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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) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
9388 Lightwave Ave, San Diego, CA 92123

Minutes

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Members Present

Abbott, Stephen – District 5
Adler, Fred – District 3
Blacksberg, David – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Counties (Alt)
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses Association (Alt)
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, Laura – American Red Cross
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Pearson, Danielle – County Paramedic Agencies Committee(Alt)
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

In Attendance

Alatorre, Javier – A-Med Worldwide
Beckert, Mark – Carlsbad FD
Benjamin, Stephanie – UCSD EMS Fellow
Dotson, Melody – UCSD
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Files, Shannon – SD Sheriff
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SDFD
Seabloom, Lynne – Oceanside FD
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sullivan, Karen – Scripps Mercy
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Vilke, Gary – North Zone
Yates, Judith – HASDIC

Not in Attendance

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

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gamez, Victor
Parr, Andy
Sigmund, Justin
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

*Representative positions vacant

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.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the November 21, 2019 minutes, with the name spelling correction of Dianne Idman-Gervais under the attendance section. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chris Wells

The subcommittee met and approved policies T-716, T-717, and T-719.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon

Did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blacksborg

Did not meet.

V. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Dr. Kristi Koenig was not in attendance due to a conflict with a strangulation initiative media event but provided two handouts: 1) Novel Coronavirus (nCoV) and 2) Domestic Violence strangulation prevention.
- 2) Surveillance –Influenza season is well underway. The Influenza Watch report is posted each week.

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr

- 1) Capacity Plan – The Capacity Plan has been reduced yesterday from Level 3 (Partial Activation) back to Level 4 (Enhanced Surveillance). We found that through our metrics and information received from our community partners, that on balance, we were not seeing ongoing EMS system strain. The Capacity Plan Level is posted online on the front page of the County EMS website.
- 2) EMS Plan Data Request – Agencies were thanked for submitting the ketamine data collection tools in a timely fashion. LEMSIS agencies have benefited from simplified data collection procedures.
- 3) Procurements – Procurement activities are underway for the San Marcos Operating Area and the Unified Service Area (USA). San Marcos Operating Area is nearly ready for announcement. The Unified Service Area bids closed and are going through the procurement process; expect that report sometime in March.

- 4) Judith Yates (HASDIC) – Judith has been a regular attendee of the EMCC meeting for many years and her last day is tomorrow. She was thanked for her work, time and participation.
- 5) Policies and Protocols – The Treatment Protocol Taskforce met on November 15, 2019. The education is being worked on and Cheryl Pacheco from County EMS is collecting, editing, and sorting feedback for this year’s revisions. Adult Protocols will be routed through the January BSPC Meeting and Pediatric Protocols will be reviewed in February’s BSPC Meeting.
- 6) EMCC Change of Venue for 2020 – EMCC meetings in 2020 will be held at National University in Clairemont Mesa off Ruffin Road. There is ample parking at this location. EMCC meets at 9:30 am on the 4th Thursday of every month, except August and December; and meets on the 3rd Thursday in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 7) Love Your Heart – Love Your Heart 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, February 14. Fire agencies are being asked to register.

C. Medical Care Services Division (MCSD) Report

- 1) Dr. Jennifer Tuteur made a couple of announcements: 1) She thanked agencies for reporting of TOC and ED boarding time; 2) She thanked everyone’s dedication and work with their agencies during the Capacity Plan level change.

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

The Transfer of Care data is still available online at www.sandiegocountyems.com and is updated on a regular basis.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. T-716: Repatriation of Stable Trauma Service Health Plan Members

Additional revisions were suggested by the group. This policy will go back to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Stephen Abbott to include the track changes on future policies when sending out the packet via email to the full EMCC committee. Motion carried.

B. T-717: Trauma Center Injury Prevention Activities

A motion was made by Brian Covell, seconded by Dr. Chris Kahn to approve Policy T-717. Motion carried.

C. T-719: Trauma Provider Marketing and Advertising

A motion was made by Brian Covell, seconded by Dr. Chris Kahn to approve Policy T-719, with the correction of changing the double quotes to single quotes. Motion carried.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Bylaws Final Version – The Disaster Subcommittee met several months ago and brought forward this draft. The bylaws were updated to our practices carried today. An additional revision in the Authority section of the bylaws was pointed out that had one typographical error. County Counsel just recently approved it. The number of people on the committee has been reduced from a total of 20 to 17. The three committees that have been removed from the bylaws are the League of California Cities, the San Diego County Emergency Physicians Society, and the Bi-National Emergency Medical Care Committee. They have been removed due to no attendance in multiple years. To improve the ability for us to obtain a quorum, reducing the number of seats that are actually filled will help us achieve a quorum by the bylaws.

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Dr. Chris Kahn to approve the Bylaws final version. Motion carried.

- B. P-801 Status Update – Dr. Chris Kahn hosted an ad hoc subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee made progress in the previous meeting. The subcommittee will be meeting again today after EMCC.
- C. S-010 Status Update – This policy is going through internal review. It will go back to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee, then to EMCC in February.

A motion was made by Brian Covell, seconded by Cheryl Graydon to take this policy back to Prehospital/Hospital subcommittee for further discussion and potentially change the section listed on page 5, section E, Priority 4, to change the wording from a “Base Hospital Physician order” to a “Base Hospital order”. Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation: [Missing Persons Task Force for Mass Casualty Disasters](#) – The PowerPoint, which referred to the November 2018 Camp Fire in Paradise, was presented by Shannon Files from the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department.
- B. Membership/Committee Appointments

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Stephen Abbott to leave the current subcommittee appointments as is. Motion carried.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2020.
Meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.