all care providers must be vaccinated or wear a mask.
- viii. On September 10th, the governor signed two bills (SB 276 and SB 714) tightening medical exemptions for immunizations. <https://cheac.org/2019/09/10/governor-newsom-signs-bills-tightening-medical-exemptions-for-immunizations>
- ix. New antiviral treatment this year (which is a one-time dose) baloxavir (Xofluza). It is not for prophylaxis.

### b. Mumps

- i. Increasing cases in San Diego & Baja California; can anticipate more

### c. Measles

- i. The measles virus was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000.
- ii. From January 1 to September 19, 2019, 1,241 individual cases of measles have been confirmed in 31 states. That’s the largest number of cases since 1992.
- iii. U.S. is in danger of losing elimination status (by WHO). If more cases of the measles virus are detected, October 1 could mean an end of elimination status. Look for news reports on this!
- iv. August 7 - first case of measles this year in San Diego County was confirmed in an 11-month-old resident who had recently traveled to the Philippines.
- v. A fully immunized adult exposed to this case was confirmed to have measles on August 20. Fortunately, we are out of the window for additional exposures from this event
- vi. Providers involved in direct patient care activities should have documentation of measles immunity, confirmed either by receipt of 2 MMR vaccinations or IgG positive serology (recent report of death of

- Israeli flight attendant who had 1 MMR highlights the need for a full series).
- vii. Remember that asymptomatic persons infected with measles can transmit the disease.
  - viii. Disease transmission can occur without any direct patient exposure simply by entering a room where an infected patient has been.
  - ix. Measles PPE requires N-95 or equivalent due to it being AIRBORNE transmission.
  - x. County established webpage/CAHAN August 21  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html)
- d. Ebola
- i. WHO declared PHEIC on July 17
  - ii. Only the 5th time for such a declaration (2009 H1N1, 2014 Polio, 2014 Ebola, 2016 Zika virus)
  - iii. CAHAN July 17
  - iv. Per WHO, as of September 24, 3171 cases, 2118 deaths.
  - v. Experimental vaccine highly effective (but in short supply)
  - vi. Two experimental treatments highly effective (mortality rate dropped to 6% for REGN-EB3 and 11% for mAb114 preliminary results)  
<https://www.cnn.com/2019/08/12/health/ebola-breakthrough-congo/index.html>
  - vii. Regional risk of spread is high, but global risk remains low
  - viii. County PH monitored a portion of the 21-day Ebola monitoring of a HCW returning from treating Ebola patients in West Africa
  - ix. Rady Children Hospital evaluation center and Cedars Sinai treatment center in LA for adults
- e. VAPI = Vaping Associated Pulmonary Injury
- i. No infectious etiology has been determined for these VAPI cases. Most cases reported vaping cannabis or cannabidiol (CBD) oils.
  - ii. Patients typically present to the hospital with cough, difficulty breathing, fever, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.
  - iii. Governor's executive order directed CDPH to launch a \$20 million statewide digital and social media public awareness campaign to educate youth, young adults and parents about the health risks associated with vaping nicotine and cannabis products. CDPH is also tasked with developing recommendations to reduce smoking among young adults and teens by establishing warning signs with health risks where vaping products are sold and on product advertisements.
  - iv. State Health Alert/Media on September 24
    - 1. As of 9/24, > 500 across 38 states and 1 US territory, with more reports coming in every day; 90 cases & 2 deaths in CA.
    - 2. As of September 19, 2019, there have been 18 confirmed and probable VAPI cases reported among San Diego County residents. All cases were hospitalized and there have been no deaths. Ages of patients have ranged from 17 to 70 years, with a median age of 36 years, and 53% have been male.
  - v. CAHAN August 28  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications\\_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf)

- vi. State and County websites update every Thursday  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html)
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. Ketamine
    - i. Push your ketamine SLOWLY; use for analgesia only, not for sedation or drug-facilitated intubation
    - ii. REMINDER: We are required to report data to the State for all LOSOP approvals (e.g., ketamine and IV acetaminophen)
  - b. Prehospital 12-lead EKG transmission strongly encouraged (S-126); working with CAC and EMCC subcommittee on improving systems to facilitate
- 3) Initiatives
- a. All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan, AKA Capacity Plan
    - i. Health Services Capacity Task Force Annual Meeting was Tuesday (Sept 24); New co-chair, Marlena Montgomery from Sharp Coronado
    - ii. Updated annually; the HSCTF Plan is 22 years old this year
    - iii. Built around influenza surge, can and should be responsive to the all-hazards
      - 1. Strengths are having all of the Task Force members connected to the same plan
      - 2. Able to recognize strain
      - 3. Coordinate to manage and mitigate strain
    - iv. The 2017 influenza season was particularly severe
    - v. The 2018 flu season was less acutely straining to the health services system, but strain was present
      - 1. The Capacity Plan moved to enhanced surveillance
      - 2. Daily epidemiology reports and Operational Core Group activation
    - vi. Grateful to the community for broad input
  - b. Paramedic Regs
    - i. Draft paramedic regs out for 4th 15-day comment period (ends September 28th), HOWEVER, alternate destination language has been REMOVED
    - ii. 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to the latest draft
    - iii. Will go to EMS Commission in December for approval; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
    - iv. Legislation (AB 1544) moving to a 2-year bill, meaning it will not be considered this legislative cycle
  - c. Community Paramedicine
    - i. OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through November 2020
  - d. Strangulation Initiative
    - i. Collaboration between County PHO & DA on this deadly form of DV
    - ii. Oct 15th - Press Conference
    - iii. Oct 16th - All day training for healthcare staff – looking for champions!
  - e. SART is one of the programs County EMS oversees
    - i. Palomar Health Forensic Health Services maintains a 24/7 service, with trauma informed private locations throughout the county to provide Sexual Assault Forensic Exams after medical stabilization



- ii. Working with EDs to improve preservation of forensic evidence collection, e.g. ensuring that patients avoid hand washing and genital wiping prior to evidence collection
- f. GEDA = Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation
  - i. ACEP initiative with 3 levels (level 1 highest in parallel to trauma center designation)
  - ii. We are working with Supervisor Jacob to explore seeking accreditation in our county EDs
  - iii. Currently UCSD is accredited at highest level 1 & Alvarado at level 3
  - iv. Do not anticipate any changes in destination decisions
- g. Opioid Crisis Mitigation Funding, e.g. 1.5 million dollars of naloxone awarded from CA State Board of Pharmacy to CA first responders  
[https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/news\\_release/settlement.pdf](https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/about/news_release/settlement.pdf)
- h. Systematic review of pain management strategies  
 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Office of EMS collaborated with the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) to support a review of the evidence and effectiveness of a number of analgesic options. The reviewers, a team from the University of Connecticut Evidence-based Practice Center, analyzed more than 60 published studies and looked at treatments including opioids, ketamine, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) and acetaminophen.  
 As initial therapy in the prehospital setting:
  - Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs provide similar pain relief to opioids and may cause fewer overall side effects and less drowsiness.
  - Acetaminophen may provide similar pain relief to opioids, and may cause fewer side effects overall and less dizziness.
  - Ketamine may provide similar pain relief to opioids. Ketamine may cause more dizziness or overall side effects, while opioids may cause more respiratory depression.
  - Combining an opioid with ketamine may be more effective in reducing pain compared with opioids alone.
  - If morphine does not adequately relieve pain, changing to ketamine may be more effective and more quickly reduce pain than giving additional morphine.
 NHTSA recently released a Notice of Funding Opportunity requesting applications from organizations interested in leading the development of an evidence-based guideline (EBG) for the pharmacologic management of acute pain by EMS in the prehospital setting.  
<https://effectivehealthcare.ahrq.gov/products/acute-pain-ems/research>
- i. Cross Border
  - i. August 19th webinar the Tijuana Director of Health and Directors from other regions; keen interest from Dr. Wooten's counterpart in Tijuana re: our EMS system
  - ii. September 5th visit to Casa del Migrante in MX (no screening as we do in our shelter in San Diego)
  - iii. Dr. Tuteur will cover a special visit from the federal level in her report
- j. Hurricane Dorian deployments – Drs. Kahn and Levine gave an update on DMAT and USAR at this month's BSPC; Recognize and appreciate the work of our local providers

- k. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page.  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

**B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Procurements – County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements (San Marcos and Unified Service Area) in the County. This is a huge volume of work and we're nearing the finish line on some of this work soon.
- 2) Policies and Procedures – The priority policy revision schedule for FY 20/21 has been identified, expect to see several significant policy revisions going through committees. (All would become effective July 1, 2020...per our policy on policies). Treatment protocols: This is the year we will look at all treatment protocols. Expect to see an email in October with proposed revisions and an opportunity to submit comments.
- 3) Agencies with EMTs – AEDs, glucometers, epinephrine autoinjectors, and intranasal naloxone will be required as of July 1, 2019. Some providers have had difficulty obtaining EpiPens, we are handling this on an agency by agency basis.
- 4) Fees – The Board of Supervisors have approved the 2019-2020 fee structure for personnel, agency, and hospital designation fees. The approved fees are the same as the proposed fees presented to EMCC in March. For personnel fees, the County fee has increased from \$63 to \$86.

**C. MCSD Report – Jennifer Tuteur, MD**

- 1) Federal Government visit: Chief Medical Advisor to the President and the Chief Medical Officer to the Department of Homeland Security came back for a follow-up visit with our best practices of public private partnerships, including a less than 1% transport to emergency departments toward the shelter for asylum seeking families. The asylum shelter has been turned over to UCSD. No longer seeing 200 people a day come through the shelter, but less than 20 people a day. Our presentations were well received. Grateful for everyone's participation and support with the partnership in order to protect the public health.

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

No current update with the data. Holding steady at about 64 percent compliance. The dashboard vendor had installed an update which caused some issues. It is now fixed and running fine.

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**VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

None.

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**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Bylaws (Disaster Committee) – was discussed earlier during agenda item IV, Disaster Planning Committee.
- B. S-010 Status Update – was discussed earlier during agenda item IV, Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Spare Wheel Exemption

The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports the request before the Board by HHSA to request a Spare Wheel Exemption for specifically identified public and private ambulances. This exemption requires reaffirmation by the Board every two years.

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by David Blacksberg to accept this request.**

B. Endorsement for Annexation

The Emergency Medical Care Committee supports the request before the Board for CSA-69 to annex specific unserved lands and realignments the CSA-69 Sphere of Influence to align fire service and EMS Operating Area boundaries to be coterminous. This requested action is a condition of LAFCO in response to a recent request for annexation of the Lakeside Fire Protection District.

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by David Blacksberg to accept this request.**

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

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:41 AM.



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**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)**  
**Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting**  
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

## Minutes

**Thursday, September 12, 2019**

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinator  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher, – SD County Medical Society

### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Christison, Brian  
Collins, Siri  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy  
Sigmund, Justin  
Smith, R.N., Susan

### Agency Representatives

Duffy, R.N., Jenny – SM Fire  
Ezell, Kierra – Air Methods  
Froelich, Dan – SD Fire  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – ENA  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Air Methods  
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD  
Marugg, Jim – SMFD  
Pearson, R.N., Danielle – Vista Fire  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD  
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside

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

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Brian Covell to approve the July 11, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.**

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**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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**IV. STAFF REPORT**

The County Report was held due to a change in the BSPC meeting schedule. The County Report will be provided at BSPC with same attendees immediately following this meeting.

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**V. POLICIES**

- T-708: Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System

**A motion was made by Kevin Mercer, seconded by Chris Scott to approve Policy T-708, with the suggested changes. Motion carried.**

- T-710: Designation of a Trauma Center

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Brian Covell to approve Policy T-710, with the suggested changes. Motion carried.**

- T-711: De-Designation of a Trauma Center

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve Policy T-711, with the suggested changes. Motion carried.**

**ACTION: A request was made by Chris Scott to see the template agreement before EMCC.**

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The following policies were broken out into portions and are brought to this subcommittee meeting as drafts for input.

- S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

**ACTION: Due to the many changes, it was suggested by the group to move Policy S-010 to an Ad hoc committee after EMCC, then bring back. Feedback can be sent to Susan Smith before the Ad hoc committee.**

- P-801(a): Requirements for Providers of Advanced Life Support Service
- P-801(b): Dispatch Plans for Paramedic Service Providers and Emergency Vehicles

- P-801(b1): ADDENDUM: Template of Best Dispatch Plans

**ACTION: For Technical advice, County EMS staff will spend time looking at how to assist with the technology in general.**

**ACTION: It was suggested that Policies P-801(a) and (b) are brought to EMCC as a recommendation to form a smaller group/ Ad hoc committee.**

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on October 10, 2019.



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, October 24, 2019**

#### Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5  
Adler, Fred – District 3  
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)  
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1  
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts’ Association  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

#### In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide  
Forney, Paul – AMR  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Rios, Matt – Miramar  
Sloan, Christian – Mercy Air  
Vilke, Gary – North Zone  
Yates, Judith - HASDIC

#### Not in Attendance

Bi-national Emergency Medical Care Committee\*  
County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Emergency Nurses’ Association  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
League of California Cities\*  
Military Agencies  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
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Parr, Andy  
Sigmund, Justin  
Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer  
Velasco, Anjelica

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Christopher Scott, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the September minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Brian Covell**

The subcommittee met but there was no quorum. However, the subcommittee thoroughly went through Policy S-010 and made some recommendations. It is still in Ad hoc, therefore any stakeholders who are interested in making adjustments or providing suggestions are encouraged to attend the next meeting Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Policy S-010 will then be brought forward to EMCC with the recommendation for approval.

Dr. Kahn is proposing an Ad hoc meeting for Policy P-801. Nicole del Toro will send out an email to the EMCC group for any interested participants.

### **B. Education/Research Subcommittee**

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Andy Parr**

The Bylaws will be ready in November.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

Dave Duncan, formerly with Cal Fire, has been announced as the new EMSA Medical Director and look forward to working with him at the state level.

#### 1) Influenza

- i. FluWatch updated weekly (started 2 weeks early this season)  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/InfluenzaWatch.pdf>
- ii. As of October 23, 335 cases, 2 deaths, 1 outbreak
- iii. Health Officer Order for Influenza Vaccination Program or Masking of Healthcare Personnel during Annual Influenza Season remains in effect.  
<http://www.sdiz.org/documents/HCP/SDIB-Bulletins/Health-Officer-Order-Mandatory-Vaccination-or-Masking-FINAL.PDF>
- iv. This order is ongoing indefinitely and applies to the each and future influenza season unless the order is rescinded. For purposes of this order, the



influenza season is defined as November 1 to March 31 of the following year. In any given year, if influenza surveillance data demonstrate unusually early and/or late peaks, the Health Officer may extend the period during which the masking program shall apply for that year. This means as of November 1 (at the latest) you must be vaccinated or wear a mask.

- v. Reminder, no more Jury Duty letters (not needed to defer service)
  - b. Ebola
    - i. WHO Emergency Committee under the International Health Regulations (IHR) (2005) met on October 18 to review current EVD outbreak in the DRC
    - ii. Risk remains very high at national & regional levels but still low at global level
    - iii. Shift in hot spots from urban setting to more rural, hard-to-reach communities, across a more concentrated geographical area
    - iv. Ring vaccination strategy is proving efficient and successful
    - v. Ebola remains a PHEIC (Director General accepted Committee recommendation); will reassess within 3 months
  - c. VAPI = Vaping Associated Pulmonary Injury
    - i. CAHAN August 28  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications\\_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/08-28-2019web.pdf)
    - ii. State and County websites update every Thursday  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community\\_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/VAPI.html)
    - iii. **As of October 24, 2019, there have been 30 confirmed and probable VAPI cases reported among San Diego County residents.** All cases were hospitalized and there have been no deaths. Ages of patients ranged from 17 to 70 years, with a median age of 32.5 years, and 60% have been male.
    - iv. BOS meeting outlawed vaping in unincorporated areas of the County
    - v. No infectious etiology has been determined for these VAPI cases. Most cases reported vaping cannabis or cannabidiol (CBD) oils.
    - vi. Patients typically present to the hospital with cough, difficulty breathing, fever, and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea.
  - d. Other surveillance – has been very busy, e.g. measles (recent Disneyland exposure October 16), mumps (cases increasing also in Baja California), heat, fire alerts/power outages (PSPS)
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. Beginning of new comprehensive protocol review cycle for implementation July 1, 2020
  - b. Some topics being discussed includes push dose epi as a potential replacement for dopamine, capnography in sepsis
  - c. In public comment period through COB November 1, 2019 (Send completed CoSD Treatment Protocols Comment Form to: Cheryl Pacheco, RN, EMS Quality Assurance Specialist, (619)285-6504 [cheryl.pacheco@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:cheryl.pacheco@sdcounty.ca.gov))
  - d. Protocol Task Force meets in November 15<sup>th</sup>. Representatives have been solicited.
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Paramedic Regs
    - i. Draft paramedic regs went out for 4<sup>th</sup> 15-day comment period that ended September 28<sup>th</sup>, HOWEVER, alternate destination language has been REMOVED
    - ii. 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to latest draft and will go to EMS Commission in December for approval. Once the

- Commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
- b. Community Paramedicine
    - i. OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through November 2020
  - c. New State Stroke and STEMI TAC established – Lorraine Calzone, RN from County EMS has been appointed!
  - d. Strangulation Initiative
    - i. Collaboration between County PHO & DA on this deadly form of DV
    - ii. Press Conference Oct 15th
    - iii. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - All day training for healthcare staff (train-the-trainers)
  - e. ED SART guidelines have been distributed
  - f. 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan
    - i. Distributed on October 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - ii. Asking each ED to report daily numbers at shift change
    - iii. ONE time only at shift change – enter data into resource bridge
    - iv. Base hospitals have good compliance, but overall about half the hospitals NOT reporting
    - v. Contains new working definition of ED BH Holds
  - g. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
    - i. This month's presentation was on Kawasaki disease; next month is sepsis  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

#### **B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Procurements – The County continues to move forward on the procurements. San Marcos RFP has been released via BuyNet. The Unified Service Area RFP is to be released in the coming weeks.
- 2) Sidewalk CPR – Reminding and asking agencies to keep track of who they are training on CPR for reporting in the spring. County EMS will send the agencies a tickler.
- 3) EMCC Roster – The roster contains membership status, terms/expiration and organizations being represented. It is up to the members to keep track of their membership. The roster is now placed on the back of the agenda and will be posted there on all future agendas.
- 4) Policy P-801 Ad Hoc meeting – Nicole del Toro will send an email from Dr. Kahn to the EMCC group asking for interested participants.
- 5) EMCC venue for 2020 – EMCC meeting is being considered to move to another location based on our room size, capacity and makeup of EMCC.
- 6) November EMCC date – November's meeting will take place on November 21, 2019 instead of November 28 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Reminder there is no meeting in December.

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

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September's data now shows the LEMSIS Agencies TOC time stamp flowing into First Watch data. Due to many requests, the LEMSIS data is also kept separate, and remains looking the same; continues to have four (4) different dashboards. Several agencies are now at 100%. There has been a significant jump in total compliance, from 64.4% to 68.4% as a result of this PCR data.

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## **VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

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Trauma Policies T-708 (Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System) and T-711 (De-designation of a Trauma Center) are not yet ready for Committee review.

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## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. Bylaws (Disaster Committee) – should be ready and back in November.
  - B. S-010 – Ad hoc meeting met; look forward to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.
  - C. P-801 – Dr. Kahn intends to have an Ad hoc meeting as soon as he gets a list of participants. Nicole del Toro will send out an email to the EMCC group.
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## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. The November meeting will be moved from the fourth Thursday to the third Thursday due to Thanksgiving holiday. The meeting will now be on November 21, 2019.
  - B. Reminder that EMCC is dark in August and December.
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## **X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2019.  
Meeting adjourned at 9:56 AM.

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**Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting**  
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

### Minutes

**Thursday, October 10, 2019**

**There was not a quorum present. Informational meeting notes only.**

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#### IN ATTENDANCE

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##### Members

Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

##### Agency Representatives

Froelich, Dan – SD Fire  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – San Diego FD

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Parr, Andy  
Sigmund, Justin  
Smith, R.N., Susan

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

Brian Covell, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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#### II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The September 12, 2019 meeting minutes were not approved due to having no quorum.**

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#### III. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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#### IV. STAFF REPORT

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- A. Surveillance – November 1, 2019 starts the annual flu season. Influenza activity is being closely monitored. The Public Health Officer Flu Letter remains in effect until it is rescinded or superseded. The flu letter requires that healthcare personnel must wear a mask if they are not vaccinated for the flu.
- B. Health Services Capacity Task Force – The 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan has been updated and approved thanks to the work of the Health Services Capacity Task Force. We are currently at Level 5 Baseline Surveillance.
- C. Procurements – County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County; are nearing the finish line.
- D. Policies and Protocols – The priority policy revision schedule for FY 20/21 has been identified; expect to see the several significant policy revisions going through committees. All would become effective July 1, 2020.
- E. ED Boarding Statistics – County EMS is collecting data 7 days a week and is encouraging emergency departments to report their findings every single day at morning shift change. Notification was distributed to ED managers and other staff on September 27, 2019.
- F. Sidewalk CPR – Reminder to the agencies who have upcoming open houses and other community events where they may be training lay persons to do hands only CPR, to collect the number of people who have trained for Sidewalk CPR all year long. County EMS will collect the data in May and report to the many agencies who use that data, in June. We will send a form to the emergency departments to complete and send back.

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#### V. POLICIES

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- T-708: (Revised DRAFT) Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System

**The group recommended to move Policy T-708 to EMCC with the suggested changes.**

- T-711: (Revised DRAFT) De-Designation of a Trauma Center

**The group recommended to move Policy T-711 to EMCC with the suggested changes.**

**ACTION: The trauma template is now available and will be sent out by County EMS staff.**

- S-010: (DRAFT) Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

**There were many suggested changes and discussions. Policy S-010 will be brought back to the next Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee meeting in November.**

- P-801 Ad hoc meeting pending

**No meeting date and time has been scheduled yet.**

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

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



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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### Minutes

**Thursday, November 21, 2019**

#### Members Present

Adler, Fred – District 3  
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
George, Sgt. Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)  
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4  
Mednick, Cheryl – American Red Cross (Alt)  
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

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Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD  
Idman-Gervais, Dianne – Sharp Grossmont  
Murphy, Mary – NCFPD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – San Diego FD  
Rice, Mike – AMR  
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
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Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
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San Diego County Ambulance Association  
San Diego County Emergency Physicians’ Society\*  
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Smith, Ph.D., Josh  
Velasco, Anjelica

\*Representative positions vacant

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## **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 am. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made. An announcement was made introducing Dan Froelich and Danielle Pearson as the new EMCC members representing County Paramedic Agencies Committee (CPAC).

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

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Catherine McJannet, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the October 24, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- T-716: Repatriation of Stable Trauma Service Health Plan Members – This policy was reviewed and there were changes to be made; went back to County staff to make the changes; will go back through the MAC process, then back to Prehospital and EMCC.
- T-718: Public Information and Education on Trauma Systems – This policy was approved by the subcommittee to move forward to EMCC.
- S-010: Guidelines for Hospitals requesting Ambulance Diversion – The group had a long discussion and additional changes were suggested. This policy went back to County staff to make the changes and will come back to Prehospital in January.

### **B. Education/Research Subcommittee**

Did not meet.

### **C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee**

Did not meet. The Bylaws are not ready and will be brought back in January.

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## **V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)**

### **A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD**

#### 1) Surveillance

##### a. Influenza

- i. FluWatch updated weekly (started 2 weeks early this season)  
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/InfluenzaWatch.pdf>
- ii. As of November 20, 614 cases, 3 deaths, 4 outbreaks
- iii. Health Officer Order for Influenza Vaccination Program or Masking of Healthcare Personnel during Annual Influenza Season remains in effect. <http://www.sdiz.org/documents/HCP/SDIB-Bulletins/Health-Officer-Order-Mandatory-Vaccination-or-Masking-FINAL.PDF>



- iv. This order is ongoing indefinitely and applies to the each and future influenza season unless the order is rescinded. For purposes of this order, the influenza season is defined as November 1 to March 31 of the following year. In any given year, if influenza surveillance data demonstrate unusually early and/or late peaks, the Health Officer may extend the period during which the masking program shall apply for that year. This means as of November 1 (at the latest) you must be vaccinated or wear a mask.
  - b. Other surveillance – Ebola, VAPI, measles (Disneyland exposure October 16), mumps (cases increasing also in Baja California), heat, fire alerts/power outages (PSPS), wound botulism from Black Tar heroin
- 2) Policies and Protocols
- a. Protocol review underway for implementation July 1, 2020
    - i. Public comment period closed November 1, 2019; Protocol Task Force met November 15th. Comments being reviewed
    - ii. Hospital diversion policy under review
  - b. CDC issued updated guidance for TB screening among healthcare workers in May, 2019 ([https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6819a3\\_w](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm?s_cid=mm6819a3_w)). The largest change in these recommendations include a move away from annual TB testing for most health care workers.
    - i. Updated 2019 CDC recommendations on Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel have not been adopted in the State of California and the current regulations are still applicable. Here is a link to a statement from the California TB Controllers Association regarding this topic: <https://ctca.org/wp-content/uploads/CTCAresponseMay2019.pdf>
    - ii. Regulations regarding annual TB testing among healthcare workers in California include 1) Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, owned by the Licensing and Certification (L&C) Branch of the California Department of Public Health; and 2) Title 8 of the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard owned by CalOSHA.
    - iii. In August 2019, L&C issued an All Facilities Letter (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-19-28.aspx>) allowing health care facilities to submit a TB Program Flexibility request to their local L&C district office to follow new CDC guidelines (they anticipate updating Title 22 in the future). Questions about L&C flexibility requests, contact your district L&C office: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/DistrictOffices.aspx>)
    - iv. CalOSHA ATD Standards currently requires offering TB testing and performing a TB assessment annually for applicable healthcare workers (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5199.html>). CalOSHA is currently working on an update to this policy, but the content and the date of the update are not yet known. Questions about ATD CalOSHA requirements, contact CalOSHA district office (link: [https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation\\_offices.html](https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation_offices.html)) or phone # 1(800) 963-9424
- 3) Initiatives
- a. Paramedic Regs

- i. Will go to EMS Commission in December for approval; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
    - ii. Alternate destination language has been REMOVED
    - iii. 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to the latest draft
    - iv. Expecting legislative proposals for alternate destination authority for paramedics in Jan 2020
  - b. Community Paramedicine
    - i. OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through November 2020
    - ii. ET3 Model RFA Review Process, Model Go-Live Date Change, and NOFO Information
    - iii. IMPORTANT TIMELINE UPDATE: The Model Go-Live Date has been pushed back to Spring 2020, from original anticipated date of January 2020. Once the application review process is finished and applicants are selected to participate in the Model, this delay will allow more time for selected participants to review the terms and conditions of the Model and set up partnerships needed to implement ET3 Model interventions. The Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) where 911 dispatch systems will apply to establish/expand a medical triage line is expected to be announced shortly after this date.
  - c. New State Stroke and STEMI TAC established – Lorraine Calzone, RN from County EMS has been appointed!
  - d. Strangulation Initiative
    - i. Collaboration between County PHO & DA on this deadly form of DV
    - ii. Press Conference Oct 15th
    - iii. Oct 16th - All day training for healthcare staff (train-the-trainers)
    - iv. Webinars being scheduled for 2020
  - e. 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan
    - i. Distributed on October 3rd
    - ii. Asking each ED to report daily numbers at shift change ONE time only at shift change – enter data into resource bridge
    - iii. Base hospitals have good compliance, but overall about half the hospitals NOT reporting
    - iv. Contains new working definition of ED BH Holds
    - v. KPBS news story Nov 1:  
<https://www.kpbs.org/news/2019/nov/01/san-diego-county-hospitals-tracking-data-get-ahead/>
  - f. County Integrated Services Division received 2 trauma-related grants from the state California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) (through NHTSA) through 9/30/2020
    - i. Awarded \$225,000 to fund programs that educate parents and guardians on child passenger safety
    - ii. Awarded \$75,000 grant for a year-long program aimed at improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and scooter riders
  - g. GEDA Press Conference December 9<sup>th</sup>
  - h. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
    - i. This month's presentation was on sepsis
    - ii. [https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency\\_medical\\_services/medical\\_director.html](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html)

**B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr**

- 1) Procurements – City of San Marcos and the Unified Service Area are open for bids.
- 2) EMCC Venue Change for 2020 – A different location, such as the Clairemont area, is being planned for EMCC meetings for 2020. County staff will send out advance notice of the new location before the next meeting in January. Subcommittee meetings will remain at the County EMS office.
  - a. EMCC Representative Update – The EMCC Membership Roster is listed on the back of the agenda listing who the representatives are.

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

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Josh demonstrated an updated TOC dashboard. The update includes two new columns that will be added:

- Time @ Hospital > 90 min county
- Average Drop Time Last 4 hours

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**VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)**

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- A. T-708: Trauma Care Coordination within the Trauma System
- B. T-711: De-designation of a Trauma Center
- C. T-718: Public Information and Education on Trauma Systems

These policies have been reviewed and approved at Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting.

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Chris Wells to approve policies T-708, T-711 and T-718 with the only change to remove the word “minimum” from Policy T-718. Motion carried.**

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**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. Bylaws – The bylaws are not completed. The changes will be brought back to EMCC in January.
- B. S-010 Status Update – This policy was reviewed by Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. It had some additional changes. Will go back to County staff to make the changes and will be brought back to Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee.
- C. P-801 Status Update – Dr. Kahn will host an ad hoc committee meeting immediately after today’s EMCC meeting.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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- A. Venue change for 2020 – County staff will send out an email with advance notice of the new location for EMCC.
- B. Reminder that EMCC is routinely dark in August and December. If there is a need for a meeting during this time, a special meeting can be called on or the Executive Committee can meet.

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**X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for January 23, 2020.  
Meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

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

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)**  
**Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting**  
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair/ Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

## Minutes

**Thursday, November 14, 2019**

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## IN ATTENDANCE

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### Members

Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Scott, Christopher, MD – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane  
Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Osth, Cory  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy  
Sigmund, Justin

### Agency Representatives

Pearson, Danielle – Vista FD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – San Diego FD  
Seabloom, Lynne – Oceanside FD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

### Guests

Chandler, Kryssie – Kaiser

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

Brian Covell, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

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## II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the September 12, 2019 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee minutes. Motion**

carried. Due to no quorum at the October 24, 2019 meeting, informational notes for October were provided instead of minutes.

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### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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### IV. STAFF REPORT

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- A. Surveillance – November 1 starts the Flu Season. Influenza activity is already being closely monitored. The Public Health Officer “Flu Letter” is the same letter as last year and remains in effect until it is rescinded or superseded. The letter is available on the EMS website at [www.sandiegocountyems.com](http://www.sandiegocountyems.com). The flu letter requires, among other things, that healthcare personnel (which specifically include all EMS Credentialed Personnel) must wear a mask if they are not vaccinated for the flu.
- B. Health Services Capacity Task Force (HSCTF) – Currently at Plan Level 5, which is the lowest. The surveillance of our hospitals is being carefully monitored on a weekly basis.
- C. Procurements – The San Marcos and Unified Service Area are currently out for bid. The procurements will be closed by the next meeting.
- D. Policies and Protocols – The priority policy revision schedule for FY 20/21 has been identified. The protocol taskforce will meet on November 15, 2019 from 10:30-2:30 to discuss proposed revisions.
- E. Sidewalk CPR – A reminder to all agencies who have upcoming open houses and other community events where you may be training lay persons to do hands only CPR. We are hoping agencies are collecting the number of persons trained for our April or May compilation of these many events that occur all year long. We will report these numbers to the many agencies who use this data in time for CPR week which is the first week in June of each year.

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### V. POLICIES

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- T-716: Transfer of Stable Trauma Service Health Plan Members

**ACTION: Policy T-716 was recommended to go back to the Medical Audit Committee (MAC), then be brought back to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting in January for review.**

- T-718: Public Information and Education on Trauma Systems

**ACTION: Policy T-718 was recommended to move forward to EMCC.**

- S-010: Guideline for Hospital Ambulance Diversion

Long discussion and many suggested revisions to Policy S-010.

Discussion regarding the definition of “emergency patient” by policy and statute

followed.

**ACTION: Policy S-010 was recommended to be brought back to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting in January for review with the suggested revisions, in two forms: 1) a clean copy without the track changes and 2) a copy with the track changes.**

- P-801 Confirm Ad hoc schedule

Dr. Kahn will host an Ad hoc meeting after EMCC meeting on November 21, 2019.

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## **VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

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Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on January 9, 2020.