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

Tuesday, February 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. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Coronavirus cases continue to decrease nationally and across the state. Local wastewater monitoring indicates a decrease in the amount of virus present in the community.
- Our overall healthcare system remains incredibly busy.
- Discussed various strategies implemented to help mitigate system overload, including the revised Assess and Refer tool.
- Fentanyl fatalities remain a major concern. Fentanyl is now the #1 cause of death for Americans 18 to 45 years old. The "Leave behind Naloxone" program is helping to save lives.
- Indoor mask wearing is recommended. Vaccinations and boosters are encouraged when eligible.

3. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner)

- A. The blood shortage in San Diego County continues. If possible, please consider donating blood.
- B. EMSA Waivers will come to a close on March 31, 2022.
- C. Local Optional Scope of Practice for EMT's/Paramedics to continue COVID-19/Influenza vaccination and testing has been approved to continue for three years.
- D. American College of Surgeons is currently conducting surveys of the six area Trauma Centers and concurrent County surveys are underway.
- E. Within the next few months an updated EMS fee schedule is expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- F. County meetings will remain virtual.
- G. Capacity Plan has been lowered to Level 2, Escalated Activation. The Health Capacity Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor the current situation.
- H. RFP for Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Areas designation is pending.
- I. RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Services for CSA 17 has been delayed, the current contract has been extended until July 1, 2022.
- J. EMSA LOSOP updates.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith)

COVID-19 and System Stress Hospital Data

- A. Provided a detailed slideshow presentation of current COVID-19 and System Stress Hospital Data.

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

Update of 2021-22 protocol review

- A. Revised protocols have been sent to group for review. Final implementation is expected by July 1st.

6. PATIENT CARE ON EMS GURNEY (Dr. Jennifer Farah)

- Transfer of Care concerns - brought topic to group for discussion.
- Work group will be formed to discuss best practices.

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

Reminder to please put your mask on before entering hospital.

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

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2022.