



# County of San Diego

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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) Education/Research Subcommittee Meeting (Zoom)

Cheryl Graydon, R.N., Chair/ Vacant, Vice-Chair  
Thursday, November 4, 2021

## MINUTES

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### IN ATTENDANCE

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#### Members

Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Graydon, RN, Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center  
Kahn, MD, Christopher – District 4  
McJannet, RN, Catherine – District 1  
Sloan, MD, Christian – District 5

#### County Staff

Christison, Brian  
Del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Gall, Jessica  
Parr, Andy  
Smith, PhD, Josh  
Stepanski, Barbara

#### Agency Representatives

Cote, RN, Chara – Tri-City Medical Center  
Farcas, Andra – UCSD EMS Fellow  
Jensen, Anne – San Diego Fire Rescue

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

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Cheryl Graydon, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:33 am.

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### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Dr. Chris Kahn, seconded by Cathy McJannet to approve the February 18, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

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### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITION

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A clarification was made regarding the schedule of future meetings. The Education/Research Subcommittee meeting will generally be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:30 am of odd months.

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### 4. CYBER INCIDENT SYSTEM RESEARCH PROJECT (Josh Smith, PhD/ Chris Scott, MD)

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Following the Scripps Health cyber incident, Dr. Chris Scott and Josh Smith have been working on putting together system-wide research that could inform future planning to manage similar events.

They settled on 6 metrics to look at:

- Average daily Prehospital volume
- Average daily Transport
- Average daily ED volume
- Average daily ED diversion
- Average daily TOC times
- Average ALS ambulance assignment time

These hospitals were completely on diversion from April 30 – May 8, a total of nine (9) days. They broke it down further and looked at the following:

- the nine days before (pre-event)
- the nine days (event)
- the nine days after (post-event)

Then hospitals were looked at in three categories:

- Total county
- Scripps system (4 hospitals)
- Non-Scripps hospitals

There was a group discussion on their input regarding which data to look at.

**ACTION: Dr. Chris Scott will reach out to the Health Care Disaster Coalition if they have any data/information to provide.**

**A motion was made by Dr. Christian Sloan, seconded by Dan Froelich to endorse the pursuit of more information by this subcommittee and look to see how to best present the available data. Will wait for further updates from Dr. Chris Scott and Josh Smith. Motion carried.**

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## 5. PROJECT UPDATES – (Anne Jensen)

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- **City of San Diego Pilot**

Currently not doing a lot of pilot work, with a new ambulance service transitioning in the very near future. From the pilot side, do not anticipate many issues. The city has six months to fill positions. Will commit four (4) medics, and two (2) positions that can be either RN or PA. In addition to the six (6) positions, have two (2) mental health clinicians from the County and will add a Human Services Specialist funded by the County. The fire department is also budgeting for a good number of positions.

In regards to patient population, have not been aggressive in enrolling new people due to the anticipated transition and that AMR has not back filled positions when staff leave. Will have to retrain the new staff and will do this under the current guidelines until the regulations come through with a permanent structure for community paramedicine.

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## 6. AB-1544 DISCUSSION (Cheryl Graydon, RN/ Brian Christison)

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(Per Chief Bernie Molloy from the last EMCC meeting on 10/28/21) The AB1544 Advisory Group has completed their meetings on reviewing the proposed policy through EMSA. EMSA submitted the regulatory packet on September 9 to the California Health and Human Services for their review and approval. Then it will move on to the Office of Administrative Law and was to begin the 45-day public comment process in early October, however this process has not begun yet. Depending on the comments, there could be up to two additional 45-day comment periods. EMSA is hoping to present the full regulation to the EMS Commission during the March 2022 meeting. EMSA pulled out a streamline version of the policy with just Alternative Destination in it and submitted to the EMS Commission meeting in September for approval, however that morning it was pulled off of the agenda. Anticipate it will come back at the next EMS Commission Meeting.

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## 8. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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- Next meeting January 21, 2022 at 9:30 am.
- Meeting adjourned at 11:03 am.