



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

Tuesday, September 27, 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 July 19, 2022. Motion carried.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- Mitigation for the Opioid Overdose Epidemic.
- Leave Behind Naloxone: Thank you to those agencies participating in the program.
- Pilot Program for Prehospital Buprenorphine: Advocated moving Buprenorphine into a LOSOP option to allow more LEMSA's to participate.
- Botulism case in a patient using Black Tar heroin.
- Monkey Pox Virus: Over 400 cases have been detected locally. Please refer to the County Webpage and memo for additional information @ https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/Policies_Protocols/memos-and-updates/CoSD%20EMS%20Monkeypox%20Notification%208%209%202022%20Memo.pdf
- Dr. Koenig provided a brief update on the current status of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Potential for a severe flu season.
- Bivalent Covid boosters and Influenza vaccines are encouraged.
- Hospitals are very busy and staffing shortages continue.

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

Josh Smith provided a detailed presentation of the County of San Diego EMS Surveillance Report Dashboard.

A. Primary Metrics Review

5. COUNTY UPDATES (Christi Robbins, RN)

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 2 – Escalated Activation; CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Low; Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 3.
- Community Paramedicine Regulations are delayed. The LEMSA received notification that the state's regulations have been delayed. Our understanding is there was a technical issue related to the state Office of Administrative Law review (a regular step in the regulation development process). The anticipated effective date is more likely to be around New Year's.
- 2023 - 2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision - Request for EMS Community Input: The San Diego County EMS Office invites your input on potential revisions to the EMS treatment protocols for the 2023-2024 cycle. All treatment protocols (S-101 through S-190) are available for comment. To be considered for this protocol revision cycle, we

must receive your comments no later than October 7, 2022. Please provide your thoughts and suggestions via the link or QR code posted on the County EMS website.

- The Updated San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan was approved by the Board of Supervisors on August 30th and published last week.
- County EMS is recruiting: We will soon be accepting applications for EMS Specialists. An EMS Specialist works with EMS agencies, hospitals, training programs and others to facilitate the innovation, sustainability, and health equity of EMS in our community. These professionals also serve as EMT disciplinary investigators, inspectors, disaster workers, and as EMS Duty Officers. Currently certified EMTs or licensed Paramedics with local field experience are highly desirable. The County of San Diego website has further information on how to apply.
- Procurements: County Staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County. This is a huge volume of work, and we are nearing the finish line. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

6. BORDER ALLOCATION UPDATE (Brian Covell)

- Border calls are often very complex and challenging.
- Increase in call volume is overwhelming.
- Group discussed temporary allocation changes, beginning October 1st, for a 4-month period.
- Proposed monthly allocation change:
 - UCSD – 6 weeks
 - Mercy – 2 weeks

7. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (Jessica Gall, RN)

- Waiting on regulation changes, expected within the next few weeks.
- The regulations are coming back out for a 15-day public comment period.
- EMS Commission will hold a special meeting to approve the changes.
- EMSA workshop originally scheduled for September 22 has been rescheduled to December 8th at the same location.

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

Jessica Gall provided a review of the ongoing medication shortages.

- Expected arrival dates continue to change.
- Important to keep track of expiration dates and hold on to expired medication.
- Plan for shortages.

9. OPIOID EPIDEMIC MITIGATION (Christi Robbins, RN/Josh Smith, PhD)

- Leave Behind Naloxone (Christi Robbins)
 - Shout out to those who have submitted their documentation for the program.
- Buprenorphine Pilot Proposal (Christi Robbins)
 - LOSOP approval for Paramedics.
- Overdose Mapping and Application Program (ODMAPS) (Josh Smith, PhD)
 - Provides near real-time surveillance and tracking of overdose events.
 - Direct feed from Law Enforcement and Paramedic data.

10. CARES UPDATE (Dr. Brad Schwartz)

- Review of Take Heart of America, a non-profit organization that promotes cardiac arrest survival.
- Discussed ACPR (Heads up CPR).

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

- We will have to develop a more robust system of designation and certification of "ECPR Centers". There was good discussion about a white paper on inclusion criteria anticipated for future EMS protocol changes. More to come...
- Please contact Dr. Levine with questions.

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

- Purpose of workgroup is to identify which treatments (requested by hospital providers) prehospital personnel may provide prior to transfer of care.
- Multi-disciplinary workgroup to discuss best practices and time sensitive patient care.
- Draft document circulated for input; feedback was supportive.
- Goal is to present final document for BSPC approval.
- Review of workgroup recommendations include:
 - Lab work
 - Diagnostics
 - Medications/Treatments
 - Other consensus takeaways
- Patient safety and patient centered care are the fundamental principles for this group.
- Draft document will be sent to the group for review and comment.
- Group discussion followed.

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

The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 12:09 pm. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 18, 2022.