



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

Tuesday, June 20, 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

Meeting minutes from May 16, 2023 were approved.

3. OPENING REMARKS (Kristi Koenig, MD)

Dr. Koenig provided information on the following topics:

- Follow up to last month's celebration of EMS Week.
 - Everyone is encouraged to listen to [Freedom House Ambulance Service podcast](#). It details the remarkable history of the origins of Paramedicine.
- Border Data update related to the lifting of Title 42.
- Community Paramedicine status update.
- Bystander CPR inaugural meeting.
- Several new programs will be starting on July 1st:
 - Stroke FAST-ED Assessment Tool.
 - TXA for significant traumatic and post-partum hemorrhage.
 - Buprenorphine pilot program.
 - Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation Cardiac Arrest pilot.
 - ECPR Receiving Centers – protocols and policies are in place.
 - We are now building out the infrastructure to support the protocols and policies.
 - Starting to receive applications from interested hospitals.
 - A new static column will be added to Resource Bridge, which will show hospitals as they come online.
 - We are not anticipating an option for diversion, except in the case of an Internal Disaster.
- Buprenorphine and TXA will remain LOSOP's for now.
 - Will likely go to the EMS Commission in September.
- Xylazine/Fentanyl is showing up in Los Angeles.
 - Keep a look out for patients with wounds.
- Next month's EBM speaker will be Deputy District Attorney, Flavio Nominati on Human Trafficking.

4. DATA PRESENTATION (Josh Smith, PhD)

Josh Smith provided a detailed slide presentation of Hospital Metrics Related to Title 42.

- A. LEMSIS Hospital Data Metrics
 - Southern Hospital ED and Prehospital Metrics

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 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.

6. **COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (Dr. David Duncan / Tyler Meick)**

- Dr. Duncan provided a brief review of the history of the Community Paramedicine program. He participated at EMSA when Community Paramedicine was getting started.
 - Prior to that, the administration was able to initiate a Community Paramedicine Program via the initiation of fourteen pilot programs.
 - This was the key to kick off Community Paramedicine Programs in California.
- Programs fall into two areas:
 - Transport to Alternate Destination (TAD).
 - Community Paramedicine
- New bill is on the horizon. It extends the sunset of CP 1544 bill and offers broader scope.
 - Will help to fill gaps.
- Tyler Meick provided an update on Community Paramedicine and Transport to Alternate Destination in San Digo County.
 - Community Paramedicine and Transport to Alternate Destination Advisory Council has been formed to help get stakeholder input on the policies and protocols.

- Nearly thirty-one policies and protocols need to be finished before we can get our state application in.
- Survey was sent out to local agencies to see who is interested in doing what part of Community Paramedicine.
- County EMS Office has started working on the County/State application.
 - We intend to submit our application in September. This will leave plenty of time for the 30-day review with the State.
- In process of accessing the capabilities of TAD, accessing options and solutions.
- It has taken multiple years to get to this point in Community Paramedicine.
- These are the first steps and will hopefully expand Community Paramedicine in the future. We are on track for meeting goals in September.

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.
 - Congratulations to Santee and Lakeside Fire Departments. They are the newest agencies to participate in the program.
 - Nathan Burger is the new contact for the Leave Behind Naloxone Program. Nathan.burger@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Prehospital Buprenorphine
 - 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, starting on a small scale.
 - SDCFA will be among the first participants.
 - Partnership with Alameda Health System, Dr. Hern and CA Bridge Program.

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

- Medication and supply shortages continue.
- Ketamine memo issued.
- Contact EMSnotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov for updates.

9. CARDIAC UPDATES

- CARES (Brad Schwartz, MD)
 - Dr Schwartz provided a CARES update, history, and historical data.
 - States with higher bystander CPR rates have higher survival rates.
- Bystander CPR Workgroup (Brad Schwartz, MD)
 - Goal is to bring awareness of hands-on CPR and train 1 million people.
 - 1st meeting of subgroup, goals:
 - Create an organization
 - Market PulsePoint
 - Agencies to create PSA
 - Targeting to include sports teams, music venues, influencers, etc.
 - Please contact Dr. Schwartz if interested or for more information @ bradschwartz66@gmail.com.
- San Diego Resuscitation Consortium Workgroup (Saul Levine, MD)
 - SDRC is a subcommittee of the Cardiac Advisory Committee.

- Workgroup will meet again later this week.
- Protocols have been approved, active on July 1st.
- Receiving centers still need some clarity.
- Updates will be forthcoming regarding go-live date.
- Diversion status is not expected for ECPR Centers except on Internal Disaster.
- 30-day public comment period ended for S-030, with 0 public comments.
- Please contact Dr. Levine for more information @ levine.saul@gmail.com.

10. STROKE FAST-ED ASSESSMENT TOOL (Michael Assof)

- Michael provided an overview of the [FAST-ED Severity Scale Assessment Tool](#), which will go into effect on July 1st.
- EMS professionals will conduct a FAST-ED assessment to calculate a total score for stroke severity.
- The score will be reported to the MICN who will then communicate this number to the Stroke Receiving Center.
- The plan is to monitor this data closely over the next year to determine if the total score should dictate a type of Stroke Receiving Center a patient should be transported to.
- To help with the education, training and ensure we have consistent and quality data the FAST-ED Severity Scale Assessment Tool was created.
- This tool has been distributed to agencies for education.

11. NEW KAISER HOSPITAL (Chris Scott, MD)

- Dr. Scott provided a detailed presentation of the new Kaiser Hospital.
- Kaiser is opening its third hospital in San Diego County.
- It will be located in San Marcos.
- Total bed capacity of 168 beds.
- Plan is for August 9th opening.
- An Open House is scheduled for July 14th 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in Emergency Department. Will send out confirmation to group once confirmed.
- Q&A session followed.

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

- The BSPC meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE PRESENTATION

Medicolegal Considerations in Forensic Pathology:

Cause and Manner of Death Determinations, Illicit Drugs (fentanyl/xylazine), and More!

Dr. Steven Campman

PAC MEETING

CHAIRER 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 1:08 pm.

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

- It's been a busy month with protocol education and collaborating with each other to share the information.

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.

- Dr. Fischer provided updates to the PAC process.
 - Each case will be limited to 7 minutes.
 - Please scan QR code on slides and submit survey form by midnight tomorrow with feedback, to help create PAC Pearls for the month.

6. WRAP UP & NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next BSPC/PAC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 18, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:59 pm.