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

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 | 11:00 am  
Minutes/Notes

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Jennifer Farah, MD)**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022. Motion carried.

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

- Dr Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Epinephrine shortages continue.
- Protocol changes will be implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A new version of "Field Trauma Triage Guidelines" will be published in the Journal of Trauma. Changes anticipated to go into effect July 2023.
- Vaccinations and boosters are encouraged.

**4. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner)**

- A. EMSA Waivers will continue through June 30, 2022.
- B. 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.
- C. American College of Surgeons is currently conducting surveys of all six area Trauma Centers and concurrent County surveys are underway. Approximately half have been completed.
- D. EMS personnel fees increase marks second year of 3-year incremental fee increases.
- E. Medication and supply shortages continue.
- F. County meetings will remain virtual through 2022.
- G. Capacity Plan has been lowered to Level 3, Partial Activation. The Health Capacity Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor the current situation.
- H. RFP for Consultant to preform Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Areas designation is coming soon.
- I. Protocol review process is moving forward, preparing for final implementation on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- J. San Diego County EMS Office Strategic Plan is underway. Will align the strategic vision of County EMS with the strategic vision of County Fire. Timeline for release is expected to be July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- K. Protocol S-5 guides BSPC, membership updates underway. Please update list as needed.

**5. TRAFFIC UPDATES (Melody Dotson)**

- Provided current UCSD construction updates.
- Bachman Drive will be closed beginning April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- New EMS lounge opened this week.

**Linda Rosenberg** - Sharp Memorial traffic update; please do not park in the red zone.

**6. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith)**

COVID-19 and System Stress Hospital Data

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

**7. EPINEHRINE SHORTAGE (Chris Kahn, MD)**

- Dr. Kahn provided an update on the Epinephrine shortage.
- Not expecting an increase in the near future.
- Possible solutions/work arounds were reviewed.
- Group discussed best practices. Good communication is encouraged.

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

- A. Issues with Medics coming into hospital with aerosolized procedures.  
Reminder to please put your mask on before entering hospital.

**9. POLL TO RESCHEDULE MAY MEETING**

- A. Group agreed to reschedule May 17th meeting to May 24th.

**10. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Jennifer Farah, MD)**

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:43 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 19, 2022.