



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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023 | 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 January 17, 2023. Motion carried.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- a. It is Protocol Season, time for input on protocol revisions.
 - o Thank you all for taking the time to critically evaluate the draft protocols to make our system as up to date and evidence informed as possible. With our goals to save lives and reduce suffering.
 - o Some of the draft protocols for review include:
 - ECPR/ECMO capable centers
 - Prehospital Buprenorphine
 - TXA for Trauma and Post-partum hemorrhage
- b. System remains very busy.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Colin King)

Colin King provided a detailed slide presentation of EMS Surveillance Report data.

- a. Respiratory Virus Report
- b. Primary Metrics

5. COUNTY UPDATES (Michael Assof)

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 3 – Partial Activation; CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Low; Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 1.
- EMSA Policy Update: County Policy will be affected by the end of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration effective February 28, 2023. Paramedics, AEMTs, and EMTs will no longer be able to:
 - o Perform their current SOP in hospitals, alternate care sites, shelters, or other static sites.
 - o Provide vaccinations for COVID, flu, and/or monkeypox, or any other vaccination.
 - o Paramedics will no longer be authorized to administer or monitor the monoclonal antibody treatments or conduct COVID and Influenza testing.
- EMS Office Strategic Plan is Complete– Thank you for your participation! The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan has reached the finish line. We appreciate the feedback and input from all of our stakeholder groups. The Plan identifies the goals and objectives for both the EMS office and the EMS system for the next five years.

- Procurements: County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County.
 - CSA 17 – a new contract has been signed with AMR, will continue until 2030.
 - Base Hospital Review and Trauma Catchment Area Designation Consultant held their kick-off meeting on February 13th and will hit the ground running with their study.
 - There will be ample opportunity to receive public comment as they formulate six different models for us to compare as models for the future of EMS in San Diego County.
 - The Consultant will also review trauma catchment areas to ensure that trauma hospitals receive an even balance of trauma calls at each center.
- New Assignments at EMS:
 - Dr. Joshua Smith continues to lead the Epidemiology Team.
 - Cody Rogers continues to lead the Pre-hospital Standards Team.
 - Tyler Meick has been assigned to lead the Community Paramedicine Team.
 - EMS Coordinator Michael Assof is leading the Clinical Team.
- Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination Act:
The EMS Commission met in a special session and approved the Community Paramedicine regulations on October 13th, they went into effect November 1, 2022.
- County meetings still virtual for now: County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these meetings are so-called “Brown Act” meetings and require specific notification and recordation. The California State Legislature has passed a law (AB361) allowing partial relief from the public meeting requirements. This relief must be reaffirmed at each regular meeting held virtually. This relief ends at the Advisory Committee’s discretion or until February 28, 2023, whichever comes first. Attendees should plan on many of these EMS meetings to return to in-person in March end of the Governor’s State of Emergency Declaration effective February 28, 2023.
- EMT Renewals: Reminder to submit applications early.
- New Faces at EMS: County EMS is interviewing and moving forward with four new EMS Specialist positions and a Legal Support position, more positions to be filled.

6. 2023/2024 EMS PROTOCOL UPDATES (Michael Assof)

- Michael Assof provided a detailed review of draft revisions made to the following protocols:
 - P-115, P-117, S-123, S-126, S-127, S-132, S-133, S-134, S-135, S-139
- Group discussed protocol revisions and timeline for implementation.
- Please contact Michael Assof to provide feedback on the revised protocols. To provide feedback on ECP, please contact Dr. Saul Levine and Kirk Erickson.

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

- The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 12:01 pm. The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 21, 2023.