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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Kelly Harless, Chair/ Kellie Hinze, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Martinez, Tracy
City of Encinitas – Hinze, Kellie
City of Encinitas – Lyndes, Joy (Alt)
City of Solana Beach – Harless, Kelly
Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District – Hillgren, Nancy
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Shopes, Liz
Member at Large – Twohy, Frank

County Staff Present

Cavanaugh, Adria
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gall, Jessica
Parr, Andy
Pia, Francis
Smith PhD, Joshua

Agency Representatives Present

Forney, Paul – AMR
Gordon, Josh – Encinitas FD
McQuead, Dave – Rancho Santa Fe FPD
Rempel, Claudia – AMR
Ruiz, Sal – AMR/ CSA-17 EMS Coordinator
Stein, Mike – Encinitas FD

Guests

Abbott, Stephen - LAFCO
Kearney, Kay – Digitech Billing Agency
Wieczorek, Tom – CPSM
Zavadsky, Matt – CPSM

I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Kelly Harless, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll call.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Tracy Martinez, seconded by Frank Twohy to approve the November 2, 2021 CSA 17 Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report

The [CSA-17 2nd Quarter FY 2021-2022 Financial Overview](#) was presented by Matt Zavadsky from the Center of Public Safety Management (CPSM), which covered the following: Volume Analysis, Revenues, Expenses, Operations Analysis, Reserve Analysis, Revenue Projection, Expense Projection, and Net Projection.

i. Accept the Financial Report

A motion was made by Tracy Martinez, seconded by Nancy Hillgren to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

B. EMS County Report

i. EMS Agency Report – Andy Parr, EMS Deputy Director

- San Diego County is experiencing a severe blood shortage. Please contact the San Diego Blood bank for times and locations.
- EMSA Waivers come to a close March 31, 2022. In March 2020 EMSA, under the authority granted by Executive Order, implemented an array of waivers and alterations to standard EMS rules. These changes included:
 - Substituting simulations or other adjustments for clinical and internship contacts for EMT and paramedic students
 - Waiving the biannual EMT skills competency verification
 - Authorizing EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics to practice their respective scope in stationary settings
 - Approval for Local Optional Scope of Practices for COVID-19 testing and vaccination administration

All of these emergency standards were extended from September to conclude on March 31, 2022, including for training courses that began prior to this date.

- Increase in EMS Personnel Fees
- Health Services Capacity Task Force meets on a regular basis to look at the capacity of our healthcare system. There was not sufficient staff on duty in healthcare facilities. The state is slowly bringing in additional staff for our healthcare workers.
- Pandemic surge actions: To mitigate the current pandemic surge, County EMS has implemented a number of strategies. These include approving emergency response modifications for the City of San Diego and the San Diego County Operational Area Central Zone. The Assess and Refer authorization was expanded to include low mechanism extremity injuries and, with base hospital approval, other low acuity presentations to the existing low-risk COVID-19 patient category.

In addition, a total of ten ambulances have been deployed to augment 9-1-1 EMS transport capacity in all areas of San Diego County. As of today, there are five local EMT ambulances, four out of county paramedic ambulances, and one out-of-county EMT ambulance comprising this county resource.

- County Fire department was approached by leader Fire Chiefs – request additional resources from the state; stood up contract for additional EMT ambulances.
- Procurements
 - RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Services for CSA 17 – the process is nearing the end, hopefully by March.

C. Ground Ambulance Provider Report – Paul Forney, AMR Ops Manager/CSA-17 Program Manager

1. [CSA-17 Quarterly Performance Reports for October, November and December 2021](#) were included in the Board packets. The Quarterly Performance Reports were presented which covered: Response Time Compliance Summary, Mutual Aid, Transport by Community. Pleased to report another solid quarter of compliance overall in the CSA.
2. [Community Service and Public Education](#) – Provided 193 hours of community education and engagements in support of the County's Live Well initiative; trained 700 students in CPR; participated in a

holiday parade, car seat safety checks, blood pressure checks, and public safety open house at the Del Mar Fair.

3. Continuing Medical Education – Sal Ruiz, AMR/CSA 17 EMS Coordinator

October 18-20 conducted a course on geriatrics, 18 hours; October 21 EMS Day for new hire Firefighter Academy, 8 hours; November 18-23 training and orientation, 18 hours; December 13-15 skills lab on performing cardiac arrest, 18 hours; administered CMEs for Marine Safety Swift Water Rescue, 30 hours. A total of 98 hours for quarter four. A temporary budget has been approved for an assistant to help with administrative duties.

D. Operations Chief's Meeting Report – Mike Stein, Fire Chief Encinitas/Solana Beach/Del Mar

- Rancho Santa Fe
 - New Fire Chief Dave McQuead; new Deputy Chief Brian Slattery
 - Vacancies: Battalion Chief, Engineer and Fire Fighter.
 - Placed auto pulses on all fire engines; and all fire engines received brand new air bags.
 - One new fire engine.
- Deputy Chief Robbie Ford retired last month; Battalion Chief Josh Gordon will be filling in.
- New hire test for all three agencies this month.
- Will also be putting automated CPR devices on fire engines and procuring them in the near future.

V. OLD BUSINESS

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- A. Consultant's Report on CSA 17 – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
No updates on the scorecard.

ACTION: The scorecard will be sent out with the minutes.

- B. LAFCO Update – Steve Abbott, Fire Services Consultant
- CSA 69 is in the process of being dissolved and all of those paramedic ambulance responsibilities are transferring to successor agencies.
 - North County Sphere of Influence update is going before the commission on February 7 as part of a regional service review.
 - San Marcos Municipal Service Review is now underway.
- C. Lifeguard Report
No Report.
- D. Ground Ambulance Provider Procurement Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
Slow process. Anticipate having it out by mid-month next month. If there are any changes with that time schedule, EMS administrator will share with the committee via email.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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- A. Brown Act requirements for Teleconference Meetings – AB 361: A Resolution Authorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953

This bill allows Brown Act committees to meet virtually if they choose, through the calendar year 2022. Must reaffirm every 30 days with a meeting and a quorum.

A motion was made by Frank Twohy, seconded by Nancy Hillgren to reaffirm the resolution to remain meeting virtually. Motion carried.

- B. Fentanyl Overdose – is it affecting our community?
Senior Epidemiologist Josh Smith shared data from the San Diego County Prehospital Drug and Alcohol Related Incident Dashboard. Actively working with other groups in the County of San Diego, such as Behavior Health. Group discussion followed by Q and A.
- C. Baby Aspirin – does the change in guidance have an impact on our group?

EMS has not changed in any way our aspirin administration to people having chest pain or those with prior heart attacks. We allow our dispatchers to advise people to take a baby aspirin if having chest pain or paramedics will do that when they arrive at the scene. Baby aspirin is not recommended to prevent a heart attack.

D. Tracking Patient's Progress – once reached acute care

This is a long-standing issue. We try to have that information feed back into our PCR after the fact. If the paramedics who transported the patient put in the patient's destination prior to the arrival of the hospital, San Diego Health Connect will back feed the data into the PCR maybe a day or two later and that information would be available to others in the system to see what the discharge diagnosis are. There are some technicalities. Works roughly half the time.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 and will be held virtually via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 5:19 pm.