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**BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) AND PREHOSPITAL AUDIT COMMITTEE (PAC)
MEETINGS
Special COVID-19 Zoom**

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

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

- Dr Vilke called the meeting to order at 11:00 am.

2. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Coronavirus cases appear to be decreasing across the state. Local wastewater monitoring indicates a decrease in the amount of virus present in the community. Nationally 20% of Americans have been infected with COVID-19.
- Our overall healthcare system remains extremely busy.

3. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner)

- A. EMS Report Updates
- B. RFP for Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Areas designation is pending.
- C. RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Services for CSA 17 has been delayed, the current contract has been extended until July 1, 2022. The RFP is expected to be released in February.
- D. EMS Waivers continue, they have been extended through March 31, 2022.
- E. Local Optional Scope of Practice approval received for EMT's/Paramedics to continue COVID-19/Influenza vaccination and testing, includes children ages 5-11 years old.
- F. Capacity Plan remains at Level 1, Full Activation. The Health Capacity Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor the current situation.
- G. Suspension of ED diversion continues for a period of 14 days, progress is monitored daily.
- H. Base Hospital assignment updates are on hold for now.
- I. There is a severe blood shortage in San Diego County. If possible, please consider donating blood.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Barbara Stepanski)

- A. Provided a detailed presentation of pre-hospital provider impressions that have been out of range most often for the past 30 days.

5. PROTOCOL REVIEW PROCESS FOR 2021-22 (Jaime Pitner)

Update of 2021-22 protocol review

- A. Input has been received and EMS team has reviewed suggestions/recommendations to identify protocols for review.
- B. Goal is to review eight protocols.
- C. Slideshow presentation and discussion of each protocol identified for revision.

6. ASSESS and REFER POLICY (Jaime Pitner)

Protocol reviewed and discussed in detail. This is a tool to help mitigate stress on the Healthcare System.

7. MONITOR QA/QI WORKGROUP (Saul Levine, MD)

BSPC/PAC subcommittee on Monitor QA/QI has developed best practice guidelines for EMS agencies to capture and retain data. Discussed the minimum expectations/requirements for capture and retention of EMS Data. Best practice criteria will be sent out to the group.

8. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATORS (BHNC) REPORT (Chris Wells, RN)

Reminder to please keep hospital staff updated of any changes to a patient's status.

9. ECPR PRESENTATION (Saul Levine, MD)

Cardiac Advisory sub-committee is evaluating whether a select group of cardiac arrest patients will benefit from early transport to an ECMO/ECPR capable center.

10. BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Gary Vilke, MD)

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 15, 2022.