



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

**BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE (BSPC) AND PREHOSPITAL AUDIT COMMITTEE (PAC)
MEETINGS**

Special COVID-19 Webex

Tuesday, April 20, 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.
- Restarting the Lunchtime Evidence-Based Medicine lecture series today. Another goal is to have a data presentation at each meeting from County Epidemiologists. If anyone in the group has topics they want presented at future Lunchtime EBMs or specific data presentations, let EMS know.

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

- The vaccination effort is well underway. Grateful to all agencies and proud of the progress you've been making in combating the pandemic. It is extraordinarily informative to our general strategy moving forward as far as local optional scopes of practice; the more details, the better. EMS will make immunization data requests for the agencies providing vaccines. EMS will package and report to the State. More than 300 San Diego County prehospital providers have been trained as vaccinators.
- There is a National cot drop survey seeking responses. If you are a transporting agency, please fill out the short survey. Link to survey was posted in the chat.
- The P-801 and Assess and Refer waiver policies are set to sunset on April 30th. Assess and Refer not being used very much, but if you have an opinion to the contrary, please let us know. Discussing possibly extending P-801 waivers.
- FAQ updates coming out soon. These updates include couple of changes to quarantine policy and other items of interest to prehospital agencies.

***Please see written reports sent out via email for CARES and San Diego Health Connect.**

3. PROTOCOL UPDATE (Jaime Pitner)

Right on the timeline for completion of revised protocols. EMS team has been engaged with all our collaborators, and it has been a tremendous and successful effort. On Friday, April 23, there is a review of protocol revisions. Will release the protocols prior to meeting on Friday afternoon. It will be informative, and everyone's participation is encouraged.

- (Dr. Koenig) Thanked everyone for their input during this cycle, especially throughout the pandemic.

4. EMS DATA REPORT (Josh Smith, PhD and Brian Christison)

- a. (Josh) Discussed and shared the data dashboard relating to EMS Surveillance and Transfer Of Care (TOC) found [here](#). A question and answer session followed.
- b. (Brian) S-010 Bypass policy recently finished the EMCC advisory process and is now called Ambulance Diversion. During the winter COVID surge, County EMS instituted a County Ambulance Diversion procedure which diverted all incoming ambulances but the most acute

patients. There are new changes to the Diversion policy that will take effect on July 1, 2021. There was a discussion of changes to S-010 Diversion policy followed by a question and answer session.

- (Dr. Koenig) A few of our nearby counties have a “no diversion” policy; however, diversion has proven a valuable tool for San Diego county, especially during COVID surges. Policy was helpful not only to hospitals to help them regroup, but also to give EMS a sense of how busy it was in certain regions of the county. Thanked everyone who had input in this; pleased with the results. This is a big change going into effect very soon.

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

No report was given.

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

- Still seeing patients coming into facilities without masks. We are still in a pandemic and need to be vigilant about keeping masks on patients. Ambulance crews should also have masks on.
 - (Dr. Koenig) The CDC and CDPH guidance remains to wear a mask even for fully vaccinated people. May change in the future.
- Have noticed an increasing trend of medics taking patients off monitors to transfer them into the hospital. If patients are on a monitor, this should continue until they are turned over at the bedside.

7. WRAP UP/ NEXT MEETING/ ADJOURNMENT

- Next meeting is on May 18, 2021.
 - Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.
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