



## BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) MEETING

### Special COVID-19 WebEx

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 | 11:00 am

### *Revised Minutes/Notes*

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- No introductions were made due to time constraints.
- Cases are increasing globally. Especially in Europe and the United States.
- Cases passed 40 million worldwide, with more than 1.1 million deaths. The US has over 8 million cases and 220,000 deaths.
- CA has a blueprint for a safer economy.
- The County continues to stay flat but may move to a more restrictive Tier.
- CA is currently in Red Tier or Tier 2 with substantial community disease transmission.
- Entering flu season; Flu shot being recommended.
- Reminder of the W's: Wash your hands, wear your mask, and walk away.
- There is a-symptomatic spread.
- Continue to wear PPE.
- Avoid gatherings, especially indoors and in poorly ventilated areas.
- There is evidence of air borne transmission especially in areas with poor ventilation.
- Protocol cycle update – getting back on track and developing a timeline with a scheduled goal of July 2021, implementation of new protocols.
- Developing a memo with guidance on how to bridge the gap will be implemented.
- Stroke centers expanded their activation to 24 hours within Last Known Well Time.
- Researching protocol for a Leave Behind Naloxone program.
- Sporadic report of crews being requested to stay in the ambulance with their patients outside the ED. If this continues to happen, inform the Duty Officer.

#### 2. COVID-19 ACTIONS AND UPDATES (Brian Christison)

Frequently Answered Questions (FAQs) last update was on September 14, 2020. The County of San Diego is offering temporary employment to unemployed EMT's and Paramedic to assist Public Health with various initiatives. Update was sent to all rosters on September 29, 2020. Local optional scope of practice approvals: On October 14, 2020 EMSA the State approved an additional collection for an oropharyngeal swab collection for COVID 19 testing for the specific need of collecting pediatric samples. The last set of EMS memos were added on 08/27/20; for P-801 extensions and COVID 19 assess and refer option were extended through 1/31/21. Health Services Capacity Task Force next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2020. Annual plan of review and report was held on 9/29/20.

#### 3. TRANSFER OF CARE (Joshua Smith)

Powerpoint slides and data were shared:

- Compliance is based on how often the transfer of care button is being pushed throughout the County.
- Total ambulance offloads.
- TOC time has been in the 98%.
- In 2019 the percentile – gradually increasing but in 2020 it leveled off hitting 70%.
- Pandemic temporarily reduced both ambulance and off load times.
- Total ambulance off loads have not yet recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

#### 4. UPDATE ON TESTING SITES (Jen Tuteur, MD)

- A record high of 3,000 tests have been performed in a single day.
- Method to receive testing is to go to the 211sandiego.org
- There are 60 different testing sites in the County.
- There are drive-in and walk-up testing sites.
- The new metrics will be reported by the State.
- The County has provided voluntary free testing sites at the US Border for people crossing from Tijuana, Mx to San Diego.

#### **5. HEALTH CONNECT (John Ehrhart)**

- John Ehrhart is now heading Health Connect as of October 1, 2020.
- Discussed the SAFR Grant/Project
  - UCSD and Rady ready to go live and active.
  - Image Trend search alert for reconcile development is completed. The county is waiting for a schedule kick off time with Mercy; date TBD.
  - Health Connect would like to have all participants under this technology and grant.
  - Development of a new QA/QI type platforms.

#### **6. DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, RN)**

- Data provided will be based on the month of September.
- The Great Shakeout was performed on 10/15 at 10:15 am. Results not yet available.
- Topics discussed and focused: Civil unrest preparedness for the month of October, surge for violent threats, deployment of both tear gas and pepper spray, ingress, and egress issue management and potential staffing management topics during October and November due to the elections.
- Valley fires have moved to the recovery phase; wildfires continue to rage across the State and continue to prepare for rapid evacuation and notifications.
- HVA hazard vulnerability analysis reported 23 out of 23 hospitals responded; the top five for SD county: Pandemic, Epidemic, Infectious diseases, Wildfire, Earthquake, Mass casualty incident and Cyber security.
- The convention center will continue to provide shelter until December 2020.

#### **7. BHNC REPORT (Christine Wells, RN, MICN)**

- Medics are downplaying some trauma cases. If meet criteria for Policy T-460, should be going as trauma activation or trauma center
- Medics should bring ID with patient to get patient registered quicker to start caring for them quicker.

#### **8. Q&A/COMMENTS**

- Are there standardized bags that may be used for patients' personal items?
- Reminder of the W's: Wash your hands, wear your mask, and walk away.
- Reminder that an a-symptomatic motor vehicle collision patient you encounter may be COVID positive.
- Continue to wear your PPE.

#### **9. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING (November 17, 2020)/ADJOURNMENT**

- The meetings will continue virtually in the foreseeable future. Meeting adjourned at 11:39 am.