



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

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 11:00 am

Minutes/Notes

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS (Christian Sloane, MD)

Dr. Sloane 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 April 18, 2023. Motion carried.

### 3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- 49<sup>th</sup> Annual EMS Week is next week. The 1<sup>st</sup> National EMS Week was in 1974.
- We are entering into a new phase of the Covid-19 pandemic.
  - All emergency orders have ended.
  - Masking, vaccinations, and bi-valent boosters are still encouraged.
- The 2023-2024 protocol review is complete. A summary of all updates is posted on the County EMS webpage. The timeline for final implementation is on track for July 1, 2023.
- Some notable additions to this year's protocol package include:
  - TXA for significant traumatic and post-partum hemorrhage
  - Buprenorphine pilot program
  - Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Cardiac Arrest pilot
- Xylazine/Fentanyl is showing up in Los Angeles.
  - Keep a look out for patients with wounds.
- Next month's EBM speaker will be County Medical Examiner, Dr. Campman.

### 4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith, PhD)

Josh Smith provided a detailed slide presentation of EMS Firearms Data.

#### A. Gun Violence Reduction Project

- In 2021 the Board of Supervisors approved the Gun Violence Reduction Project to be undertaken by the Public Safety Group within the County of San Diego.
- Community Needs Assessment (2018 – 2021 data) by HARC. The comprehensive final report is finished and will be published within the next week or so.

### 5. COUNTY REPORT (Christi Robbins, RN)

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 4 – Enhanced Surveillance.
- **The Comprehensive Base Station Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area Consultant's work is underway!** As part of the ongoing endgame process for this work, the stakeholder survey is open for comment collection through June. This survey is open to all stakeholders, including field providers, emergency department staff, agency administrators, specialty care centers, and the general public. These comments will be informative to our contractor team. This survey will be open through June. This information, along with other research and input will be assist in the formulation of 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.

- **Policies and Protocols:** The 2023-2024 protocol review is complete. A summary of all updates is posted on the County EMS webpage. The timeline for final implementation is on track for July 1, 2023.
- **EMS Mobile App**  
The San Diego County EMS Office is pleased to announce our new EMS Mobile App!  
The app is now available to the community at [emsmobile.sandiegocounty.gov](https://emsmobile.sandiegocounty.gov) and a link is located on our homepage as well.
- **Upcoming State Paramedic Scope of Practice changes**  
The State of California EMS Authority has notified stakeholders that a regulatory update to include additional medications for the paramedic scope of practice posted for a 45-day public comment period on April 21. These additions would move TXA, ketorolac, ketamine, and IV acetaminophen from Local Optional Scope of Practice to basic scope, lowering the regulatory burden for those LEMSAs adopting these treatment modalities. County EMS supports these adjustments and are proud that our local successes with ketamine and acetaminophen have provided support to this enhancement in state paramedic practice.
- **Public Comment Process is LIVE and improving everyday**  
Public Comment Posting Notification email “subscription” is active. Please submit your email if you would like to receive notification of upcoming public comment periods  
“Coming Soon” policy notifications are regularly updated. Comments will be shared with the Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee as well as posted to the Recently Concluded Public Comment Drafts.
- **EMS Week 2023 is here:**
  - May 22 – May 29
- **County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:**
  - May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day (County Holiday)
  - June 19, 2023 – Juneteenth (County Holiday)

## 6. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (Tyler Meick)

- Work continues on the County’s new Community Paramedicine program.
- The next Community Paramedicine and Triage to Alternate Destination Advisory Council meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup>. The following policies and protocols will be covered:
  - Triage to Alternate Destination 908.
  - Triage to Alternate Destination Paramedic Initial Accreditation, Reaccreditation and Reinstatement.
  - CP 907, CP 906, CP 906A, CP 906B, TAD 919, TAD 919A, TAD 919B, TAD 912, TAD 1006, CP 910, CP 1002, CP 1003.
  - The County of San Diego EMS Office is in the process of drafting the state application to EMSA.
- Next steps include:
  - Finishing policies and protocols.
  - Performing a community needs assessment.
  - Connecting with potential alternate destinations.
  - Developing a fee schedule.
  - Submitting our state application.

## 7. 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.
  - San Marcos and Oceanside are the newest cities to participate in the program.
- Nathan Burger is the new contact for the Leave Behind Naloxone Program. [Nathan.burger@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto: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.
  - The County plans to launch this pilot program in July.

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

- Atrovent is currently in short supply.
- Contact [EMSnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:EMSnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov) for updates.

#### **9. CARDIAC UPDATES (Brad Schwartz, MD)**

- CARES Update
  - CARES Data will be out at the end of the month.
  - 2022 Booklet is a high-level summary.
  - States with higher bystander CPR rates have higher survival rates.
- Bystander CPR Workgroup (Brad Schwartz, MD)
  - Next meeting is May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 am.
  - Soliciting committed volunteers for the workgroup.
  - Looking for a prominent/influential spokesperson to make a difference.
  - Please contact Dr. Schwartz if interested or for more information @ [bradschwartz66@gmail.com](mailto:bradschwartz66@gmail.com).
- San Diego Resuscitation Consortium Workgroup (Saul Levine, MD)
  - SDRC is a subcommittee of the Cardiac Advisory Committee.
  - Workgroup will meet again this month.
  - 30-day public comment period ended for S-030, with 0 public comments.
  - Application is pending.
  - On target for July 1<sup>st</sup> roll out.
  - Key stakeholders – EMCC - Fire Chiefs & Hospital Association.
  - Program Coordinators group has met, and progress is being made.
  - Please contact Dr. Levine for more information @ [levine.saul@gmail.com](mailto:levine.saul@gmail.com).

#### **10. EMS SITUATION REPORT (Brian Christison)**

- Title 42 update
  - System impacts from the border situation.
  - EMS call volume is up but able to absorb the demand.
  - Language barriers remain an issue.
  - Large groups of people are still in the pipeline.

#### **11. EMS MOBILE APP PRESENTATION (Michael Assof)**

- Michael provided a detailed presentation of the new EMS Mobile App.
- The EMS Mobile App is a browser-based application and works on any device with an internet connection and web browser. The app allows users to easily search through all protocols and policies using keywords. In addition, users can bookmark specific protocols and

policies to quickly access them at any time.

- The EMS Mobile App also has a reference section with important resources for our hospital and prehospital healthcare professionals.
- The app is now available to the community at [emsmobile.sandiegocounty.gov](https://emsmobile.sandiegocounty.gov) and a link is located on our homepage as well.

## **12. ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS/BSPC ADJOURNMENT (Christian Sloane, MD)**

- The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.

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### **EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE PRESENTATION**

Prehospital Initiatives to Combat the Opioid Crisis:

National and California Perspectives

Dr. Gene Hern

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### **PAC MEETING**

**CHAired BY (Andy Fischer, MD)**

#### **1. CONFIRMATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENTS (Christi Robbins, RN)**

#### **2. CALL TO ORDER (Andy Fischer, MD)**

Dr. Fischer called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

#### **3. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATORS (BHNC) REPORT (Brian Covell, RN)**

- Reminder: Patients transported with complex medical histories are better served to go to their medical home.
- Protocol educational materials have been finalized and distributed.
- Congratulations to Chris Wells and Rochelle Schadeegg for completing their master's degrees.

#### **4. MAC REPORT (Jennifer Farah, MD)**

- No cases were reviewed.

#### **5. PAC REPORT (Andy Fisher, MD)**

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

#### **6. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday June 20, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:09 pm.