# County Service Area 69 (CSA-69) - 2014 Meeting Minutes

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# **CSA-69 BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Minutes
Thursday, February 13, 2014, 3:00 – 4:00 P.M.

# **Members**

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District Rickards, Dave – San Miguel Fire Protection District Savage, Warren – City of Santee

#### **Agency Representatives**

Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Protection District

# **County Staff**

Brewton, Linda Cavanaugh, Adria

#### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

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

Warren Savage called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm. Attendees introduced themselves.

# II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

# III. BUDGET PLANNING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014/15

# A. FY 2013/14 Year-to-date Revenue and Expenditures as of February 11, 2014.

## 1. Revenue

Ambulance Transports	\$2,246,354
Resident	\$1,798,231
Non-Resident	448,123
Benefit Fee	1,391,749
Property Tax Revenue	276,871
Interest and Others	10,049
Total Revenue	\$3,925,023

Totals are consistent with revenue compared last fiscal year at this time.

# 2. Expenditures

\$2,697,137

Expenditures are higher than this time last year by \$222,072 due to timing of invoice payments.

# B. Budget Build FY 2014/15

### 1. FY 2014/15 Revenue Budget Recommendations

a. Ambulance transports:

•	Residents	\$2,500,528
•	Non-residents	\$625,923

#### b. Benefit Fee tax:

\$2,400,000

The Benefit Fee tax includes an annual adjustment based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CPI is expected to be released February 20, 2014.

c. Property tax:

\$451,365

d. Budgeted annual revenue from GEMT:

\$150,000

Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT) is a new approved supplemental reimbursement program run by the CA Department of Health Care Services. The program provides partial reimbursement for Medi-Cal runs performed by CSA-69. The County signed a Provider Participation Agreement and EMS will submit cost reports to the State for reimbursement on an annual basis. This is estimated to be about \$150,000 - \$200,000 in new revenue for CSA-69.

CSA-69 will see a one-time retroactive funding collection in the amount of \$556,892.

# 2. FY 2014/15 Expenditures

a. Ambulance Transport Services contracts:

• Lakeside Fire Protection District

\$2,961,971

• Santee Fire Department

\$2,740,845

b. Wittman Enterprises, Inc.:

\$225,000

The Wittman Enterprises contract expires June 30, 2014. To anticipate an increase in costs, it is recommended to budget for available appropriations.

c. CSA Administration expenditures:

\$215,000

- 3. Overview clarification of the CSA-69 budget and funding
  Benefit fee revenue is collected for ALS ambulance 911 services, fire and
  paramedic ambulance response. Dave Rickards requested information from
  Lakeside Fire to be presented at a San Miguel Fire Protection District meeting.
- 4. Reserves Update: In FY 2012/13 there was a savings of approximately \$500,000 that went back into the reserve and an increase in transport revenue. The ambulance transport fee increase took effect in July 2009. Discussion ensued on future changes due to Community Paramedicine, Affordable Care Act and transportation contracts.
- 5. Lakeside Fire Protection District and City of Santee Fire Department budget projections will have a 2% change. In FY 2015/16, both Lakeside and Santee are expecting a one-time fee assessment of \$7,000 for each Regional Communication System radio for a total of \$84,000. A mandatory upgrade is planned by 2018.

A motion was made by Jim Bingham, seconded by Dave Rickards to forward the FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget to the CSA-69 Advisory Committee for approval.

Discussion on the motion included estimates on Lakeside and Santee Operations costs for salary and benefit increases. The projected increase of 2% would cover the estimated cost increases.

By previous motion and second, the FY 2014/15 Proposed Budget will be forwarded to the CSA-69 Advisory Committee for approval. Motion carried.

#### IV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.

Submitted by Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary Emergency Medical Services



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# CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, February 13, 2014

# **Members**

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Grossmont Hospital Rickards, Dave – San Miguel Fire Protection District Savage, Warren – City of Santee Strom, Linda – Lakeside Community Planning Group Voepel, Randy – City of Santee

#### **County Staff**

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# Agency Representatives

Converse, Larry – San Miguel Fire District Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire Protection District Mattick, Richard – City of Santee Fire District Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Agency Robeson, Bob – Lakeside Fire District

#### Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

# I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Rickards, seconded by Kevin Howe to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2013 CSA-69 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Howe, seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve the minutes from the September 12, 2013 meeting. Motion carried.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

#### IV. ELECTION OF CSA-69 CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

A motion was made by Randy Voepel to nominate Warren Savage for CSA-69 Advisory Committee Chair and James Bingham as CSA-69 Vice-Chair. The motion was seconded by Kevin Howe. Motion carried.

# V. BUDGET REPORT

# A. Financial Report - Adria Cavanaugh

Pecident transports

1. FY 2013-2014 Year-to-Date Revenue

a.	Rev	enue:
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Resident transports	\$1,790,231	
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Total Ambulance Transports		\$2,246,354
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Property tax		276,871
Interest & Miscellaneous Revenue		10,049
Total Revenue		\$3,925,023

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#### b. Total Expenditures:

\$2,697,137

# c. Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT)

CSA-69 has been approved to participate in the GEMT supplemental reimbursement program administered by the CA Department of Health Care Services. The program provides some reimbursement for Medi-Cal runs performed by CSA-69. This is estimated to be about \$150,000 - \$200,000 in revenue for CSA-69.

GEMT revenue annual budget recommendation for FY 2014/15:

\$150,000

# 2. Budget Build FY 2014/15 - Adria Cavanaugh

#### a. Revenue:

Ambulance Transports
Residents
Non-Residents

\$2,500,528

625,923

Benefit Fee	2,400,000
Property Tax	451,365
GEMT	150,000
Interest on Deposits	15,000
Total Revenue	\$6,142,816

# Resident and non-resident transports

Revenue from resident and non-resident transports has remained consistent with slight variance over the last three (3) years and will have a similar projection for FY 2014/15.

### Benefit Fee

The ordinance that established the special benefit fee tax included an annual adjustment to the amount based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego area as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor. The CPI is expected to be released February 20, 2014, but has historically increased within 1.6 to 3.03% over the past two (2) years.

Property tax revenue is recommended to stay the same for FY 2014/15.

#### **GEMT**

The program provides some reimbursement for Medi-cal runs performed by CSA-69 and is budgeted conservatively.

# b. Expenditures:

CSA Administration Total Expenditures	<u>215,000</u> <b>\$6,142,816</b>
Wittman (Billing Contract)	225,000
Santee Fire Department	2,740,845
Lakeside Fire Protection District	\$2,961,971
Ambulance Services Contracts	

- c. Reserve and cash flow balance is increasing steadily as of July 2009 with the implementation of the increased transport fee.
- d. Discussion on the Budget Build included, transport fees, benefit fees and what the process would be if the benefit fee need to be increased to cover the cash flow reserve.

# B. Budget Subcommittee - Kevin Howe

Lakeside and Santee agencies presented their budgets for FY 2014/15. The Budget Subcommittee voted to approve the proposed budget and to move it forward to the Advisory Committee for final approval.

A motion was made by Kevin Howe, seconded by James Bingham to accept the CSA-69 Budget Build as presented with the estimated CPI. Motion carried.

#### VI. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

### A. Administrative Report - Marcy Metz

- 1. The contract with Wittman Enterprises which is the billing company for CSA-69 expires in June. The contract will go out to bid next week.
- 2. Community Paramedicine (CP) pilot project proposals have been submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD). The proposals will go to licensing boards for review and comment followed by a 40-day public comment period and a public hearing. The two (2) CP projects submitted from San Diego County were from City of Carlsbad and City of San Diego. The EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee will be the CP Advisory committee.
- 3. The following are upcoming community events supporting the County's cardiac, stroke and trauma programs.
  - a. This year is the 30th Anniversary of the Trauma System. The Trauma Research and Education Foundation and trauma centers will participate in the San Diego half marathon on March 9, 2014 by providing community education along the course.
  - b. The 3rd Annual Strike out Stroke Day at the Padres game is on May 10, 2014. Ticket and t-shirt bundle information will be sent out. The event provides community awareness and education on the signs and early warning systems of stroke, such as watching for the Face, Arm, Slurred Speech and Time (FAST) symptoms and to call 911 so the patient will have a better outcome.
  - c. The 3rd Annual *Sidewalk CPR Day* event is June 5, 2014 during CPR week, June 1-7, 2014. There will be stations set up throughout the County where individuals can receive compression only CPR training.

#### B. Medical Director's Report (Marcy Metz for Dr. Haynes)

- 1. The flu season is diminishing. Starting the second week in January, reports of the flu have gone down. The H1N1 pandemic flu from a number of years ago is now affecting middle age and younger people who would not normally get sick from the flu. Receiving a flu vaccination is still recommended.
- 2. Pertussis cases have increased. Pertussis causes persistent coughing and can also cause heart problems for children. It is important to keep up with the adult tdap vaccination especially those who are around children.
- 3. The Burn Surge Plan develops a process for allowing broad distribution of patients in the system in response to a large burn emergency that would exceed the capacity of

the burn center. As the burn center nears capacity, patients with smaller burns and/or inhalation injuries would go to one of the trauma centers, and would have children going to Rady Children's Hospital.

- 4. There have been drug shortages of saline solution in the field. EMS has authorized the use of smaller bags, or switching to another intravenous solution close to saline. There was discussion on the use and availability of Saline Locks.
- 5. PulsePoint Services implementation is an application that can be purchased for a smart phone by individuals who are registered to provide life assistance to victims of cardiac arrest. Individuals who register with the application and have indicated they are trained in CPR, are willing to assist in an emergency and be notified if someone nearby is having a cardiac emergency and may require CPR.

# C. Agency Reports

- 1. Lakeside report Jim Kirkpatrick
  - a. On February 14, 2014, the *Love your Heart* event partnered by Public Health and Public Safety will provide free blood pressure screenings. Lakeside is participating in the event and will be set up at the Lakeside Community Center from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm to perform free blood pressure checks and screenings.
  - b. The remounted ambulance unit at Station 3 is back in service. Next year Lakeside will consider an ambulance purchase.
  - c. Zoll X monitors are in service and are used for 12-leads transmitted via WiFi.
  - d. Core measures have been collected and submitted to the County.
  - e. Two (2) fire fighter paramedics have been hired in Lakeside. Four (4) previous hires have passed their probationary period.

#### 2. Santee report – Richard Mattick

- a. Santee is hiring four (4) new employees that are in the process of going through background checks. The new hires will complete a 12-shift assessment as paramedics and a three (3) week in-house academy. Two (2) captains and three (3) engineers were promoted. Next year Santee will be replacing five (5) of their 12 Captains.
- b. Santee re-chassis a CSA ambulance at Station 5.
- c. Richard Mattick thanked Jim Kirkpatrick for submitting Santee and Lakeside Core measures to the County.

# 3. Discussion topics included:

- a. Re-chassis ambulance units versus purchasing new units.
- b. Instruction to teach CPR in the schools and in the community on a regular basis. Discussion ensued on compression only new method and individuals being comfortable with using breathing and compression method.

For the Sidewalk CPR event, information is sent out for agencies to sign up and set a location in their area to give compression only CPR training to bystanders. Those locations and times are published on the web site and through press releases to forward the message out to the community. Hands only CPR takes around five (5) minutes or less to demonstrate.

### VII. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Provide Sidewalk CPR Day event information for the CSA-69 members to share with their community.

# VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, May 8, 2014, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Submitted by

Janet I. Wolchko, Administrative Secretary III County of San Diego, Emergency Medical Services



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# CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, May 8, 2014

# **Members**

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#### **County Staff**

Ameng, R.N., Diane Cavanaugh, Adria Haynes, M.D., Bruce Metz, R.N., Marcy

# **Agency Representatives**

Converse, Larry – San Miguel/Cal Fire Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Protection District Peterson, Brad – City of Santee Fire

#### Guests

Ayers, Charlene – Public (San Miguel)

# Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

# I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Strom, seconded by Jim Bingham to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2014 CSA-69 Advisory Committee meeting. Motion carried.

The February 13, 2014 CSA-69 Budget Subcommittee minutes will be approved at the next CSA-69 meeting. A quorum of Budget Subcommittee members was not present for approval.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

## IV. BUDGET REPORT

# A. Financial Report - Adria Cavanaugh

#### 1. FY 2013/2014 Year-to-Date Revenue

#### a. Revenue:

Ambulance Transports		\$3,063,107
Resident transports	\$2,460,423	
Non-resident transports	602,684	
Benefit Fee		1,556,876
Property tax		405,044
Interest & Miscellaneous Revenue		10,970
Total Revenue		\$5,035,997

Total revenue is higher by \$266,502 compared to the same time last year due to an increase in transport revenue. Ambulance transport billing collection rate is 89% for FY 2013/14.

# b. Total Expenditures:

\$3,917,419

# c. <u>FY 2014/15 Budget</u>

FY 2014/15 Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Diego region is calculated at 1.3%, raising the benefit fee by 66 cents from \$50.29 to \$50.95.

# d. CSA-69 Billing Provider RFP Update

The RFP for CSA-69 billing provider services closed on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> and is with the Source Selection Committee for review. The current contract with Wittman is extended through December 31, 2014 to allow additional time for the transition.

Action Item: Forward the CSA-69 reserve amount to the committee.

# **B.** Budget Subcommittee

No report.

# V. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

# A. Administrative Report - Marcy Metz

- 1. County Paramedicine (CP) Pilot Projects
  - a. A public hearing was held in Sacramento on April 9, 2014 regarding the CP projects. The California Nurses Association (CNA), California Chapter American College of Emergency Physicians (CalACEP), and the medical board expressed issues regarding detail in data collection, methodology, the curriculum and patient safety.
  - b. The EMS Authority (EMSA) contacted the pilot projects and asked them to provide more detail to their projects and submit them to EMSA. After review, EMSA submitted a revised application to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD).
  - c. Timelines for the project coordinators are due this week.
  - d. The EMCC Education Research Subcommittee is the Advisory Committee for San Diego CP projects submitted by the City of Carlsbad and City of San Diego.
  - e. There will be an additional public comment period and public hearing. OSHPD is expected to make a decision regarding the projects in July.
- 2. Sidewalk CPR Day is June 5, 2014. The goal is to train 3,500 individuals in adult compression CPR. Registration is still open. Advanced registration notice is needed to request mannequins from Project Heartbeat who will provide them for the event.
- 3. Strike out Stroke at the Padre game is on Saturday, May 10, 2014. The event will provide community awareness on the signs and symptoms of stroke, the risk factors, and to call 911 as soon as possible to improve stroke outcomes.
- 4. The County Office of Emergency Services is updating the County Operational area Plan which includes the Annex D multi casualty response plan. EMS is reviewing the Annex D multi casualty response plan with community agencies.

# B. Medical Director's Report - Dr. Haynes

- 1. A number of Pertussis cases that have been reported. Adults should receive vaccination to keep their level of immunity up.
- 2. The Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) virus that started in Saudi Arabia and has killed 400 people. MERS isn't easily transmissible from person to person. 30% of the people that contracted the virus have died, usually with pneumonia symptoms. There is no antiviral medication for treatment.
  - MERS is a Coronavirus such as Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS), but appears to be less contagious.
  - The first U.S. case of MERS was with a healthcare worker who was working in Saudi Arabia, took a plane to London, went to Chicago, and then by bus to Indiana and became sick. After becoming ill, the individual went to the

- hospital and was diagnosed with MERS. It was then reported to the CDC and State Health Department.
- The CDC recommends that family members and healthcare workers in the field wear gloves, etc. and a N95 mask for personal protection.

# 3. Trial study on the use of Naloxone as a narcotic antidote

- The Sheriff's Department, being the first responder in some cases, is
  interested in conducting a trial study where Deputies carry Naloxone that
  could be used on individuals where there appears to be a narcotic overdose.
  Naloxone would be administered via a nose spray to reverse narcotic
  overdose.
- It was suggested by the Sheriff's Department to conduct the trial study in the City of Santee area, Lakeside and San Miguel. Dr. Haynes will contact Santee, San Miguel and Lakeside Fire Departments with information about the trial study.

#### Discussion/comments:

- The Naloxone nasal spray has been approved for paramedic use.
- It is the opinion of the deputies surveyed that deputies are First Responders 40% of the time. Many of the calls originate as a law enforcement call.

# C. Agency Reports

- 1. Lakeside Agency Report Andy Parr
  - a. Transport calls are on the rise.
  - b. Lakeside has added two (2) additional fire fighters. Currently there are a total of 45. The new personnel will be completing training for a month. All are certified paramedics, primarily from the private ambulance sector.

### 2. Santee Agency Report – Brad Peterson

- a. Deputy Division Chief Richard Mattick has been promoted to Fire Chief. Brad Peterson has been selected as Battalion Chief, EMS.
- b. Santee has five (5) new employees currently in the academy. Three (3) have had their paramedic evaluation and will be working by mid-June.
- c. Funding has been secured for the reserve ambulance.
- d. Santee Fire will be signing up for the Sidewalk CPR event.

#### 3. Cal Fire

- a. Calfire is hiring four (4) new fire fighter paramedics.
- b. Transition with CalFire fire fighters and local fire fighter paramedics has been good.
- d. Protocol updates are in June.
- e. CalFire will be participating in *Side Walk CPR* with three out of the four (4) high schools. Steele Canyon High School is considering becoming involved with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program and training.

# Discussion topics:

- Available tankers locally and at the State.
- Response time.

# VI. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- 1. Epidemiology presentation update.
- 2. AED information.

# VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, September 11, 2014, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

Submitted by

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# CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, September 11, 2014

# **Members**

Fox, Ken – Santee School District Board
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Liebig, Peter – Lakeside Fire Protection District (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Rickards, Dave – San Miguel Fire Protection District
Savage, Warren – City of Santee
Strom, Linda – Lakeside Community Planning Group
Voepel, Randy – City of Santee

#### County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane Brewton, Linda Leverson, Jim Metz, R.N., Marcy Ray, Leslie Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

# **Agency Representatives**

Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire Protection District Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Protection District Kiszka, John – SMG/CalFire Peterson, Brad – City of Santee Fire

#### Guests

Ayers, Charlene – Public (San Miguel) Robeson, Bob – Lakeside Chamber of Commerce

# I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

# II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Linda Strom, seconded by Ken Fox to approve the May 8, 2014 CSA-69 Advisory Committee minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kevin Howe, seconded by Dave Rickards to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2014 CSA-69 Budget Subcommittee meeting. Motion carried.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

#### IV. BUDGET REPORT

# A. Financial Report - Jim Leverson

1. FY 2013/2014 Revenue Growth by Source

Ambulance Transports	\$3,665,000
Resident transports	\$2,925,000
Non-resident transports	<u>740,000</u>
Benefit Fee	2,439,000
Property tax	477,000
Interest, Penalties & Other	113,000
Total Revenue	\$6,694,000

Total revenue growth was 8.5%, primarily driven by growth in resident and non-resident transport fees.

2. FY 2013/14 Expense Growth by Category

Ambulance	\$5,414,000
Billing & Collection Services	181,000
County-Admin Services	146,000
Mutual Aid	0
Total Expenses	\$5,741,000

There was a slight growth in the expenses for FY 2013/14.

- 3. Revenue and Expenditure History and Projection to Actuals: FY 13/14 revenue was higher than projected; expenditure was lower than projected.
- 4. Actual and projected reserve balances:

The actual reserve balances for FY 09/10 through FY 13/14 and projected reserve balances for FY 14/15 through FY 19/20 were presented. The chart assumes a required reserve of 120 days of expenses for FY 09/10 through FY 13/14. Beginning with FY 14/15, the projection assumes a required reserve of 180 days of expenses.

- 5. CSA-69 fees will remain constant from last year. The benefit fee will increase by \$0.74.
- 6. Residents accounted for 79% of transports and 77% of revenue.

# 7. FY 2013/2014 Distribution of Charges by payor.

The percentage breakdown of charges billed to Medicare, Medicare HMO, Medi-Cal, Medi-Cal HMO and insurance was presented.

Collection rate of 80 % to 90 % continues to exceed the CSA's target collection rate of 55%.

### B. Budget Subcommittee

No report. The Budget Subcommittee meets once a year before the first Advisory Committee meeting.

# V. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

# A. Administrative Report - Marcy Metz

- 1. Sidewalk CPR was a success with 24 participating agencies at 35 locations. In six (6) hours 3,143 individuals were trained in adult hands only CPR. In Southern California, approximately 17,000 individuals were trained.
- 2. PulsePoint is an application is available to download on your phone. Individuals that sign up for the application will be notified when there is a cardiac arrest in the area.
- 3. Community Paramedicine (CP) Projects
  - Projects are at the State EMS Authority for approval.
  - It is hopeful that there will be notifications in November regarding the projects.
  - Projects submitted from County of San Diego were from the City of Carlsbad and the City of San Diego.
- 4. This is a protocol review year. Adult and pediatric policies are being reviewed.
- 5. During the Naloxone trial there have been six (6) cases of Sheriff Deputies using narcan in cases of narcotic overdose.
- 6. The EMS Commission is having their quarterly meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Kona Kai Resort, at 10 am.
- 7. September is Emergency Preparedness Month. There will be a Statewide Healthcare Exercise on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The scenario will be an infectious disease.
- 8. CSA-69 billing contract was awarded to Wittman.
- 9. The committee discussed information regarding pertussis, Ebola and the East Coast illness that has been reported.

## **B.** Agency Reports

- 1. Lakeside Agency Report Jim Kirkpatrick
  - a. Personnel: Lakeside is currently hosting two (2) interns from Chula Vista Fire and will assist with the training program.
  - b. Two (2) incidents were reported where Sheriff Deputies administered narcan to people with apparent overdose. Lakeside will meet with Dr. Haynes on the progress of the study.
  - c. Lakeside is currently in the process of developing the requirements with their new ambulance. Ambulances are averaging 50,000 60,000 miles per year.
  - d. June 5<sup>th</sup> was Sidewalk CPR. Lakeside trained 154 people in adult compression only CPR.
  - e. Lakeside participated in the MCI and Surge Capacity Project workgroups at EMS.
  - f. On the September 27, 2014, 10 am to 3 pm, there will be an open house at Station 3, located at Highway 8 business and Lake Jennings. There will be CPR hands only demonstrations and training. It was suggested that the open house would be a good venue to provide information on AED's and PulsePoint.
  - g. 2015 is the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CSA-69.
  - h. Challenges: Narcan cost will double within the next few months; there are saline shortages. July 1<sup>st</sup> rates for normal saline went up 300%.

# 2. Santee Agency Report – Brad Peterson

- a. Santee covered the requirements for the new ambulance to be delivered on July 1st.
- b. Personnel: Three (3) new hires are on probation. There will be a promotion test for a Captain.
- c. Santee participated in the adult protocol task force; pediatric protocol task force review will begin in a couple of weeks.
- d. There was a reported narcan use by Sheriff Deputies yesterday.
- e. Santee is registered for PulsePoint and will be working with Project Heartbeat to get AED's loaded to the system.
- f. Santee completed the Southwestern and EMSA intern schedule and currently have an intern from Palomar.
- g. Open House is on October  $18^{th}$  at Fire Station 4 from 10:00-3:00 pm. There will be a poster contest and possibly a CPR demonstration.

# 3. San Miguel Fire Protection District/CalFire - John Kiska

- a. Dave Rickards introduced John Kiska as the San Miguel/CalFIRE Admin EMS Battalion Chief.
- b. Six (6) temporary hires will be picked up permanently.
- c. Sidewalk CPR: A class for community outreach assisted with a special needs group of people who were blind. They also showed them how to use a fire extinguisher. Steel Canyon is becoming involved with certification.
- d. All front line engines at the eight (8) Stations have the Zoll ten (10) monitors in service.

### Discussion topics:

- Naloxone increased costs and demand.
- PulsePoint statistics report regarding activations. Information on PulsePoint will be sent to the CSA-69 members.

# VI. COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS OF CSA-69 – Leslie Ray

Statistical information comes from the California Health Interview Survey, Vital records and hospital data.

- A. Chronic Disease, injury and behavioral health, 3-4-50: 3 behaviors that lead to 4 diseases that represent in over 50 percent of deaths in San Diego
  - 1. Behaviors
    - Smoking In 2007, 1 out of 7 in East Region were smokers.
    - Physical Activity 1 quarter of East Regions adults had not walked for transportation, fun or exercise in the past 7 days (2009).
    - Poor Diet 1 out of 5 East Region residents ate fast food three or more times per week.

#### 2. Diseases

- Coronary Heart Disease and Stroke is the second leading cause of death in the County. 6 out of every 100 San Diego residents have been diagnosed with heart disease or stroke.
- Cancer 1 out of 10 residents in San Diego County has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Diabetes 1 out of 20 San Diego County residents have been diagnosed with diabetes.
- Chronic Respiratory Disease asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).
- 3. Over 50% of Deaths are due to the above chronic diseases.
  - In 2012, 54% of all deaths in San Diego were due to the four chronic diseases.
  - East Region percentages are 55%.

#### B. Trends

- 1. Percentages in the County of 3-4-50 deaths: 2000/63%; 2012/54%.
- 2. East County has a higher rate of 3-4-50 for all cause deaths compared to other San Diego County Residents. This could be due to age of population, motor vehicle incidents (transport times) and less resources.

# C. Disease by numbers

- 1. Prevalence, mortality, hospitalizations and discharge percentages were given for diabetes, heart disease, asthma, COPD and Stroke.
- 2. Cancer is the leading cause of death in the County.

3. In 2012, asthma mortality for the East Region, Santee and Lakeside, is fewer than five (5) events.

# D. 2012 Injury Indicators

- 1. Unintentional injuries: Fall-related injury, overdose/poisoning rate, motor vehicle and pedestrian injuries are higher in the East County compared to the San Diego County rate.
- 2. Intentional injuries: Homicides, assault, suicide, self-inflicted injuries and firearm related injury.
  - Homicides too low to count for Santee and Lakeside
  - Suicide risk is too low to count for Lakeside; Santee is higher than the County rate.
  - Self-inflicted injuries in East County are higher than the County rate.
  - Fire arm related injuries are too low to count for Lakeside; Santee risk is higher than the County rate.
- 3. Behavioral indicators (alcohol and mental health): East Region rates are higher compared to San Diego County rates with exception to acute alcohol-related disorder.
- E. Personal injury prevention: Personally reducing your risk of injury and community prevention suggested activity was presented.
- F. Chronic disease prevention: What you and your community can do to reduce the risk of non-communicable (chronic) disease.
- G. Materials for Live Well San Diego area are available on the County website.

#### VII. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No new business or future agenda items were suggested.

#### VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, November 13, 2014, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Submitted by

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# CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, November 13, 2014

# **Members**

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Fox, Ken – Santee School District Board
Liebig, Peter – Lakeside Fire Protection District (Alt)
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Minto, John – City of Santee (Alt)
Rickards, Dave – San Miguel Fire Protection District
Strom, Linda – Lakeside Community Planning Group

#### **Agency Representatives**

Kirkpatrick, Jim – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist. Malloy, Bernard – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist. Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist. Peterson, Brad – City of Santee Fire

# Guests

Ayers, Charlene - Public (San Miguel)

#### **County Staff**

Ameng, R.N., Diane Brewton, Linda Haynes, M.D., Bruce Metz, R.N., Marcy Wolchko, Janet (Recorder)

# I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Peter Liebig called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Introductions were made.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dave Rickards, seconded by Linda Strom to approve the September 11, 2014 CSA-69 Advisory Committee minutes. Motion carried.

# III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

#### IV. BUDGET REPORT

# A. Financial Review for the first quarter of FY 2014-15, July 1 through October 31st – Linda Brewton

1. Year-to-Date 2014/2015 Revenue Growth by Source

Ambulance Transports		\$1,114,000
Resident transports	\$ 890,000	
Non-resident transports	 224,000	
Benefit Fee		0
Property tax		13,000
Interest, Penalties & Other		5,000
Total Revenue		\$1,132,000

Year-to date revenue is down compared to the same period FY 2013/14.

2. FY 2013/14 Expense Growth by Category

0
6,000
31,000
\$ 967,000

A new contract was negotiated with Wittman, CSA-69 billing and collection service, resulting in a lower fee schedule effective September 1<sup>st</sup>.

- 3. Reserve actual and projected balance were presented:
  Reserve target for FY 2009-10 through FY 2013/14 was previously set at 120 days of the total expenses. Beginning in FY 2014/15 the Reserve target was changed to a range of 120 days/180 days of expenses. The reserve balance is projected to increase in FY-14-15 as compared to FY13-14.
- 4. Average monthly resident and non-resident transport graphs were presented for the last four years. Monthly transport fee collections for both resident and non-resident transport fee collections were compared to the historic average.
- 5. Questions and comments regarding the financial review included:
  - Reserve account: The reserve account allows CSA-69 to continue to operate for at least six (6) months in case of emergency. Excess funds would be used as designated by the Advisory Committee.

 Revenue from Ground Emergency Medical Transportation (GEMT): The GEMT is revenue from a bill that was passed to allow Fire Protection Districts and jurisdictions to receive reimbursement on Medi-cal patients. Applications were submitted on behalf of the CSA to participate in the reimbursement for Medi-cal funds. The amount for FY 2014/15 was estimated according to the application.

# **B.** Budget Subcommittee

No report was given. The Budget Subcommittee meets once a year to review the CSA-69 budget. The subcommittee will be meeting in February before the Advisory Committee meeting.

#### V. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

# A. Administrative Report - Marcy Metz

- 1. Community Paramedicine (CP) projects submitted by Carlsbad and San Diego were expected to have decisions on approval by November 12<sup>th</sup>. Conditions were placed on the pilot projects in the areas of quality assurance, patient safety and data collection.
- 2. The County is having its Fourth Annual Love Your Heart Day on Friday, February 13, 2015. Last year over 17,000 blood pressure (BP) screenings were given during the event at over 200 locations throughout the County. The goal for this year is to screen 25,000 people for BP. Fire fighters and EMS volunteers were invited to participate in the event. Contact information was provided in a handout.
- 3. November 20, 2014 is the Statewide Medical Health Exercise where hospitals that participate in the HPP grant exercise their emergency preparedness. The MERS infectious disease scenario scheduled for the exercise has been changed to Ebola where facilities will practice receiving a suspected Ebola patient in their emergency room.

# B. Medical Director Report – Bruce E. Haynes M.D.

- 1. Ebola epidemic update:
  - There have been approximately 15,000 Ebola cases, an estimated 5,000 have died.
  - Countries in West Africa affected by the disease are Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leon. One nurse and a child have died from Ebola in Mali.
  - Transmission and contagious information on Ebola was covered. Risk of receiving influenza in San Diego is 1 in 45,000; the risk of contracting Ebola in the United States is 1 in 14,000,000.
  - Individuals from West Africa traveling to or through European countries are screened, quarantined and tracked in Europe and the United States. San Diego community epidemiology (EPI) checks reported information on suspected Ebola patients once or twice a day. Community EPI determines if a person has Ebola and will order a workup if necessary.

Discussion topics included:

- Local guidelines, level of response and standards for Ebola. Guidance was forwarded to the field in August regarding procedures as well as questions to ask travelers. A similar updated guidance document was sent out on October 31, 2014. All hospitals should be equipped to take suspected Ebola patients and to perform testing.
- University of California (UC) hospitals were designated as Ebola receiving hospitals by the State. UCSD has built a lab for isolation and the care of patients that have Ebola. Training is also available for healthcare workers. Field personnel will present information to hospitals if they have an Ebola suspected individual and will discuss the situation with EPI. Hospitals will hold patients up to 72 hours before transferring suspected patients to UCSD.
- Healthcare workers that come into contact with a suspected Ebola individual should monitor their own temperature once or twice a day. If in 21 days they haven't developed symptoms of the disease they can continue working.

# C. Agency Reports

- 1. Santee Agency Report
  - a. Guidelines for Ebola are being developed based on information from the County and the CDC. Additional PPE has been ordered.
  - b. There were 300 in attendance at the open house on October 18<sup>th</sup> at Station 5 by Santee Lakes.
- 2. San Miguel Fire Protection District/CalFire John Kiska
  - a. Calfire is developing Ebola guidelines.
  - b. There are three (3) new hires half way through probation.
  - c. Shouldn't this be in the Santee FD update?
  - d. Specs are being finalized for the new ambulance arriving in June/July.
  - e. District personnel have been trained with the new Zoll equipment.
- 3. Lakeside Agency Report Jim Kirkpatrick
  - a. Two (2) new members were elected to the Board of Directors.
  - b. There are six (6) new reserves.
  - c. An open house event was held on September 27, 2014. The event incorporated Sidewalk CPR; approximately 24 people were shown CPR. AED information was also introduced at the event. The PulsePoint application was demonstrated.
  - d. Information and direction was sent out to EMS personnel regarding Ebola. Tyvek suits have been ordered and are expected in January.
  - e. Response time data analysis is being reviewed.

# VI. NEW BUSINESS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

During the next meeting there will be election of officers.

In February the Budget Subcommittee will meet prior to the Advisory Committee meeting. CSA-69 Budget Subcommittee members are Dave Rickards, Warren Savage, Jim Bingham, Keven Howe and Pat Chambers.

# VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, February 12, 2015, 4:00 pm at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12216 Lakeside Avenue, Lakeside, CA 92040.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:52 pm.

Submitted by

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