



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

Tuesday, October 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made with a second to approve the minutes from September 27, 2022. Motion carried.

**3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)**

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- a. Mitigation for the Opioid Overdose Epidemic.
- b. Leave Behind Naloxone: Agencies are encouraged to participate in the program.
- c. Pilot Program for Prehospital Buprenorphine
- d. Healthcare System Overview
  - o COVID, Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Ebola, Monkey Pox
  - o Long COVID complications
- e. Bivalent Covid boosters and Influenza vaccines are encouraged.
- f. Hospitals are very busy and staffing shortages continue.
- g. End of State of Emergency will be on February 28, 2023.

**4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith, Ph.D.)**

Josh Smith provided a detailed slide presentation of current Influenza data and Opioid Overdose tracking data.

- A. Opioid Overdose Mitigation
- B. Influenza Updates

**5. COUNTY UPDATES (Christi Robbins, RN)**

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 2 – Escalated Activation; CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Low; Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 2.
- EMSA Policy Update: County Policy will be affected by the end of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration effective February 28, 2023. Paramedics, AEMTs, and EMTs will no longer be able to:
  - o Perform their current SOP in hospitals, alternate care sites, shelters, or other static sites
  - o Provide vaccinations for COVID, flu, and/or monkeypox, or any other vaccination
  - o Paramedics will no longer be authorized to administer or monitor the monoclonal antibody treatments or conduct COVID and Influenza testing.
- EMS is recruiting: We will soon be accepting applications for EMS Specialists. An EMS Specialist works with EMS agencies, hospitals, training programs and others to facilitate the innovation, sustainability, and health equity of EMS in our community, and also serves as EMT disciplinary

investigators, inspectors, disaster workers, and as EMS Duty Officer. Currently certified EMTs or licensed Paramedics with local field experience are highly desirable.

- Procurements: County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County. This is a huge volume of work and we're nearing the finish line.
- 2023 - 2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision: The comment period for the 2023-2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision is now closed.
- Updated San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan published: The San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The plan is used by all key partner agencies within the county to respond to major emergencies and disasters. This includes Annex D Multi-Casualty Operations.
- EMS Duty Officer Notification: Reporting an EMS delivery system issue or incident to the Duty Officer is through the 619-588-0397 phone number. The EMS Office has noticed an uptick in direct, informal contacts to EMS Office staff during urgent situations. These informal updates are often important and informative, but EMS Duty Officer items need to be routed through the San Diego Interagency Command Center to ensure redundancy, active engagement, and accountability. We ask our partners to use the official notification pathway.

#### **6. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE PROGRAM STATUS (Jessica Gall, RN)**

- AB 1544: Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination Act  
The Community Paramedic and Triage to Alternate Destination regulations were open for a 4th round of public comment. The public comment period closed October 12, 2022. A special, off-cycle EMS Commission meeting had been called for Oct 13 to approve this version. The anticipated effective date for these regulations is likely to be around New Year's. The internal work is ongoing.
- EMSA Conference is December 8, 2022.

#### **7. MEDICATION/SUPPLY SHORTAGES (Jessica Gall, RN)**

Jessica Gall provided a review of the ongoing medication shortages.

- a. Expected arrival dates continue to change.
- b. Important to keep track of expiration dates and hold on to expired medication.
- c. Plan for shortages.

#### **8. OPIOID EPIDEMIC MITIGATION (Christi Robbins, RN)**

- a. Leave Behind Naloxone Program (Christi Robbins)
  - Shout out to those participating in this program.
  - Currently experiencing critical shortages and long lead times for medication.

#### **9. CARDIAC UPDATES (Kirk Erickson, RN)**

- a. CARES Update (Kirk Erickson)
- b. 12 Lead EKG Transmission (Kirk Erickson)
- c. San Diego Resuscitation Consortium Workgroup (Dr. Saul Levine)
- d. Results of Cardiac Compression Device Survey (Dr. Saul Levine)
  - Majority of those who responded are using some type of device.
  - Main concern is patient size limiting use.
- e. Monitor Data Workgroup Best Practice Recommendations (Dr. Saul Levine/Brian Christison)
  - Expectations to collect and retain Cardiac Arrest Data for the purpose of QA reviews.

#### **10. TREATMENT ON GURNEY WORKGROUP UPDATE (Gary Vilke, MD)**

- a. Purpose of workgroup is to identify which treatments (requested by hospital providers) prehospital personnel may provide prior to transfer of care.

- b. Multi-disciplinary workgroup to discuss best practices and time sensitive patient care.
- c. Draft document circulated for input; feedback was supportive.
- d. Verbal input was received from BSPC last month, sent draft out to voting members.
- e. Results were received, currently working up a memo to provide guidance for hospital partners and EMS agencies.

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

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:54 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15, 2022.