



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

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

Tuesday, May 18, 2021 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

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

- Happy EMS Week! County Administration Center in downtown is honoring EMS by lighting the building on May 21.
- A detailed report on the current COVID situation status was provided.
- Scripps system was hit by a Cyberattack. This is an active criminal investigation which limits information that can be shared. Should be treating this like any other threat to the healthcare system capacity, and implement same All-Hazards strategies and tactics. Fortunately, have avoided reimplementing some policy changes like the pediatric transport destination that was used earlier in the pandemic. Still have those tools in mind should we need them.
- There was an MCI of a migrant boat capsized day after the Scripps Cyberattack. It was a very complex scene. Two trauma centers were not receiving patients so they were distributed to the other centers including Balboa. Dr. Koenig thanked military partners for stepping up.
- New protocols coming out July 1. Thanked everybody for their input. There are major changes, and training is currently ongoing.
- Continuing with lunchtime Evidence Based Medicine lecture series. April was National Child Abuse Prevention month and today's lecture will honor this. Next month, Dr. Walter Biffel will give a lecture on Prehospital Management Hypotensive Trauma Patients.
- Also continuing to present County EMS Epidemiological data at every meeting.

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

2. Health System Capacity Taskforce continues to meet every other week.
3. Challenges associated with the recent Cyber-incident has brought together the Operational Core Group (steering/executive committee for HSCT). Group met in the first few days to look at scope of the issue. Hopeful Scripps Health system will recover to full capacity in the near future.
4. P-801 waiver has been continued through July 1. Assess and Refer sunsetted on April 30 and is no longer an option for field providers.
5. Capacity Group continues to meet regularly. Plan continues to be at level 2 with potential to readdress at expanded Operational Group meeting on May 25.
6. Brian put link of the National Cot Drop survey in the chat. Survey is for operational and management levels to provide input to a national survey on the response to and mitigation of cot drop incidents.
7. California has clarified that statewide masking mandate continues for the public through at least June 15. Anticipate masking in healthcare settings, including EMS, to be required longterm.
8. Hope to have FAQ updates soon on EMS website.
9. The Ketamine local optional scope of practice was up for renewal and was presented at the Scope Subcommittee. This renewal includes a change to remove the restriction on co-administration with opioids. If approved at the State level, S-144 (Pain Management protocol) will be finalized, updated and ready for July 1 implementation.
10. A question and answer session followed.

3. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith, PhD and Brad Schwartz, MD)

- A. Josh Smith gave a data presentation on Prehospital Surveillance. Two events of note affecting the data are the ongoing COVID pandemic and the most recent Scripps IT issue.

B. Brad Schwartz gave a presentation on Cardiac Arrest data. San Diego county numbers are matching national numbers which is good. Shared slides of 2020 Cardiac Arrest Data.

4. PROTOCOL UPDATE (Jaime Pitner)

All information has been provided to educators and agencies to prepare their educational material. Final implementation of protocols is July 1. Thanked everyone for lending expertise and time to this project.

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

Next month UCSD will report out on the migrant boat MCI. They need time to gather data of about 30 patients.

6. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATORS (BHNC) REPORT (Linda Rosenberg, RN)

- Passed along a 'Thank you' from Scripps Healthcare to all agencies and hospitals for their support and flexibility during the Cyberattack. Follow up is not currently possible for agencies because they do not have internet access to get data from patients.
 - New protocol tests are done and were sent out last week to all agencies. Thanks to Scripps Mercys' Brian and Rochelle for putting those together.
 - UCSD, Palomar and Sharp Base Hospitals will be taking students in June. Scripps will be taking students but on a pre-approved limited basis during their crisis. Tri-City will also be taking students but they have a new grad program that needs to be completed first before they can bring in paramedics.
 - An ask for transport agencies is that when giving a report, to save initial patient's request for a hospital, so that Base Hospital can know if they are diverting or not.
 - Noticed increase in overdose cases throughout the county, mostly for meth that is laced with fentanyl.
 - Another noted trend is for MPI incidents, whereby transport units are calling different bases. The receiving facility thinks it's a new patient yet it's the same patient.
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7. EVIDENCE BASED PRESENTATION: Non-Accidental Trauma in Children – Dr. Shalon Nienow

8. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING

The next BSPC-PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22, 2021.