



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

Tuesday, April 18, 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 March 21, 2023. Motion carried.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- Protocol review updates: final draft protocols were sent out for review yesterday.
 - Expected to be ready for implementation on July 1st and will include the following protocols:
 1. Prehospital Buprenorphine
 2. ECPR Resuscitation Centers
 3. TXA
- Healthcare System Overview
 - COVID 19 update
- Vaccines and masking are not required after April 3rd, but hospitals may have different policies. Please be mindful and follow as directed.
- Vaccinations and bi-valent boosters are still recommended.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith, PhD)

Josh Smith provided a detailed slide presentation of STEMI System Metrics:

- A. Door to Device Times – Overview of System 2019-2022

5. COUNTY UPDATES (Christi Robbins, RN)

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 3 – Partial Activation.
- Several County Meetings are returning to in-person: County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these regular meetings are “Brown Act” meetings and require specific public notification, access, and recordation. The prior allowances under AB-361 and the Governor’s Emergency Order ended February 28, 2023. Committee members should plan on attending the EMCC, CSA-17 Advisory Board, and these bodies’ subcommittee meetings in person.
- Procurements:
 - EMS Contracts: County Service Area-17 / San Dieguito EMS District has a new Ground Ambulance provider. New meaning a new contract, but not a new provider. AMR will continue in CSA-17 until 2030 and we at the LEMSA look forward to continuing our solid relationship on behalf of the residents and guests of CSA-17.
 - The Comprehensive Base Station Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area Consultant’s work is underway. There will be ample opportunity to receive public comment as they gather input and begin to formulate 6 different

models for us to compare as models for the future of EMS in San Diego County. The Consultant will also be looking at the Trauma Center Catchment Area Map to assure that Trauma Centers receive an optimal balance of Trauma calls at each center.

- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:
May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day (County Holiday)
- Public Comment Process is LIVE and improving everyday
 - Public Comment Posting Notification email subscription requests posted and available to the community.
 - “Coming Soon” policy posting.
 - Comments will be shared with the Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee (still working on the technical and process aspect for public website posting).
- EMS Medical Director Regulatory Oversight: Many of you that have used the County EMS Medical Director as your own will soon be receiving an official termination letter. You know who you are because you have received prior communications from the EMS office. The final termination date for these services is 7/1/2023. EMS Agency Administrators are requested to update their LMS profile with their EMS Medical Director listed. Even better would be for your EMS Medical Director to have their own LEMIS Account so they can receive all the official communications send by the EMS Office in real time.

6. DRAFT POLICY PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS (Brian Christison)

- EMS Policy public comment process was reviewed.
- Policy public comment process is different than the Protocol public comment process.
- The posted public comments can be viewed [here](#) on the Online Public Comment Submission page from the San Diego County EMS Office website.
- Subscriber notifications – add email address to be notified when a new policy is posted for public comment.
- Public comment periods:
 - 30 day for large significant changes
 - 14 days for repost – redraft

7. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (Tyler Meick)

- Provided an overview of the County’s new Community Paramedicine program.
- Currently developing policies and protocols out of regulations released by the State.
- The first Community Paramedicine Advisory Committee meeting was held on 3/24/23.
 - Goals are to gather feedback from stakeholders in the community and help with policy development.
- Policies reviewed during the meeting included:
 - Community Paramedicine Accreditation.
 - Accreditation for the Community Paramedic.
 - Policy for training program requirements.
- The next meeting will be held on April 28 and will include reviewing the following policies:
 - TB therapy
 - Transport to alternative destinations - VA
- Twenty-three policies and protocols need to be developed out of the regulations.
- After Advisory Committee review, will move on to preparing training partners and submitting the state application.
- EMS office began work on the application to EMSA.
- Next steps:
 - Process twenty-three policies.

- Complete state application.
- Determine fee schedules.
- Work with proposed training centers to develop training programs.

8. OPIOID EPIDEMIC MITIGATION (Tyler Meick)

- Leave Behind Naloxone Program
 - Under EMS Protocol S-134, The Leave Behind Naloxone Program authorizes EMS agencies, first responders, and fire departments to distribute naloxone to those who would benefit following an emergency patient contact when a patient refuses transport after a naloxone field reversal or a suspected opioid-related overdose.
 - Shout out to all those participating in this program.
 - Nathan Burger is the new contact for the Leave Behind Naloxone Program. Nathan.burger@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Prehospital Buprenorphine LOSOP
 - In process of developing S-145 Opioid Withdrawal and Use Disorder Protocol.
 - Covers the San Diego County LOSOP to administer Buprenorphine/Naloxone to patients who are in withdrawal.
 - The pilot program will also establish procedures for referrals to MAT programs for patients.
 - Next Steps:
 - Establishing a Base Hospital contact for the program.
 - Confirming participation of warm handoff sites.
- POLL: Should Leave Behind Naloxone program be required for all agencies as of July 1, 2023?
 - Group is not supportive of this requirement.

9. MEDICATION/SUPPLE SHORTAGES (Jessica Gall, RN)

- No update

10. CARDIAC UPDATES (Brad Schwartz, MD)

- CARES Update
 - No update.
- Bystander CPR Workgroup (Don Sullivan)
 - Next meeting is May 23rd @ 10:00 am.
 - Soliciting committed volunteers for the workgroup.
 - Please contact Dr. Schwartz if interested or for more information @ bradschwartz66@gmail.com.
- San Diego Resuscitation Consortium Workgroup (Dr. Saul Levine)
 - Workgroup continues to meet on a monthly basis.
 - Public comment period ends next week.
 - On target for July 1st roll out.
 - Key stakeholders – EMCC - Fire Chiefs & Hospital Association.
 - Application coming out soon.
 - Program managers meeting is a work in progress.
 - ECPR Receiving Centers will be a change of mindset.

11. 2023/2024 EMS PROTOCOL UPDATES (Christi Robbins, RN)

- The 2023-2024 protocol review is nearing completion with all adult and pediatric protocols proceeding through an initial review by BSPC in February and a final review last month. A summary of all updates will be prepared in May and provided to the BHNCs and EMT/Paramedic programs to begin educational planning. As a review, we held an open comment period and received over 100 comments across 16 different respondent types, such as EMS agencies, fire departments, hospitals, and associations. The timeline for final implementation is on track for July 1, 2023.

- Second final draft sent yesterday.
- Final feedback due by 4/20 @ 5:00 pm.

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

- ECMO Coordinators Group (Nurses)
 - Would like to form a Nurse Coordinator Group to support process improvement, QA/QI, all of the behind the scenes work that goes into supporting the program.
 - Contact Kirk Erickson @ Kirk.Erickson@sdcounty.ca.gov for more information.
 - The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.
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EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE PRESENTATION

ECPR in San Diego

Dr. Zack Shinar

PAC MEETING

CHAired BY (Andy Fischer, MD)

1. CALL TO ORDER (Andy Fischer, MD)

Dr. Fischer called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATORS (BHNC) REPORT (Brian Covell, RN)

- Please note that each hospital has its own masking policy, please follow as directed.

3. MAC REPORT (Jennifer Farah, MD)

- International transfers
 - One case was reviewed.
- Border Trauma Calls updates
 - Scripps Mercy / UCSD – (2 weeks/6 weeks temporary coverage policy will continue.)
 - Please keep MICN's updated on schedule.

4. PAC REPORT (Andy Fisher, MD)

Five cases were discussed, as were PAC Pearls. A Q&A session followed.

5. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 16, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.