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SAN DIEGO

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

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

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

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

2. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Locally coronavirus appears to be coming down off the fourth surge. Although COVID-19 cases are decreasing, the system is still very busy with non-COVID related cases, including record high volumes and acuities. Staffing shortages are a concern, in part due to the vaccine mandates and a possible upcoming Kaiser labor action. This situation will continue to be closely monitored.
- There is possibility of future surges due to COVID-19 and/or influenza. Everyone is encouraged to get flu shots and COVID-19 vaccinations.
- The County has been approved for a Local Optional Scope of Practice (an additional three-year extension) for EMS testing and vaccination administration for both COVID-19 and influenza.
- San Diego County is experiencing a Shigella outbreak in the homeless population.

3. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner)

- A. July 1, 2021, Protocol Clarifications – Memo of clarification on protocols has been sent out. Review of recent memo regarding clarifications and revisions to the protocols released in July 2021. Updates include revisions of protocols S-133 and S-166 (newborn delivery/resuscitation and OB emergencies). Revision of S-101 Glossary of Terms updating clarification of age breakdown for Children and Adults.
- B. LOSOP updates - EMS transition from Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) to Public Safety Group (PSG) is complete and all is going well. We appreciate your patience as we complete the transition of Budget Coordination, Program Alignment, Assimilation and Policy Modification Development.
- EMS items on the Board of Supervisors calendar:
- October 5th - Dissolution of CSA-69 - progress continues.
 - October 19th - Spare Wheel exemption.
 - November 2nd - Item to administratively move the EMS fee schedule from HHS to PSG.
- C. Assess and Refer/P-801 options are currently available. In response to the latest COVID-19 surge, P-801 response modification and Assess and Refer options have been reactivated. To exercise either of these options, please review the technical memorandum and EMS notification requirements on our website. As a reminder, any agency that would like to use Assess and Refer/P-801 will need to request reauthorization and PCR's are required for any Assess and Refer contact.
- D. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Evaluation Update – County Staff continues work on RFP, currently in the final stages. Expected to be released by the end of the calendar year.
- RFP for Paramedic/Ambulance CSA-17 is expected to be released in November.

- E. The County has received LOSOP approval to administer testing and vaccines for COVID-19 and Influenza.
- F. Capacity Plan remains at Level 2, Partial Activation
- G. LEMSIS updates – Data has been finalized and distributed to PCR vendors. Data integration is expected by the end of 2021.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith)

Presentation of Capacity report slides containing EMS daily surveillance data and measures that impact the system. A discussion followed.

5. TESTING and VACCINATION PROTOCOL S-480 DRAFT – (Jaime Pitner)

Protocol S-480 is a policy to support our local optional scope that has recently been approved for testing/vaccination by EMTs and Paramedics for COVID-19 and Influenza. After review by Full EMCC, a related protocol will be written to administer this policy.

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

Shared presentation of 2021-22 protocol review process.

- A. Opportunity for input at start of process, dates to be announced.
- B. Comment, review, internal drafting will be provided to BSPC in January/February, Education, and finalization in March/April, with final protocols going out to agencies in May.
- C. Process includes soliciting public comments to identify protocols for review.
A discussion followed.

7. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATORS (BHNC) REPORT (Melody Dotson, RN)

- A. Reminders to check in with the Charge Nurse before bringing C-PAP patients into the ED, also AMAs on hospital property should be done by the hospital.
- B. Cole Thomas from UCSD shared road closures and alternate routes around UCSD Hillcrest due to upcoming construction, beginning 11/1/21 and continuing through 2025.

8. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg)

No report

9. BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Dr. Gary Vilke) - The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:46 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021.