



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

Tuesday, November 15, 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 October 18, 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 Triple Threat - COVID, Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus
 - o 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. San Diego Resuscitation Consortium
- h. State of Emergency will end on February 28, 2023.

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

Josh Smith provided a detailed slide presentation of EMS Surveillance Report data and Respiratory Virus updates.

- A. Primary Metrics
- B. Combined Covid-19 and Influenza data

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.
- 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:
 - o CSA 17 – Working on finalizing the contract work.
 - o Base Hospital Review and Trauma Catchment Area Designation – Recruitment for the Consultant; ongoing work. More information to come in the next few weeks
- EMS Office Strategic Plan is in Progress – Thank you for your participation! The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan has reached the finish line. We appreciate the feedback and input

from all of our stakeholder groups. The Plan identifies the goals and objectives for both the EMS office and the EMS system for the next five years.

- 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.
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:
- November 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving

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

- AB 1544: Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination Act
The EMS Commission met in a special session and approved the Community Paramedicine regulations. The EMS office is working hard to produce policies and procedures and get those out as quickly as possible.
- EMSA Conference is December 8, 2022.

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

Jessica Gall provided a review of the ongoing medication shortages.

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

8. OPIOID EPIDEMIC MITIGATION (Christi Robbins, RN)

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

9. 2023/2024 EMS PROTOCOL UPDATE (Christi Robbins, RN)

- Implication for CoSD EMS Policies and Protocols
- Summary of comments and timeline
- **State of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Termination**
EMSA Policy Update: October 17th EMSA announced a policy update regarding the termination of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Executive Orders, (N-11-22 and N-4-22).
Effective February 28, 2023, this announcement:
 - Rescinds the utilization of out-of-state medical personnel to render medical services
 - Terminates waivers associated with the utilization of EMSA Cal-Mat teams Beyond 60 days of service
 - Terminates EMS Personnel Licensing, Certification, Training and Scope of Practice waivers:
 - whereby Paramedics, AEMT, and EMT certified personnel will no longer be able to:
 - Perform their current SOP in hospitals, Alternate Care Sites, Shelters, or any other static site
 - Provide vaccinations (COVID, Flu, and/or MPX)
 - And paramedics will no longer be authorized to Administer or monitor mAb (Monoclonal Antibody Treatments) or conduct Covid and Influenza testing.

10. CARDIAC UPDATES

- a. CARES Update (Dr. Brad Schwartz)
- b. Bystander CPR Workgroup (Dr. Brad Schwartz)
 - Goal is to improve CPR survival rates.
 - Heads-up CPR - slide presentation
- c. San Diego Resuscitation Consortium Workgroup (Dr. Saul Levine)
 - Explanation of ECPR and ECMO
 - Review of system change in treatment for a select group of Cardiac Arrest patients.

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

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:59 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2023.