



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

Tuesday, April 19, 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 and seconded to approve the minutes from March 22, 2022. Motion carried.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Introduced Dr. Andy Fischer as the new Chair of PAC and thanked Dr. Saul Levine and Linda Rosenberg for their many years of service with PAC.
- Cardiac Advisory Committee is rekindling work on the ECMO program. This proposed program will identify patients with a specific type of cardiac arrest that may benefit from transport to a center with 24/7 ECPR/ECMO capability. This program is still in the early stages.
- State EMSA Award nominee, Firefighter/EMT Andrew Watkins was selected to be honored at the California EMS Awards Ceremony on Tuesday May 17, for his heroic Pine Valley Bridge rescue.
- Dr. Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Monoclonal Antibody Regional Centers (MARCS) have treated more than 9000 people locally.
- Vaccinations and boosters are encouraged. Studies show over 2 million lives saved and 17 million hospitalizations have been prevented to date.

4. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner, RN)

- A. EMSA Waivers continue until 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 (ACS) surveys of all six area Trauma Centers will conclude the first week of May. Four surveys have been completed so far and concurrent County surveys are underway as well.
- D. Paradise Valley Hospital has completed the requirements to become a STEMI Receiving Center, will go live effective May 2 @ 7:00 am.
- E. EMS personnel fees increase marks second year of three-year incremental fee increases. Board approved authorizing credit cards fees and charges.
- F. Medication and supply shortages continue. This situation is being closely monitored.
- G. County meetings will remain virtual through 2022.
- H. Capacity Plan has been lowered to Level 4, Enhanced Surveillance. The Health Capacity Task Force continues to meet regularly to monitor the current situation.
- I. RFP for Consultant to perform Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Areas designation is moving forward, will review proposals received.
- J. Protocol reviews concluded, ready for final implementation on July 1st.
- K. San Diego County EMS Office Strategic Plan is underway. Will align the strategic vision of County EMS with the strategic vision of County Fire. Stakeholder groups will be asked to join

Consultant in listening sessions so their voices can be heard. Timeline for release is expected to be on or before July 1st.

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

ED Diversion Policy Statistics

- A. Provided a detailed slideshow presentation of recent ED Diversion Statistics Data.
- B. EMS Data Analysis of new diversion policy.

6. 2022-2023 PROTOCOL UPDATES (Jaime Pitner, RN)

- New protocols will be ready for implementation on July 1, 2022.
- A change log has been developed which shows previous wording and new revisions.

7. MEDICATION/SUPPLY SHORTAGES (Brian Christison, RN)

- Provided an update on medication/supply shortages, including Epinephrine and Normal Saline shortages.
- Possible solutions/work arounds were reviewed.
- Group discussed best practices.

8. TREATMENT ON GURNEY WORKGROUP UPDATE (Jaime Pitner, RN)

- Workgroup formation is underway. Completed and verified membership list for BSPC to ensure workgroup will have proper representation. More information to come.

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

- A. A reminder for MCIs to establish MedCom if possible. It makes communication better.

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

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:49 am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 24, 2022.