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CSA-17 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Kellie Hinze, Chair / Tracy Martinez, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Informational Meeting
Notes
Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Members Present

City of Del Mar – Tracy Martinez
City of Encinitas – Kellie Hinze
City of Solana Beach – MacDonald, Jill

County Staff Present

Assof, Michael
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Keane, Melissa
Parr, Andy
Trousdale, Brad

Agency Representatives Present

Gordon, Josh – Solana Beach, Encinitas, Del Mar FDs
McQuead, Dave – Rancho Santa Fe FD
Rempel, Claudia – AMR
Ruiz, Sal – AMR
Sanchez, Jorge – Encinitas FD
Slattery, Brian – Rancho Santa Fe FD

Guests

Wieczorek, Tom – CPSM
Zavadsky, Matt – CPSM

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

- A. Kellie Hinze, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.
- B. The Pledge of Allegiance was skipped.
- C. Introductions were taken by the members. There was no quorum.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to no quorum, the minutes from May 2, 2023 were not approved.

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.

ACTION: Principal Admin Analyst Melissa Keane will reach out to the State to get a timeline on when CSA 17 can expect to receive the funding that is owed.

i. Accept the Financial Report

Due to no quorum, the Financial Report was not accepted.

B. EMS Agency Report

i. EMS Agency Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- 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 survey, along with other research and stakeholder input will 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. Additional information and timelines are posted on the County EMS webpage.
- Policies and Protocols: The 2023-2024 protocols went live on July 1, 2023, and we are actively monitoring the following pilot programs that were initiated:
 - Buprenorphine pilot program
 - Extracorporeal Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (ECPR) pilot program
- EMS Mobile App: The EMS Mobile App was launched in May and we are continuously updating the content. We have recently added the following:
 - New policies and protocols that went into effect on July 1
 - FAST-ED assessment tool
 - ECPR pilot program hospitals and information
 - Pearls from PAC
- 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
 - Several draft policies just concluded the public comment phase and more are coming soon (SOP for PMs, 460A, ECPR Care Center Designation)
- 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.
- 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.

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 April, May, June 2023](#) were included in the Board packets and were presented to the group which covered: Response Compliance, Mutual Aid, Transport by Community, and Transport Destination by Unit. Pleased to report another solid quarter of compliance overall.
2. Community Service and Public Education – A total of 222 hours with 21 events were provided. Held the following events: Hands-only CPR, Car Seat Safety, Blood pressure, CPR. Participated in the following events: RSF Ambulance and Fire Truck Show and Tell, Medical Standby and Safety in Encinitas, RSF

Open House, Elfin Forest RSF Fourth of July parade and celebration. Working with the County to roll out Naloxone, to help crews reverse opioid overdoses.

3. Continuing Medical Education – Sal Ruiz, CSA 17 EMS Coordinator, provided 65 hours of training. Sal is also responsible for quality assurance and quality improvement for care throughout the district on the fire side.

D. Operations Chief's Meeting Report – Jorge Sanchez, Deputy Chief, Encinitas Fire Department

- Exploring the options of drones for Encinitas FD to locate victims, nighttime vision, trail, cliff and ocean rescues, and to gather intel on hazardous situations.
- Plan to expand the collaboration with GIS and IT. Will meet and learn how Sheriffs use their drone.
- RSF upgraded their side by side for trail rescue systems.
- Del Mar, Solana Beach, RSF upgrade software equipment with EKG systems.
- AMR sent out a public safety announcement video with Encinitas lifeguards which focused on beach safety. RSF also sent a video on grilling.
- August 8 Moonlight Beach girl scouts leadership empowerment camp.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consultant's Report on CSA 17 – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
The Consultant's Report is available online at www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com. Working with AMR to put some of the elements of the scorecard into the new contract. The scorecard will be updated and provided at the November meeting.
- B. LAFCO Update – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
There is no update.
- C. Lifeguard Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator
The report will be available in November.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 24 Hour Ambulance Request in Encinitas – Chief Josh Gordon, Encinitas Fire Department

A request for additional ambulance coverage was made by the City of Encinitas. They would like to add an additional 12 hours to medic 232; turn a 12-hour shift into a 24-hour shift. Looking at getting six months (Apr-Oct) of data and will circle back in November.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There are no future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 4:00 pm. The location for this meeting only: RSF Fire Admin located at 18027 Calle Ambiente, Ste 101, Rancho Santa Fe 92067, Board Room. Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm.