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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) MEETING

Steven Weinstein, M.D., Chair
Sharp Spectrum Auditorium
8695 Spectrum Center Court, San Diego, CA 92123
May 21, 2019

Minutes

Members Present

Cardall, M.D., Taylor – Scripps La Jolla BHMD
Donofrio, D.O., Joelle – City of SD Assistant Medical
Director/Rady Children's BHMD
Farah, M.D., Jenny – UCSD BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – City of SD Medical
Director/UCSD Agency
Klingensmith, Todd – SD Co. Paramedics
Association
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Marsan, M.D., Robert – Scripps Mercy BHMD
Marzec, M.D., Karl – Palomar BHMD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR/RCCP Director
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser Permanente
Vilke, M.D., Gary – Carlsbad Fire/Interim UCSD
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
del Toro, Nicole
Koenig, M.D., Kristi – EMS Medical Director
Osth, Cory
Pacheco, Cheryl
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer
Velasco, Anjelica – Recorder

In Attendance

Ayers, R.N., Kathi – Sharp
Baird, Robert – USBP
Bowlin, Greg – Naval Medical Center SD
Branning, Mark – San Diego Health Connect
Cheng, M.D., Tabitha – UCSD
Clark, R.N., Amy – Palomar Medical Center
Cote, R.N., Chara – Tri-City Medical Center
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy
deKlerk, R.N., Maude – RCCP
Garrow, Jennifer – AHA/ASH
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Ctr BHNC
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Herring, Chris – Imperial County EMS Agency
Hoover, R.N., Ann – UCSD
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Koch, Eric – Navy
Kurtz, John – Navy Medical Center
Martin, Stephanie – Reach Air
McGuire, Ruth – SDFD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Neill, Mark – Reach Air
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – SDFD
Rice, Mike – AMR
Rios, Matt – Miramar Fire
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – SDFD
Sloane, M.D., Christian – Mercy Air
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – CSA 17
Walls, Brandon – Reach/AMR
Representative for Wells, R.N., Christine –
Scripps La Jolla
Wintz, M.D., Diane – Sharp Memorial Hospital

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Introductions were made.

Dr. Koenig wished everyone a Happy EMS Week and thanked the group for their hard work and dedication all year long in providing outstanding emergency medical services to the residents and visitors of San Diego. She also introduced the speaker for today's evidence-based presentation on human trafficking, Deputy District Attorney Mary-Ellen Barrett with the County of San Diego District Attorney's Office.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 16, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

III. COUNTY REPORT (Kristi Koenig, MD)

A. Surveillance

1) Influenza

- As of May 8th: 9,373 total cases, 68 deaths, and 27 outbreaks; this time last season, 20,767 cases and 342 deaths
- Masking requirement for unvaccinated health care workers ended on April 30, 2019, as Dr. Wooten, Public Health Officer, did not issue an additional extension

2) Measles

- No cases detected yet in County of San Diego, but Orange and LA Counties have cases; please be alert for potential patients
- Measles is AIRBORNE – requires N95 respiratory or equivalent PPE for provider protection
- County has a webpage regarding the measles:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/Measles.html
- CDC Frequently Asked Questions also about the measles:
<https://www.cdc.gov/measles/about/faqs.html>
- This is the highest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994 since measles was declared eliminated in 2000
- CAHAN published a health alert on April 25:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/cahan/communications_documents/04-25-19.pdf

3) Ebola outbreak in DRC declared August 1, 2018

- Very concerning in country and region, with more than 100 cases reported the week of May 16th. Despite this, the WHO still reports there is a low threat of global spread
- Rady Children's is closest pediatric center and Cedars Sinai in LA is closest adult center

B. Policies and Protocols

- 1) Starting training on new policies and protocols (including ketamine for analgesia) that will go into effect on July 1; ketamine must be administered SLOWLY when given IV
- 2) Unified Optional Scope for Qualified Transport Providers approved by EMSA for our LOSOP on February 20, 2019 for 3 years (through February 28, 2022)

C. Initiatives

1) Cardiac Arrest Task Force

- Non-traumatic cardiac arrest best practice model has been finalized as an educational product and is posted on the EMS home page; thank you to the team!

2) Stroke Awareness Event was Sunday, May 19th at the Padres Game

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-teams-with-padres-to-raise-awareness-about-stroke/>

3) The 4th Binational Congress on Emergency Medicine and Trauma will be held June 6-7, 2019 in TJ, and is sponsored by Mexican Red Cross with Dr. Andres Smith as the lead organizer

4) Migrant Caravan

- Goal is to "Protect the health of the public, including families seeking asylum, by conducting health screening assessments in the setting of the San Diego Rapid Response Network shelter(s), and referring for outside medical care as appropriate"
- More than 11,587 screenings performed since mid-December 2018
- Monitoring news reports that migrants from Texas may be transferred to San Diego by

plane; up to 3 flights per week with 130 people per flight

5) EBM presentations

- This month's topic is human trafficking – Deputy District Attorney from the DA's office is going to share with you how to identify it and give practical information about what to do if you suspect it
- https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html

D. Additional Information (Susan Smith, EMS Coordinator)

- 1) Protocol Updates: Primary coordinator is Cheryl Pacheco finalizing the summary. The BHNCs are creating a training power point presentation
- 2) Ketamine dosing increment chart will also be created and distributed

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Mark Branning)

- 1) POLST – Awarded CMS grant through Cal LEMSA for \$1.6 million (asked for \$1.5 million, however, awarded extra to continue program – since pilot ended April 30th – and to provide aid to other regions)
 - CMS is reviewing contracts, and grant money is expected to arrive in early August
 - Currently working to develop integration with all ePCR systems, which will occur in various waves
 - Grant money will help pay for development, integration, and training
 - Goal of POLST registry is for prehospital communication to be sent emergency departments; development of system can be tailored to the preferences of the emergency department physicians.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, RN)

- 1) May 7th disaster drill report-out, next upcoming drill is November 7th
 - Discussion of fuel and what to do if there is a disruption in receiving fuel
 - Fuel Service Task Force development through OES looking for alternative ways to get fuel supplies into San Diego
 - San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council gave presentation on 1135 Waiver process in case tents are needed for patient care during a disaster
 - The presenter will share PPT with Council. Once received Linda will pass along to BSPC group
- 2) Please submit updates to San Diego Healthcare Disaster Council contact list when administrative changes occur.

VI. CARDIAC ARREST AND CARES (Brad Schwartz, MD)

- 1) Received CARES data currently being analyzed and expected to report out next month
 - Currently data reflects at national average
- 2) CPR video from the Cardiac Arrest Task Force on best practices: has anyone watched? Has anyone found a way to utilize it/get others to view it?
 - Encourage utilizing video during CE courses, use in Field Care Audits
 - Diane Ameng has alternate version without voiceover
- 3) NAEMSP Contest opportunity for compression-only CPR, find song at 180 beats per minute and make video, offer to pay for production (#NAEMSPCPRChallenge)
 - <https://naemsp.org/home/news/are-you-up-to-the-naemspcprchallenge/>
- 4) AED Usage Report Reviews by Dr. Koenig – public knowledge influencing lives saved

VII. EMS/IMPERIAL COUNTY Presentation (Mike Rice, AMR Director of Operations)

- 1) Imperial County Transfer of Providers
 - Two week turn-around time: Initial meeting with AMR and Imperial County EMS Agency on February 4, 2019, transfer completed/AMR started as service provider on February 20, 2019.
 - Most significant issues: Housing & maintenance of vehicles, dispatcher coordination
 - 10 ALS units, 1 BLS unit, 4 reserve ambulances

VIII. POLICIES & TREATMENT PROTOCOLS (Susan Smith, EMS Coordinator)

The following policy was discussed.

- S-440: Usage of Nerve Agent Antidotes
 - S-440 will be sent out to the group for review
 - Send input via email to Susan Smith

IX. LUNCHTIME EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION (Mary-Ellen Barrett, Deputy District Attorney)
["San Diego Human Trafficking"](#)

X. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

- Reminder: June and September BSPC meetings will have different dates and locations.
- Deadline for the NAEMSP CPR Video is June 15th to be considered for the prize, however, videos will be accepted for feature after the deadline
- New cardiac arrest, CPR Ideas and techniques to be discussed and reviewed at future BSPC meetings.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2019.