



LIVE WELL
SAN DIEGO

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

Special COVID-19 Webex

Tuesday, July 20, 2021 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Jennifer Tuteur, MD)

- Dr. Tuteur provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Corona Virus cases continue to rise. The County is back to reporting Covid-19 numbers daily, Monday thru Friday.
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatment is available in four locations throughout the County. The contact number is 619-685-2500 to reach any of the four sites.

2. COUNTY UPDATES (Brian Christison)

- A. EMS transition from HHS to Public Safety Group was completed on June 29, 2021, EMS is now administratively housed under the County Fire organizational structure. The next item for transition is the County EMS fee structure which will be administratively transferred to the PSG code section, tentatively scheduled for August.
- B. CSA-69 will also be on the agenda in August. There are no changes to the services provided or the service levels for this ambulance operational area. The service providers made a revenue agreement with the County and Board action is expected to begin in August.
- C. Base Hospital Review – Base Hospital System Evaluation Consultant Procurement Update: RFI to identify a contractor to conduct the study posted on July 2nd and closes on Friday. There is opportunity for stakeholders to leave written feedback via email or Survey Monkey. The link is posted in the RFI posting on the County's Buynet site. Thank you to all who have left feedback so far.
- D. EMSA waivers are coming to a close on September 30, 2021. In March 2020, EMSA implemented an array of waivers and alterations to standard EMS rules. EMSA will pull back all of the existing waivers put in place for COVID-19 effective September 30, including training courses that began prior to this date. EMSA has created a local scope of practice template to authorize EMS vaccination efforts beyond September 30th. The San Diego EMS office has submitted the request to continue this important work.
- E. The new S-010 Ambulance Diversion Implementation policy went into effect July 1, 2021. Diversion may be implemented in up to 4 hour blocks, any request to extend this timeframe requires the EMS Duty Officers' approval.
- F. The Capacity Plan is at level 3, Partial Activation.
- G. Reminder: EMS Duty Officer phone number has changed. Please note the new number 619-588-0397.
- H. EMSA Awardees were announced. Congratulations to the three 2020 California EMS Award recipients.

3. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith)

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

4. Opioid OD Management (Jaime Pitner, RN)

- A. The management of opioid overdose was discussed, as outlined in the revised EMS protocol (S-134). This protocol provides direction for BLS and ALS administration of naloxone as supported by evidence based medicine and several references were provided. The differences in BLS and ALS protocols for naloxone administration were highlighted.
- B. Reminder: the Leave Behind Naloxone program is within the revised protocol and its use is encouraged for all EMS agencies. Prior to implementing Leave Behind Naloxone, EMS agencies must notify the LEMSA. Please contact Jaime Pitner with any questions.

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

- A. No report or updates at this time

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

- A. The hospitals are extremely busy and ED volumes are up.

7. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 28, 2021.
