



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

Tuesday, June 28, 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 with a second to approve the minutes from May 24, 2022. Motion carried.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Dr. Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Portions of the Governor's Executive Order have been extended beyond June 30th. This will allow EMTs and Paramedics to continue administering vaccinations and testing for COVID-19 and Influenza at static sites and space waivers for healthcare facilities will continue through the declared emergency.
- Dr. Koenig provided an update on the Monkeypox virus.
This virus has been detected beyond the endemic regions of Africa and is spreading rapidly worldwide. It is important to wear PPE, especially during aerosolized procedures. We will continue to monitor the situation.
- We are also monitoring non-infectious epidemics including the opioid and gun violence epidemics.

4. COUNTY UPDATES (Christi Robbins, RN)

- EMS Protocol reviews for 2022 have concluded. The revised protocols have been finalized and posted to the County EMS Website. Implementation of the revised protocols are scheduled for July 1, 2022.
- Procurement updates: Interested parties are encouraged to register with the BuyNet web portal to receive the most up to date procurement information.
 - RFP for evaluation of Base Station and Trauma Catchment areas – upcoming.
 - RFI Industry Day was June 7, 2022.
 - RFP for CSA 17 was posted to BuyNet on May 24 and closes on July 1st.
- San Diego County EMS Office Strategic Plan is underway. This new plan will align the strategic vision of County EMS with the strategic vision of County Fire. Representatives of selected stakeholder groups will be asked to join the consultant in the listening session so their voices can be heard in support and creation of the plan. Release of the new plan is expected to be this summer.
- County EMS offices will be closed Monday, July 5th in observance of Independence Day.

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

Josh Smith provided a detailed presentation of COVID-19 and TOC data.

- A. COVID-19 Update
- B. Transfer Of Care Updates
 - EMS and ED's will stop using the FirstWatch TOC application on July 1st.

6. MEDICATION/SUPPLY SHORTAGES (Jessica Gall, RN)

Jessica Gall provided a review of the ongoing medication shortages.

- IV fluids are in very short supply.
- Important to keep track of expiration dates and hold on to expired medication.
- Plan for shortages.

7. LEAVE BEHIND NALOXONE PROGRAM QUESTIONNAIRE (Christi Robbins, RN)

- Provided a review of the Leave Behind Naloxone program.
- Please submit questionnaire to Christi Robbins by July 5th.

8. TREATMENT ON GURNEY WORKGROUP UPDATE (Gary Vilke, MD)

- Meeting went well, a reminder that balance is required.
- Focus on patient-centered care.
- Overview of the program
 - Time sensitive care
 - Treatment protocols, rules, and responsibilities
 - Two systems trying to interact
- High level overview: certain medications and procedures cannot be given on the gurney.
 - Radiology, labs, medications and the balance between EMS and hospital needs.
- Working closely with the Hospital Association before making any changes.
- More information to follow.

9. SAN DIEGO RESUSCITATION CONSORTIUM WORKGROUP (Saul Levine, MD)

- The process has begun. First workgroup meeting was well attended.
- Focus on patient centered, evidence-based care and equity.
- Overall goals of group:
 1. Expedite care of a subset of cardiac arrest patients with ECPR/ECMO treatment.
 2. Get a consensus regarding how the receiving hospitals and ED's have been offered this service 24/7 can work together to establish criteria for transport, certification of sites, quality going forward.
 3. Cardiac arrest management.
 4. Equity is important, looking to include the entire county.
- Please contact Dr. Levine for more information.

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

- Staffing challenges continue.

11. CARES UPDATE (Dr. Brad Schwartz)

- Dr. Schwartz provided an overview/history of CPR and cardiac arrest survival rates in San Diego County.
- Reviewed CARES Summary Report data.
- Next Steps:
 - Increase survival rates by spreading the word about Bystander CPR.
 - Increase community CPR education.
 - Increase AED availability.
 - Refocus on quality CPR.

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

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 12:03 pm. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19, 2022.