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## **CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Kellie Hinze, Chair / Tracy Martinez, Vice Chair  
c/o Emergency Medical Services  
Zoom Meeting  
**Minutes**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2023**

### **Members Present**

City of Del Mar – Tracy Martinez  
City of Encinitas – Lyndes, Joy  
City of Solana Beach – MacDonald, Jill  
Torrey Pines Planning Group – Shopes, Liz  
Member at Large – Twohy, Frank

### **County Staff Present**

Assof, Michael  
Baldwin, Cliff  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Parr, Andy  
Trousdale, Brad

### **Agency Representatives Present**

Fournier, Shane – AMR  
McQuead, Dave – Rancho Santa Fe FD  
Rempel, Claudia – AMR  
Sanchez, Jorge – Encinitas FD  
Slattery, Brian – Rancho Santa Fe FD

### **Guests**

Wieczorek, Tom – CPSM

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

- A. Tracy Martinez, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. Roll call was taken.

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## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made by Frank Twohy, seconded by Jill MacDonald to approve the February 7, 2023 CSA 17 Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

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## **IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT**

### **A. Budget and Financial Report**

The Financial Dashboard was presented by Tom Weiczorek, 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 Tracy Martinez to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried by consensus.**

**B. EMS Agency Report**

**i. EMS Agency Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 4 – Enhanced Surveillance  
CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Low  
Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 1
- 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 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. Additional information and timelines are posted on the County EMS webpage.
- Policies and Protocols: The 2023-2024 protocol review is completed. A summary of all updates is posted on 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
  - The FAST-ED stroke severity score

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for taking the time to provide valuable recommendations for change, and to critically evaluate the draft protocols to make our system as up-to-date and evidence informed as possible.

- EMS Fleetmap changes coming soon: Kaiser Permanente will be opening a new satellite hospital in San Marcos, with emergency department services. This hospital is slated to open in August 2023. In anticipation of this facility opening RCS has created two new 800 Mhz radio talk groups.
  - "KSMAR" will be added to the "BLS" zone.
  - SD MEDAIR2 will be added to the "BLS" zone to be used as the secondary air to ground channel between the scene and air ambulance providers.

RCS/Sheriff Wireless is currently planning this integration with updated fleet map(s) and a plan to create new "code plugs" which are needed to reprogram all necessary Fire, EMS, and public/private agency radios.

- In Phase 1, RCS will need to "touch" every radio in every ambulance. A plan is already underway to "touch" ambulances in the North County first, then ambulances in the central, and so forth.
- Phase 2 will include fire apparatus, law enforcement and any other remaining vehicles.

Agencies will be notified when it's their turn to update their radios. You may be asked to bring your vehicles (& your radios) to a centralized location to facilitate the rapid update of your agency's radios. Once notified of the coming updates and schedule, we ask that all agencies and companies to coordinate with RCS/Sheriff Wireless to ensure these updates occur in a timely manner.

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 is 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
  - Current Policies are available for comment (currently 3 closed April 24)

- (SOP for PMs, 460A, ECPR Care Center Designation)
- 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.
- Current Medication Shortages: County EMS is aware of multiple medication shortages including albuterol, dextrose and activated charcoal. Additional information and guidance on these medication shortages can be found on the homepage of our website. Also, we would like to remind everyone that our previous guidance on the use of metered dose inhalers is still active and paramedics may use albuterol metered dose inhalers in lieu of nebulized albuterol.
- EMT Renewals – submit early!: In the spring of odd-numbered years (2023, 2025, etc.), the County EMS Credentialing Team is inundated with EMT renewal applications. The monthly credentialing average is about 300 applications, swelling to over 900 in March 2023. 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.
- New Faces soon at EMS: County EMS hired a number of new employees. 4 new EMS Specialists and one Temp AA1 will start March 10. A Legal Support Assistant II is now supporting our EMT background review team. In addition, we have a few more positions in the pipeline. Please welcome these new faces in the LEMSA. Our goal is improving the presence in the EMS Community specifically well our customer service, outreach, and participation with the Hospital and EMS agencies as needed.
- Fee Schedule Escalation – Year 3: Two years ago, EMCC gave their approval for a 3-year escalation of EMS personnel fees. Beginning July 1, 2023, EMS personnel fee will escalate \$20 additional dollars to \$146 every other year in accordance with Board Policy B-29 which requires cost recovery for County required services.
- 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. 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 LEMSIS Account so they can receive all the official communications send by the EMS Office in real time.
- County Service Area 17 started their new contract: on April 1, 2023
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory: May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day (Federal Holiday)

**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 January, February, March 2023](#) 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 solid quarter of compliance overall.
2. Continuing Medical Education and Community Outreach and Engagement – a total of 14 events. Sal Ruiz, CSA 17 EMS Coordinator, provided 156 hours of training; working on future CMEs for pediatric education; and working with scheduling a meeting with the mobile crisis response team.
3. The new contract requires AMR to provide a new patient experience survey; partnered with EMS Survey team.

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

- Pleased with the relationship and collaboration with AMR.
- Community outreach with several AMR ambulances, multiple employees, an instructor, and a couple fire engines.
- New First on the Scene class – Bystander CPR, Epinephrine administration, Narcan and Naloxone administration.
- An appreciation dinner was held for a bystander who saved the life of a woman, in conjunction with paramedic efforts, who went into full cardiac arrest.
- Continue to have monthly continuing educations (CEs); multiple MCI drills.
- Work in collaboration with Fire EMS and law enforcement.
- Purchased EKG software upgrades and several EKG simulators.

- Have done a better job at digital tracking for narcotics.
- Multi-tier dispatching collaboration throughout the North Zone.

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## V. OLD BUSINESS

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- A. Consultant's Report on CSA 17 – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator  
The Consultant's Report is available online at [www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com](http://www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com). EMS staff is currently going through the recommendations. A scorecard will be provided at the August meeting.
- B. LAFCO Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator  
There is no report/update.
- C. Lifeguard Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator  
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.

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## VI. NEW BUSINESS

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- A. Discussion on Reserves and Financials  
An explanation on the Reserves and Financials was provided earlier by consultant Tom Weiczorek. The [San Diego County Service Area -17 Emergency Medical Services Financial Dashboard](#) is updated every month.
- B. 24 Hour Ambulance Request in Encinitas  
There are currently two ambulances assigned to Encinitas. A request for additional coverage was made by the City of Encinitas (Chief Gordon). EMS staff will look into it and will meet with the Operations Chiefs to further discuss. Will have about a quarter's worth of data to review and will also look at costs. Will circle back in August.
- C. Fire Agencies Contract with the County  
Each fire agency (Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, Rancho Santa Fe) has a contract with the County. Looking for the approval of the Fire Chiefs and City Managers to come back and make the contract between now and July 1, which will provide a modest increase escalation over the next five years, for first responder services to provide even faster service.

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## VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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There are no future agenda items.

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## VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 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 5:28 pm.