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SAN DIEGO

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

Special COVID-19 Webex

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

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

- Dr. Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Authority to vaccinate ends September 30. Working with the State EMS authority to extend the Local optional scope of practice to allow EMTs and Paramedics to administer vaccines for both COVID and Influenza.
- There is a second EBM special lecture on Thursday, June 24. Speaker will review the latest evidence and practical tools we can use to mitigate the effects from exposure to psychological trauma.

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

Adria

- A. Base Hospital System Evaluation Consultant Procurement Update: Board letter requested staff to complete a review of Base Hospital System and Trauma catchment area. The process begins this July. Plan to have two RFI sessions via Zoom; one during the day and another in the evening. Will provide a survey link to collect feedback from stakeholders. More info will soon go out to advisory committees.
 - Listening sessions will help advise the County procurement team on needs and qualifications for the contractor that will complete the study and what criteria we should include in the Statement of Work.
- B. In order to provide involvement and participation with stakeholders, we've been approved to add to the Source Selection Committee (part of the County's contract awarding process) a member from BSPC and a member from the Trauma advisory committee.

Brian

- A. For the past month, the Capacity Plan has been at Level 3: Partial Activation. Group continues to meet monthly. Thanks to all who have been involved in the process.
- B. EMSA will pull back many, or all, of the existing waivers put in place for COVID-19 effective September 30. This is a heads up for all EMS agencies that have employed one or more of these emergency standards in place, especially EMTs exercising the skills competency verification waiver. We don't know which waivers will be done away with, but agencies and training programs should plan on all of these waivers to be slowly turned off.
- C. County Ambulance Diversion option will sunset on July 1. As the new version of S-010 takes effect, the need for County Ambulance Diversion will be less. Will keep this policy and procedure as part of HSCTF should it need to be reinstated in the future.

- D. EMSA sent a memo regarding Perilaryngeal Airway Adjuncts. This is a Basic Scope of Practice skill for Paramedics for adult placements (not pediatric). EMSA has determined that the iGELs and LMAs will be considered Perilaryngeal Airway Adjuncts in the Basic Scope of Practice. This does not affect San Diego County since we have not instituted any of those devices. We continue to have the King and the Combitube/ETAD as Perilaryngeal Airways in our current Scope of Practice, but we can consider adjustments in the future.
- E. EMS fee changes take effect on July 1. The current County fee of \$86 will be \$106.
- F. Will distribute written reports for the last set of protocol edits and from San Diego Health Connect. There is no CARES written report.

3. DATA PRESENTATION (Sanaa Abedin)

Presentation of Capacity report slides containing EMS daily surveillance data and measures that impact the system. A discussion followed.

4. STEMI & STROKE SUMMIT (Lorraine Chmielewski, RN)

- A. California's first STEMI & Stroke Summit held on June 8 and 9. All summit recordings and presentations will be available on EMSA's website. Lorraine discussed topics of interest from the summit as she was an attendee.
- B. Future of STEMI management: One of the interesting topics was Shock Centers. Our Cardiac Advisory Committee in San Diego had also expressed interest in this. A question-and-answer session followed.

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

- A. Multiple speakers at the last meeting for Infection Disease. Discussed HPP guidelines each entity is to develop for healthcare response to pandemics.
- B. Gary Johnston is the new Incident Commander in the MOC.
- C. MRC reported out they have over six thousand members, and they are working on their PPE sustainment project. This project is a 30-day supply of PPE for healthcare facilities. MRCs are also working at the border doing COVID-19 testing.
- D. The Crisis Emergency Risk Communication Workgroup has an online training called 'The Psychology of a Crisis' that is open to anyone interested in taking the online course.
- E. The Joint Information Center has included a Spanish channel to reach out to the Hispanic population on matters relating to COVID-19, like where to get tested or vaccinated.
- F. The group is looking at different vendors to standardize disaster equipment for hospitals, clinics, and SNFs.

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

- A. The BHNCs have noticed ongoing issues with MedCom not being established for larger incidents. When MedCom is established, we can better prepare for the patients and support even patient distributions.
- B. Noticed a recent increase in pediatric overdoses.
 - o (Dr. Koenig) Definite increase in ODs across the board, including pediatric ODs. Working to mitigate that, including the Leave behind Naloxone program. Also recruiting a potential speaker for an EBM presentation on 'EMS and Opioid Use Disorders'.

7. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING

The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021.