



LIVE WELL  
SAN DIEGO

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

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 | 11:00 am  
Minutes/Notes

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)**

A detailed report on the current COVID situation status was provided.

**2. COVID-19 ACTIONS AND UPDATES – (Brian Christison)**

- A. EMS Pediatric Patient Destination Directive for both trauma and medical patients ended on March 8. Appreciate all agencies and hospitals that worked to implement surge effort to preserve critical ED and ICU beds.
- B. P-801 Waivers and Assess and refer option are scheduled to conclude on April 30th. The county requests any feedback from agencies on use and effectiveness of these policies.
- C. Ketamine - Proposed Update to LOSOP
  - Received approval for local optional scope of practice for non-dissociative dosing of Ketamine in 2018.
  - Given on its own. Switch from one medication to another requires a Base Hospital order.
  - Revised LOSOP application has been submitted to EMSA to provide for co-administration of ketamine with opiates to improve pain management options.
- D. Ebola virus disease CAHAN
  - There is an Ebola outbreak. Rate of transmission is little due to international travel ban and decreases likelihood of it locally.
  - Make sure plans from 2014 & 2018 are still workable. No changes in receiving and assessment facilities. Rady's is for pediatric cases and Cedar Sinai is for adults.
  - Per CAHAN, Public Health requests epidemiology and immunization services branch are contacted very early in the screening to make sure PH is fully aware. It is important to subscribe to CAHAN as it is local and gives updates.
- E. Change in CDPH limitations for visitation at facilities posted as an all-facilities letter last week. New quarantine AFL is in the offing. CDPH is also a good subscription to have.
- F. Pulse Point (Jaime Pitner)
  - CoSD EMS has partnered with Pulse Point as the registration platform for to register all community AEDs.
  - This is now an electronic process. Easy to access by going to EMS website under the public defibrillation program (PAD) [Automated External Defibrillator \(AED\) \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/health-services/ems/automated-external-defibrillator-aed).

**3. EMS DATA REPORT- (Josh Smith, PhD)**

- Presentation of slides containing EMS daily surveillance data and measures that impact the system.
- Thank you to hospitals for reporting data daily.

**4. PROTOCOL UPDATE – (Jaime Pitner)**

On timeline to complete review of both Adult and Pediatric protocols. Thank you to those provided their input and expertise. Will have summary of all changes done by mid-April and provide to BHNCs and others to begin education planning. Final implementation of protocols will be ready for July 1, 2021.

**5. SAN DIEGO HEALTH CONNECT (John Ehrhart)**

A. Organizational update

- i. SDHC Board of Directors evaluated their programming as part of strategic shift. EMS connector which delivers SAFER model locally is part of core services which will continue to serve the region. Reevaluating Pulse integration into that (a service that existed for water agencies as part of initial grant and was on pause as they evaluated the ability of hospitals to continue to send Pulse documents). John is advocating for this service to continue as part of SAFER.
  - Moving forward with all four Sharp Healthcare EDs.
  - Discussion with Tri-City medical center on pause as they are doing a Cerner update expected to wrap up in April and conversation will continue thereafter.
  - Local Kaiser EDs have been supportive, and conversation is now at corporate level.
  - Palomar has been unable to commit currently, but we are keeping channels open.
  - UCSD and Radys are up and running across all four aspects of the SAFER model.
  - For EMS agencies and AMR are live, and Image Trend is doing user acceptance testing.
- ii. Seeing performance issue with HIE searches in the first component of the SAFER model. Seeing minority of EMS events that are impacted by time-out events. Team has identified root cause and is resolving.

B. Grant implementation update

Progress of EMS grant is great. Been working with Cal LEMSA and we are exceeding their metrics of success for the grant. Also looking at funding beyond the grant to further allow expansion to hospitals that weren't able to participate.

C. Product development update

- i. Explains new systems and process SDHC is developing, followed by a question-and-answer session.
- ii. If anyone is interested in product enhancements, join EMS workgroup that meets every third Thursday of the month at 11am. John is encouraging feedback because it helps drive product development and enhancement.

**6. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, RN)**

- The Council has an online version of COVID updates. Also, they have recently updated their phone list for all communication amongst the members. No word on any disaster drills at this time.
- Sal Ruiz suggested that agencies who are required to have licenses and support CHEMPAK to have a one sheet document that can inform them what license is needed. Suggestion to be referred to PHPR who coordinates the CHEMPACK program.

**7. WRAP UP AND NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

(Dr. Koenig) Thank you for all your work and taking care of our patients. We are still in a global pandemic, please keep your guard up even though we are coming off a surge. By looking at the rest of the world, it can surge again.

BSPC is adjourned at 11:37 am. Next meeting is Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

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