



BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) AND PREHOSPITAL AUDIT COMMITTEE (PAC) MEETINGS

Tuesday, July 18, 2023 | 11:00 am

Minutes/Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Gary Vilke, MD)

Dr. Vilke called the meeting to order at 11:01 am.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes from June 20, 2023 were approved.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- Protocol changes went into effect on July 1, thanks to all for your hard work.
- On July 6th, the State Government announced that California is taking the first step towards creating a more affordable and accessible supply of Naloxone nasal products through a [broader initiative](#).
- High Quality CPR update.
- ECPR Pilot launched on July 1st.
 - Meeting with Los Angeles County to review best practices.
- SAFR updates
- Human Trafficking
 - Changes in management resulting from COVID and lifting of Title 42.
- Heat Emergency Activation Phase 3, this is the highest level.
 - Excessive heat response plan.
 - Extreme heat in our deserts, expected to reach 121 degrees.
 - EMS is monitoring heat related injuries and illness.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith, PhD)

Josh Smith provided an update on Prehospital Data Integration.

- State law requires all prehospital data be sent to the State (EMSA), and it also needs to go to LEMSA.
- Two Pre-hospital systems used in San Diego County
 - LEMSIS – managed by County EMS
 - WATER
- Working with vendor on getting data mapped and integrated into system.
- Ready to start accepting test data.

5. COUNTY REPORT (Michael Assof)

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 4 – Enhanced Surveillance.
- **The Comprehensive Base Station Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area Consultant's work is underway!** As part of the ongoing endgame process for this work, the stakeholder survey is open for comment collection through June. This survey is open to all stakeholders, including field providers, emergency department staff, agency administrators, specialty care centers, and the general public. These comments will be informative to our contractor team. This

survey will be open through June. This information, along with other research and input will be assist in the formulation of 6 different models for us to compare as models for the future of EMS in San Diego County. The Consultant will also be looking at the Trauma Center Catchment Area Map to assure that Trauma Centers receive an optimal balance of Trauma calls at each center.

- **Policies and Protocols:** The 2023-2024 protocol review is complete. A summary of all updates is posted on the County EMS webpage. The timeline for final implementation is on track for July 1, 2023.
- **EMS Mobile App**
The San Diego County EMS Office is pleased to announce our new EMS Mobile App!
The app is now available to the community at emsmobile.sandiegocounty.gov and a link is located on our homepage as well.
- **Upcoming State Paramedic Scope of Practice changes**
The State of California EMS Authority has notified stakeholders that a regulatory update to include additional medications for the paramedic scope of practice posted for a 45-day public comment period on April 21. These additions would move TXA, ketorolac, ketamine, and IV acetaminophen from Local Optional Scope of Practice to basic scope, lowering the regulatory burden for those LEMSAs adopting these treatment modalities. County EMS supports these adjustments and are proud that our local successes with ketamine and acetaminophen have provided support to this enhancement in state paramedic practice.
- **Public Comment Process is LIVE and improving everyday**
Public Comment Posting Notification email “subscription” is active. Please submit your email if you would like to receive notification of upcoming public comment periods
“Coming Soon” policy notifications are regularly updated. Comments will be shared with the Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee as well as posted to the Recently Concluded Public Comment Drafts.
- **Current Medication Shortages**
We are aware of multiple medication shortages including Midazolam, Atrovent, Albuterol, Dextrose and Activated Charcoal. County EMS asks that all notifications for medication shortages are made via email to EMSnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- **Fee Schedule Escalation – Year 3**
Personnel fees increased on July 1, 2023.

6. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (Tyler Meick)

- The policy review work of the Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination Advisory Council is nearing completion.
 - Five new policies will be reviewed this Friday. After that there will be seven policies left for review.
 - These will serve as preliminary policies in order to submit our application.
- San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association is circulating a survey to gage interest in agencies who intend to apply for a Community Paramedicine program in the Fall.
 - County EMS office will work with these agencies to submit their application.
- The intent of the survey is to understand which agencies want to apply during the initial application period.
 - County EMS office has begun work on the State application, expected to be submitted in September.
- Currently in the process of accessing capabilities for our Alternative Destinations.
 - Looking for solutions.

- Hopeful that data collection will expand program in the future.

7. OPIOID EPIDEMIC MITIGATION (Tyler Meick)

- Leave Behind Naloxone Program
 - Under EMS Protocol S-134, The Leave Behind Naloxone Program authorizes EMS agencies, first responders, and fire departments to distribute naloxone to those who would benefit following an emergency patient contact when a patient refuses transport after a naloxone field reversal or a suspected opioid-related overdose.
 - Nathan Burger is the new contact for the Leave Behind Naloxone Program. Nathan.burger@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Prehospital Buprenorphine
 - S-145 Opioid Withdrawal and Use Disorder Protocol.
 - Covers the San Diego County LOSOP to administer Buprenorphine/Naloxone to patients who are in withdrawal.
 - The pilot program will also establish procedures for referrals to MAT programs for patients.
 - The County plans to launch this pilot program in July, starting on a small scale.
 - San Diego County Fire will be among the first participants.
 - County EMS office is also in the process of finalizing plans with AMR and CSA 17 area to launch their Bupe pilot program.
 - In the process of finalizing training plans and logistics.
 - Partnership with Alameda Health System, Dr. Hern and CA Bridge Program.
 - Looking for ideas of how EMS can help with mitigation.

8. MEDICATION/SUPPLY SHORTAGES (Jessica Gall, RN)

- Medication and supply shortages continue.
- Contact EMSnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov for updates.

9. CARDIAC UPDATES

- CARES (Brad Schwartz, MD)
 - Dr Schwartz provided a CARES update.
 - He will be providing additional information about CARES in a few months.
- Bystander CPR Workgroup (Brad Schwartz, MD)
 - Goal is to bring awareness of hands-on CPR and train 1 million people.
 - Looking for sponsors to help produce a video and purchase an American Heart Association CPR Kiosk.
 - Working on a Public Service Announcement to show at stadiums, music venues, etc. Meetings coming up with Petco, Snap Dragon, and Sycuan.
 - Good news story regarding [lifesaving CPR](#) discussed.
 - Please contact Dr. Schwartz if interested or for more information @ bradschwartz66@gmail.com.
- Prehospital Professional High-Quality CPR (Dr. Veer Vithalani)
 - 5 Critical Components of High-Quality CPR
 - Minimize interruptions in chest compressions.
 - Provide compressions of adequate rate.
 - Provide compressions of adequate depth.
 - Avoid leaning between compressions.
 - Avoid excessive ventilations.
- San Diego Resuscitation Consortium Workgroup (Saul Levine, MD)
 - Protocols have been approved and went into effect on July 1st.
 - Three hospitals applied and are enrolled in the SDRC Pilot Program.

1. Sharp Grossmont
 2. Sharp Memorial
 3. Scripps La Jolla
- A new column in Resource Bridge will identify centers as they come on board.
 - Diversion status is not expected for ECPR Centers except on Internal Disaster.
 - The future form of SDRC will be discussed at next week's meeting.
 - Please contact Dr. Levine for more information @ levine.saul@gmail.com.

10. SAFR REPORT (John Ehrhart)

- John Ehrhart provided a verbal review of this month's SAFR Report.

11. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Gary Vilke, MD)

- August is dark, there will not be a meeting next month.
- The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

*****EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE PRESENTATION*****

"Effects of COVID and Title 42 on the Management of Human Trafficking"

Flavio Nominati, Deputy District Attorney

PAC MEETING

CHAired BY (Andy Fischer, MD)

1. CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS (Michael Assof)

2. CALL TO ORDER (Andy Fischer, MD)

- Dr. Fischer called the meeting to order at 1:11 pm.
- Dr. Claire Gahm, new EMS Fellow at UCSD Health was introduced.

3. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATORS (BHNC) REPORT (Brian Covell, RN)

- New protocols are in effect.
- Nurse Coordinators are requesting help in getting FAST-ED scores in real-time over the radio.
- 911 IFT's are tracked. Help with getting data from agencies would be appreciated.

4. MAC REPORT (Jennifer Farah, MD)

One case was discussed, as were PAC Pearls.

5. PAC REPORT (Andy Fisher, MD)

Four cases were discussed, as were PAC Pearls. A Q&A session followed.

- Dr. Fischer provided updates to the PAC process.
 - Please scan QR code on slides and submit survey form by midnight tomorrow with feedback, to help create PAC Pearls for the month.

6. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 26, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.