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

Special COVID-19 Webex

Tuesday, September 28, 2021 | 11:00 am
Minutes/Notes

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Gary Vilke, MD)

- Introduced Dr. Gary Vilke as the new BSPC Chairperson. Dr Vilke called the meeting to order at 11:00am.

2. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

- Dr. Vilke was congratulated and thanked for serving as the new BSPC Chair. This marks the return of a Base Doctor serving as chairperson of this committee.
- Provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic. Corona Virus cases appear to be coming down off the fourth surge, however hospitals are experiencing unprecedented volumes of patients. Everyone was thanked for their hard work within this challenging environment.
- There is possibility of a new surge in the Fall, due to COVID-19 and/or Influenza. Everyone is encouraged to get Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccinations.

3. COUNTY UPDATES (Jaime Pitner)

- A. LOSOP updates - EMS transition from Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to Public Safety Group (PSG) has been officiated and completed by the Board of Supervisors approval amendment. LEMSIS is now officially housed under PSG, and all is going well.
Upcoming EMS items on the Board of Supervisors calendar:
 - October 5th - Dissolution of CSA-69.
 - October 19th - Spare Wheel exemption.
 - November 2nd - Item to administratively move the EMS fee schedule from HHSA to PSG.
- B. July 1, 2021, Protocol Clarifications - Updates are forthcoming for protocols S-133 and S-166 (newborn delivery/resuscitation and OB emergencies). S-101 Glossary of Terms updating clarification of age breakdown for Children and Adults. An Adult is equal to or above 15 years old, and a Child is equal to or below 14 years. This makes it consistent across the protocol. Other updates include clarification of P-117, S-123, S-26, and S-163. Once finalized, these protocol updates and clarifications will be released in a bulletin.
- C. Assess and Refer/P-801 options are currently available. In response to the latest COVID-19 surge, P-801 response modification and Assess and Refer options have been reactivated. To exercise either of these options, please review the technical memorandum and EMS notification requirements on our website. As a reminder, any agency that would like to use Assess and Refer/P-801 will need to request reauthorization and PCR's are required for any Assess and Refer contact.
- D. S-010 Ambulance Diversion Policy is currently in effect. Diversion may be implemented in up to 4-hour blocks, any request to extend this timeframe requires the EMS Duty Officer's approval.

- E. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Evaluation Update (Adria Cavanaugh) – County Staff continues work on RFP, currently in the final stages. When ready, this RFP will be released through Department of Purchasing and Contracting on Buynet.

Procurement updates include:

- RFQ for AED site management closed at the end of August.
- RFP for evaluation of Base Station and Trauma Catchment areas is expected to be released in the future.
- RFP for Paramedic/Ambulance CSA-17 is expected to be released over the next month.

All interested parties are encouraged to register on Buynet to receive the most current information.

- F. EMSA Waivers have been extended until December 31, 2021. Concurrently, the County has requested and been approved for an additional three-year extension waiver for EMS testing/vaccination for COVID-19/Flu. EMSA has developed a local scope of practice template to authorize EMS vaccinations/testing that all EMSA's in the state can use.
- G. Capacity Plan remains at Level 1, Full Activation.
- H. SART Program – Board of Supervisors named August 31st as San Diego County “SART Day” to honor the 30th anniversary of SART (Sexual Assault Response Team).
- I. LEMSIS updates – Data has been finalized and distributed to PCR vendors. Duty Officers continue to monitor the system.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith)

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

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

- A. No report or updates.

6. STROKE COMMUNICATION TOOL (Jaime Pitner)

- A. The STROKE Consortium subcommittee developed a standardized communication tool to enhance communication between Hospitals, MICN's and receiving centers. This tool called the “Stroke Turn-Over Report” aligns with protocol utilizing BE-FAST. It will be sent out to all stakeholders. A discussion followed.

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

- A. Noted that medics and patients are coming into EDs without wearing masks.
- B. Melody – shared road closures and alternate routes around UCSD due to upcoming construction.
- C. Dr. Tutuer – gave an update of the MARC program (monoclonal antibody treatment) regarding the new allocation system. Thanked everyone for their flexibility.

8. BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Gary Vilke, MD) - The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:39am. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, 2021.