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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Paul Forney, Chair/ Dr. Chris Scott, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023

Members Present

Calderwood, Michael – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Davis, Sgt Mike – Law Enforcement Agencies
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association
Jordan, Jonathan – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lawler, Andy – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Lyons, R.N., Laura – American Red Cross
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
McJannet, R.N., Cathy – District 1
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
O'Boyle, Lt. Anthony – Law Enforcement Agencies
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association (Alt)
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties

In Attendance

Bing, Tom – Lakeside Fire
Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Clyons, Jeff – SDFRD
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy
Francis, Allen – CDCR/CCHCS
Gimore, Christina – Carlsbad Fire
Hartsock, Ryan – Advantage Ambulance
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Jenkins, Danisha - Sharp
Koch, Joey - Falck
Levine, Saul – Sharp Memorial
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical
Parker, Seth – CARE Ambulance
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad Fire
Pederson, Andrew - AMR
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – Vista Fire
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17 EMS Coordinator
Saner, Dan – Falck
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD
Smith, Ray – CVFD
Stauffer, Kim – SDFD
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Vilke, Gary – North Zone
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health

Not in Attendance

District 2
District 3
Military Agencies

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
Day, Mark
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Koenig, MD, Kristi
Meick, Tyler
Pacheco, Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Regier, Marc
Robbins, Christi
Rogers, Cody
McDonald, M.D., Eric

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

- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- B. The group skipped the Pledge of Allegiance as the meeting was held virtually.
- C. In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

Dr. Chris Kahn provided comments regarding:

- A) The recent change in the Health Services Capacity Task Force Plan Level
- B) A request for clarification on the practice outline in County EMS Policy 412 III. D. about Base Hospital authorization for EMT ambulance transport.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott to approve the November 17, 2022 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN

- Several policies that were not ready for EMCC were tabled.
- Updates to Policy S-411 was reviewed.
- The group voted that the current Chair and Vice Chair remain the same.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

- Dr. Chris Kahn provided an update on the San Diego City Pilot.
- An update was provided on AB 1544. County working on formulating policies and procedures.
- The group voted that Cheryl Graydon will remain Chair; Dan Froelich was voted as Vice Chair.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee –Lisha Wiese

- February 2 exercise (communications, security issues) – many hospitals will be participating.
- May 18 surge response evacuation exercise; forming a planning committee.
- October 2023 pediatric surge exercise.
- April 2024 Statewide exercise.
- Will participate in tabletop exercises prior to each of those exercises.
- Update on a workgroup related to the Title 42 restrictions.

V. COUNTY REPORTS

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD, EMS Medical Director

i. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic. She also shared the EMCC Clinical Report which covered the following:

- Opioid Epidemic Mitigation
 - Leave Behind Naloxone
 - Prehospital Buprenorphine
- EBM Lecture Series for BSPC
- Cardiac Resuscitation
 - Cardiac Monitor Data Retention Community Guidelines
 - San Diego Resuscitation Consortium
 - Bystander CPR Workshop
- San Diego Wastewater Surveillance Dashboard
- County of San Diego EMS Surveillance Report

Dr. Jennifer Tuteur, Deputy Public Health Officer, HHS, MCSD, provided additional clinical information:

- Love Your Heart February 11-19, 2023 <https://www.livewellsd.org/love-your-heart/>
- Sidewalk CPR Training at same stations as Love Your Heart
- Blood Bank donation sites
- Encourages getting the COVID-19 booster
- Free Telehealth visits including treatment via SesameCare <https://sesamecare.com/covidca>
- State Testing sites closing

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 3 – Partial Activation.
- EMSA Policy Update: October 17th EMSA announced a policy update regarding the termination of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Executive Orders, (N-11-22 & N-4-22) **Effective February 28, 2023**, this announcement:
 - **Rescinds the utilization of out-of-state medical personnel to render medical services**
 - **Terminates waivers associated with the utilization of EMSA Cal-Mat teams Beyond 60 days of service**
 - **Terminates EMS Personnel Licensing, Certification, Training and Scope of Practice waivers:**
 - whereby Paramedics, AEMT, and EMT certified personnel will no longer be able to:
 - Perform their current SOP in hospitals, Alternate Care Sites, Shelters, or any other static site
 - Provide vaccinations (COVID, Flu, and/or MPX)
 - And paramedics will no longer be authorized to Administer or monitor mAb (Monoclonal Antibody Treatments) or conduct Covid and Influenza testing
- Procurements: County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County. This is a huge volume of work and we're nearing the finish line. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. (CSA-17 is signed), (BSH is signed)
- New Assignments at EMS:
 - Dr. Joshua Smith continues to lead our Epidemiology Team
 - Cody Rogers continues to lead our Prehospital Standards Team
 - Tyler Meick has been assigned to lead our Community Paramedicine Team
 - Acting EMS Coordinator Michael Assof is leading our Clinical Team
- SOME County Meetings are Still Virtual (for now): County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these meetings are so-called "Brown Act" meetings and require specific notification and recordation. The California State Legislature has passed a law (AB361) allowing partial relief from the public meeting requirements. This relief must be reaffirmed at each regular meeting held virtually. This relief ends at the Advisory Committee's discretion or until February 28, 2023, whichever comes first. Attendees should plan on many of these EMS meetings to return to in-person in March.
- EMS Office Strategic Plan is Complete - Thank you for your participation! The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan is complete. This new document brings a new focus to the strategic vision of County EMS and San Diego County EMS as a whole. The plan development process included a community-led steering committee, key stakeholder interviews, community surveys, and other opportunities for feedback. The EMS Office received more than 1,000 individual comments, suggestions, and recommendations. We are pleased the community's voices were heard and included in support of the Strategic Plan's creation. Thank you for your input to guide County EMS into the future!
- EMS Duty Officer Notification: Reporting an EMS delivery system issue or incident to the Duty Officer is through the 619-588-0397 phone number. The EMS Office has noticed an uptick in direct, informal contacts to EMS Office staff during urgent situations. These informal updates are often important and informative, but EMS Duty Officer items need to be routed through the San Diego Interagency Command Center to ensure redundancy, active engagement, and accountability. We ask our partners to use the official notification pathway.

- EMT Renewals–submit early! In the spring of odd-numbered years, the County EMS Credentialing Team is inundated with EMT renewal applications. Agencies are asked to make sure the applications of their EMT staff are submitted early to avoid the rush. As a reminder, EMT Skills Verifications are no longer waived.
 - County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:
 - February 20, 2023 – President’s Day (County Holiday)
 - New Faces soon at EMS: County EMS is interviewing and moving forward with at least 2 new EMS Specialists in our Office. One will be working with the Community Paramedicine team and the other programmatically on our ambulance contract areas (CSA-17 and USA). We will be interviewing for an Admin Analyst, a Legal Support Specialist, an Office Support Specialist and an EMS Manager soon, also.
- i. **EMCC Membership – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**
The roster has been updated to reflect the current EMCC members. The subcommittee section will be updated to reflect the members who serve on multiple committees.
 - ii. **Recent Board Action – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**
A HHSA board letter related to opioid mitigation was passed in December which included additional support to the EMS office in the form of staff for supporting Leave behind Naloxone and other opioid medication initiatives and further epidemiology/ surveillance work.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

S-411: Reporting of Suspected Child, Dependent Adult, or Elder Abuse/Neglect

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chara Cote to accept the changes.

VII. REPORTS

A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review

The consultant has been recruited. Public Consulting Group has been retained to complete this work.

B. AB 1544: Community Paramedicine

No report, as the topic was discussed under New Business.

C. EMS Office Strategic Plan

The [EMS Strategic Plan 2023-2027](#) PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group which covered the Mission, Vision, Core Values, Steering Committee Participating Groups, and Strategic Goals.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Brown Act requirements for Teleconferencing Meetings – AB 361: A Resolution Authorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953

This resolution allows the committee to continue holding teleconference meetings for at least 30 more days. This resolution expires February 28, 2023.

The members will need to attend in person at the March 2023 meeting. The meeting location is TBD. The group (who is not on the committee) was asked to send EMS Administrator Andy Parr a message if they plan on attending in person.

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Dr. Chris Kahn to continue meeting virtually in February 2023. Motion carried.

- B. Subcommittee re-assignments

The following votes were made and approved in the January Subcommittee meetings:

- The Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair (Chara Cote) and Vice Chair (Dr. Chris Scott) will remain the same.
- The Education & Research Subcommittee Chair (Cheryl Graydon) will remain the same, and Dan Froelich is the new Vice Chair.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. AB 1544 Steering Committee Update (Presentation/Discussion)

The [CoSD Community Paramedicine Updates](#) PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group.

B. Discuss an Email Clean-up Activity

An email was sent out in December to the EMCC email distribution group asking if anyone on the list should remain or be removed. The email list will be updated accordingly.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 9:30 am virtually.
Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.