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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
November 19, 2019

Minutes

Members Present

Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD BHNC
Farah, M.D., Jenny – UCSD BHMD
Fischer, M.D., Andy – Tri-City BHMD
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Scripps La Jolla BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – City of SD Medical
Director/UCSD Agency
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial BHMD
Marzec, M.D., Karl – Palomar BHMD
Scott, M.D., Christopher – Kaiser Permanente
Vilke, M.D., Gary – North Zone JPA
Weinstein, M.D., Steven – Sharp Grossmont

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Christison, Brian
Koenig, M.D., Kristi – EMS Medical Director
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Smith, R.N., Susan
Stepanski, Barbara
Velasco, Anjelica – Recorder

In Attendance

Baldwin, Cliff – AMR
Bey, Christian – UCSD
Brumme, Kristina – RCHSD
Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Clark, R.N., Amy – Palomar Medical Center

In Attendance

Collins, R.N., Marissa – Tri-City Medical
Center
Covell, R.N., Brian – Mercy
Derkrikorian, R.N., Matthew – Rady Children's
Dickenson, Brittany – NMW
Enloe, Robin – Sharp
Fink, Amber – Stryker
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Ctr BHNC
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hofstef, Doug – NMCSO
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Kuntz, John – Navy Medicine West
McKay, Thad – Barona Fire Department
McFarland, Jeanne – Escondido
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Murphy, R.N., Mary – North County Fire
Neill, Mark – Reach Air
Pearson, Nathan – Carlsbad Fire
Rios, Matt – Miramar
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, JJ – SDFD
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Sloane, M.D., Christian – Mercy Air
Smith, Zechariah – CSA-17
Stirling, Sarah – USD Nursing Student
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sullivan, R.N., Karen – Mercy BHNC
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla
Wintz, M.D., Diane – Sharp

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Weinstein called the meeting to order at 11:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 15, 2019 minutes. Motion carried.

III. COUNTY REPORT (Kristi Koenig, MD)

A. Surveillance

1. Influenza

a) FluWatch updated weekly (started 2 weeks early this season)

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/InfluenzaWatch.pdf>

b) As of November 13: 475 cases, 3 deaths, 2 outbreaks

c) Health Officer Order for Influenza Vaccination Program or Masking of Healthcare Personnel during Annual Influenza Season remains in effect.

<http://www.sdiz.org/documents/HCP/SDIB-Bulletins/Health-Officer-Order-Mandatory-Vaccination-or-Masking-FINAL.PDF>

i. This order is ongoing indefinitely and applies to the each and future influenza season unless the order is rescinded. For purposes of this order, the influenza season is defined as November 1 to March 31 of the following year. In any given year, if influenza surveillance data demonstrate unusually early and/or late peaks, the Health Officer may extend the period during which the masking program shall apply for that year. This means as of November 1 (at the latest) you must be vaccinated or wear a mask.

2. Other surveillance – Ebola, VAPI, measles (Disneyland exposure October 16), mumps (cases increasing also in Baja California), heat, fire alerts/power outages (PSPS), wound botulism from Black Tar heroin

B. Policies and Protocols

1. Protocol review underway for implementation July 1, 2020

a) Public comment period closed November 1, 2019; Protocol Task Force met November 15th and comments are being reviewed

b) Hospital diversion policy under review

2. CDC issued updated guidance for TB screening among healthcare workers in May 2019 (https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6819a3.htm?s_cid=mm6819a3_w). The largest change in these recommendations include a move away from annual TB testing for most health care workers.

a) Updated 2019 CDC recommendations on Tuberculosis Screening, Testing, and Treatment of U.S. Health Care Personnel have not been adopted in the State of California and the current regulations are still applicable. Here is a link to a statement from the California TB Controllers Association regarding this topic: <https://ctca.org/wp-content/uploads/CTCAresponseMay2019.pdf>

b) Regulations regarding annual TB testing among healthcare workers in California include 1) Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, owned by the Licensing and Certification (L&C) Branch of the California Department of Public Health; and 2) Title 8 of the Aerosol Transmissible Diseases (ATD) Standard owned by CalOSHA.

c) In August 2019, L&C issued an All Facilities Letter (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-19-28.aspx>) allowing health care facilities to submit a TB Program Flexibility request to their local L&C district office to follow the new CDC guidelines (they anticipate updating Title 22 in the future). Questions about L&C flexibility requests, contact your district L&C office: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/DistrictOffices.aspx>

d) CalOSHA ATD Standards currently requires offering TB testing and performing a TB assessment annually for applicable healthcare workers (<https://www.dir.ca.gov/title8/5199.html>). CalOSHA is currently working on an update to this policy, but the content and the date of the update are not yet known. Questions about ATD CalOSHA requirements, contact CalOSHA district office (link: https://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/consultation_offices.html) or phone # 1(800) 963-9424

C. Initiatives

1. Paramedic Regulations
 - a) Will go to EMS Commission in December for approval; Once commission approves, then submitted to Office of Administrative Law; OAL has 30 days to review and approve/deny
 - b) Alternate destination language has been REMOVED
 - c) 4 hours of tactical EMS training requirements have been added to the latest draft
 - d) Expecting legislative proposals for alternate destination authority for paramedics in Jan 2020
2. Community Paramedicine
 - a) OSPHD has approved another extension of the existing pilot projects through Nov. 2020
3. New State Stroke and STEMI TAC established – Lorraine Calzone, RN from County EMS has been appointed!
4. Strangulation Initiative
 - a) Collaboration between County PHO and DA; Press Conference held on Oct 15th and All-day training for healthcare staff (train-the-trainers) held on October 16th
 - b) Webinars being scheduled for 2020
5. 2019-2020 All-Hazard Health Services Capacity Management Plan
 - a) Distributed on October 3rd
 - b) Contains new working definition of ED BH Holds
 - c) KPBS news story Nov 1: <https://www.kpbs.org/news/2019/nov/01/san-diego-county-hospitals-tracking-data-get-ahead/>
6. County Integrated Services Division received 2 trauma-related grants from the state California Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) (through NHTSA) through 9/30/2020
 - a) Awarded \$225,000 to fund programs that educate parents and guardians on child passenger safety
 - b) Awarded \$75,000 grant for a year-long program aimed at improving safety for pedestrians, bicyclists and scooter riders
7. Geriatric ED Accreditation
 - a) Press conference on December 9th
 - b) No anticipated changes in pre-hospital destination protocols based on new accreditations
8. EBM presentations posted online at medical director page
 - a) This month's presentation was on sepsis
 - b) https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/emergency_medical_services/medical_director.html

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (Mark Branning)

N/A

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

- A. October 17 Great Shakeout Drill and November 6 Full-scale drill; both to be reviewed at upcoming meeting
- B. HVA Results – Top 5 concerns for hospitals: Earthquake, wildfires, cyber security, workplace violence& electrical failure, mass casualties

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

Dr. Weinstein – Bystander CPR story

VII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

2020 schedule includes new locations

VIII. LUNCHTIME EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION – Gabriel Wardi, MD

“Prehospital Identification and Management of Sepsis”

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/EMS/Medical_Director_Report/Sepsis%20EMS%20-%20Updated.pdf

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2019.