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

Tuesday, November 16, 2021 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Saul Levine, MD)

- Dr Levine called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

2. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Locally coronavirus cases appear to have plateaued. Nationally cases are increasing.
- Everyone is encouraged to get COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters.
- The Local Optional Scope of Practice application has been modified to include children ages 5-11 years old. A local protocol has been drafted for your input that details how this new policy will be implemented. Additionally, the State executive order authorizing Paramedics/EMT's to work at static sites outside of 911 system and some training waivers set to expire on December 31st have been extended through March 2022.
- Our overall healthcare system remains extremely busy.
- Reminder that EMCC meetings are open to everyone, including the public.

3. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner)

- A. On November 2, 2021, the Board received the Community Health and Injury Prevention (CHIP) Report. Included in the approval was an update for AB 1544 plan.
- B. Everyone is encouraged to get their Flu Shot and a reminder to EMS/Healthcare workers to wear a mask in patient care areas if you are not vaccinated.
- C. BSPC/PAC subcommittee on Monitor QA/QI has developed best practice guidelines for EMS agencies to capture and retain data.
- D. Stroke Consortium is reviewing pre-hospital stroke scale assessment tools to identify type of stroke in the field. This may allow certain stroke patients to be transported to a Thrombectomy capable center.
- E. Cardiac Advisory Committee is evaluating whether a subgroup of cardiac arrest patients will benefit from early transport to an ECMO capable center.
- F. RFP for Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Areas designation is expected to be released prior to the end of 2021.
- G. 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 before end of the calendar year.
- H. EMS Waivers have been extended until March 2022.
- I. Capacity Plan remains at Level 2, Partial Activation
- J. Base Hospital assignments are due for a refresh. County EMS is finalizing update form to be sent out to each EMS Coordinator.
- K. EMSA Star of Life Award nominations are open now through December 31st. EMS agencies may send information through the LEMSA or nominate awardees directly through EMSA website.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith)

A. EMSA Core Measures Presentation

Presented six measures from pre-hospital data, County vs. State comparison.

B. Presentation of Border area patient injuries – falls from the Border Wall

Provided a pre-hospital presentation of injuries caused by falls from the Border Wall/Fence.

Traumatic injury patients have increased substantially over the past couple years. A discussion followed.

5. TESTING and VACCINATION PROTOCOL S-190 DRAFT – (Jaime Pitner)

Protocol S-190 is a treatment protocol for immunization and viral swab samples. Provides EMT's and paramedics direction in obtaining viral swab testing and vaccination. Coincides with our local optional scope approval to guide and support this process moving forward. BSPC-PAC group is supportive of implementing this local optional scope and protocol.

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

Update of 2021-22 protocol review process

- A. Input has been received and EMS team will review suggestions/recommendations through December. 1st round review with BSPC will be in January. 2nd round review with BSPC in February.

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

- A. Hospitals continue to be extremely busy.

8. BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Dr. Saul Levine) - The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:42 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2022.