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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 7, 2023

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Tracy Martinez
City of Encinitas – Kellie Hinze
City of Solana Beach – MacDonald, Jill
Rancho Santa Fe Protection District – Nancy Hillgren
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Shopes, Liz
Member at Large – Twohy, Frank

County Staff Present

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gall, Jessica
Parr, Andy
Regier, Marc
Smith, PhD, Josh

Agency Representatives Present

Forney, Paul – AMR
Herren, Christopher – NCDJPA
McQuead, Dave – Rancho Santa Fe FD
Rempel, Claudia – AMR
Ruiz, Sal – AMR
Slattery, Brian – Rancho Santa Fe FD

Guests

Brook, Michael – Digitech Billing Agency
Kearney, Kay – Digitech Billing Agency
Wieczorek, Tom – CPSM
Zavadsky, Matt – CPSM

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

- A. Kelly Hinze, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll call was taken; introductions were made via chat box.
- D. Councilmember Jill MacDonald was introduced and announced as the newest member representing the City of Solana Beach.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Frank Twohy, seconded by Kellie Hinze to approve the November 1, 2022 CSA 17 Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report

The Financial Dashboard was presented by Matt Zavadsky, consultant from the Center of Public Safety Management (CPSM). This dashboard is live on the County EMS CSA 17 website ([San Diego County Service Area – 17 Emergency Medical Services Financial Dashboard](#)), and includes the following data: Transport Volume, Revenues, Total Expenses, EMS Agency Expenses, Operational and Reserve Analysis.

i. Accept the Financial Report

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

B. EMS Agency Report

i. EMS Agency Report – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

- EMSA Policy Update: October 17th EMSA announced a policy update regarding the termination of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Executive Orders, (N-11-22 and N-4-22). **Effective February 28, 2023**, this announcement:
 - Rescinds the utilization of out-of-state medical personnel to render medical services
 - Terminates waivers associated with the utilization of EMSA Cal-Mat teams beyond 60 days of service
 - Terminates EMS Personnel Licensing, Certification, Training and Scope of Practice waivers:
 - whereby Paramedics, AEMT, and EMT certified personnel will no longer be able to:
 - Perform their current SOP in hospitals, Alternate Care Sites, Shelters, or any other static site
 - Provide vaccinations (COVID, Flu, and/or MPX)
 - Conduct Covid and Influenza testing, and
 - Paramedics will no longer authorized to Administer or monitor mAb (Monoclonal Antibody Treatments)
- Procurements: CSA 17 and Base Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area updates were provided.
- New Assignments at EMS:
 - Dr. Joshua Smith continues to lead our Epidemiology Team
 - Cody Rogers continues to lead our Prehospital Standards Team
 - Tyler Meick has been assigned to lead our Community Paramedicine Team
 - Michael Assof has been promoted and is now leading our Clinical Team
- The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan is complete. This new document brings a new focus to the strategic vision of County EMS and San Diego County EMS as a whole. The plan development process included a community-led steering committee, key stakeholder interviews, community surveys, and other opportunities for feedback. The EMS Office received more than 1,000 individual comments, suggestions, and recommendations. We are pleased the community's voices were heard and included in support of the Strategic Plan's creation. Thank you for your input to guide County EMS into the future! www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com
- EMT Renewals: In the spring of odd-numbered years (2023, 2025, etc.), the County EMS Credentialing Team is inundated with EMT renewal applications. Agencies are asked to work with their EMT staff to make sure their applications are submitted early to avoid the rush. As a reminder, EMT Skills Verifications are no longer waived.
- Love Your Heart Week: The Love Your Heart Week of Action is February 11-19, 2023. Love Your Heart is an annual event in which organizations from across the U.S. and Mexico join together to provide FREE blood pressure screenings to the public on Valentine's Day, February 14. The 2022 event had over 46,400 participants screened online and in-person at 287 sites across the U.S. and Mexico, with over 6,000 blood pressure cuffs distributed across San Diego County. Interested in coordinating a Love Your Heart site? The online Love Your Heart Digital Toolkit offers templates and instructions for launching your own blood pressure screening day. Agencies interested in participating should review information at www.livewellsd.org/love-your-heart/
- New Faces soon at EMS: County EMS has hired a number of new employees. 4 new EMS Specialists will start in early March, as will a Legal Support Assistant II and we have a few more positions to fill in the pipeline. Please welcome these new faces in the LEMSA as we increase our customer service and our outreach and participation in local EMS programs.

C. Ground Ambulance Provider Report – Claudia Rempel CSA-17 Program Manager on behalf of Paul Forney, AMR Ops Manager/CSA-17 Program Manager

1. [CSA-17 Quarterly Performance Reports for October, November and December 2022](#) were included in the Board packets and were presented to the group which covered: Response Time Compliance Summary, Mutual Aid, Transport by Community. Pleased to report another quarter of compliance overall in the CSA.
2. [Continuing Medical Education and Community Outreach and Engagement](#) – Sal Ruiz, CSA 17 EMS Coordinator, gave a report on the hours and types of training provided.

D. Operations Chief's Meeting Report – Brian Slattery, Deputy Chief, Rancho Santa Fe Fire Department

- Pleased with the relationship with AMR.
- A success story was shared of a patient outcome. A woman who went into full cardiac arrest and survived due to bystander CPR that was done in conjunction with paramedic efforts.
- The controlled substance policy has been a big transformation. Agencies pleased with transitioning from the old paper forms to a digital format.
- In the coming year for capital expenditures/CSA funds, looking at updating and improving medical gear boxes, airway bags, monitor software upgrades, and monitor simulators.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consultant's Report on CSA 17 – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
The Consultant's Report is available online. The scorecard will be provided in May on updates of all 17 components.
- B. LAFCO Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
There is no update.
- C. Lifeguard Report
The report will be available in November.
- D. Ground Ambulance Provider Procurement Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
This has been completed and will be removed as a standing item on the agenda.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- 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 February 28, 2022. This is our last CSA 17 Advisory Committee virtual meeting. We will resume meeting in person in May.
- B. Discussion on Reserves and Financials

Anticipate an update in May on a detailed discussion on the next phase of the reserves and financials.
- C. A Presentation from San Diego County EMS on our method for multiple incidents when transporting patients.

Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator, shared the following presentation to the group:
[San Diego County EMS, Emergency Responses for Multiple Patient and Mass Casualty Incidents](#).
- D. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

A motion was made by Frank Twohy, seconded by Kellie Hinze to nominate Kellie Hinze as the new Chair. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Frank Twohy, seconded by Kellie Hinze to nominate Tracy Martinez as the new Vice Chair. Motion carried.
- E. Selection of Member at Large

The Member at Large serves two staggered 2-year terms.

Seat 6 (even numbered term) is currently vacant; looking for someone to fill it. The members will go to their respective counsels and organizations and ask for volunteers/recruit someone, and have that person join the May meeting for consideration.

Frank Twohy's term (odd numbered term) expires soon. Frank will continue serving on this term.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There are no future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 4:00 pm and will be held in person at Solana Beach City Hall, 635 Hwy 101, Solana Beach, CA 92075. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.