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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Laura Koval, Chair/ Jim Bingham, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, February 10, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Dare, Kristen – Santee Chamber of Commerce (Alt)
Koval, Laura – City of Santee
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Muns, Harry – San Miguel Fire Protection District (Alt)
Peasley, Jim – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Raddatz, Kim – San Miguel Fire Protection District
Robak, Steve – Lakeside Community Planning Group

County Staff

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

Agency Representatives

Bagley, Aaron – City of Santee
Best, Marlene – City Manager, City of Santee
Garlow, John – City of Santee Fire Department
Jordan, Jon –Lakeside Fire Protection District
Matsushita, Justin – City of Santee Fire Department
Molloy, Bernard – Lakeside Fire Protection District

Guests

Abbott, Steve – San Diego LAFCO
Brook, Michael – Digitech Billing Agency
Kearney, Kay – Digitech Billing Agency
Zavatsky, Matt – CPSM

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Laura Koval, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.
- B. In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- C. 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 Steve Robak, seconded by Vice Chair Jim Bingham to approve the November 18, 2021 CSA-69 Advisory Committee minutes. Motion carried.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report

The [CSA 69 FY 2021-2022 2nd Quarter Financial Overview](#) PowerPoint was presented by Consultant Matt Zavadsky from the Center of Public Safety Management (CPSM), which covered the following: Transport Volume, Revenue, Expenses, and Reserve Analysis.

1. Accept the Financial Report

A motion was made by Steve Robak, seconded by Jim Peasley to accept the Financial Report. Motion carried.

B. County Report – Andy Parr

1. EMS Office Report

- Blood Shortage: San Diego County is experiencing a severe blood shortage. Please contact the San Diego Blood bank for times and locations.
<https://www.sandiegobloodbank.org/>
- EMSA Waivers extended to 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

CoEMS expects that all emergency standards that were extended from September will conclude on March 31, 2022, including for training courses that began prior to this date.

- American College of Surgeons - Trauma Center “Verification” Surveys:
The triennial ACS “verification” visits for all 6 County Trauma Centers have been scheduled for this winter and spring. Two of our Trauma Centers have completed these visits and four more are coming up in March and May. Each of the Trauma Center’s will report on their own findings - but we’d like to let you know that County EMS Staff is assisting on these reviews and completes “County Trauma Center compliance surveys” concurrently with the ACS reviews.
- County EMS Personnel Fees mark year two of three incremental increases:
In the next few months an updated schedule of fees will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval. Among the fees being adjusted, EMS personnel fees will increase by \$20 again this year marching toward the CoSD Board Policy B-29 requirement for cost recovery for providing EMS credentialing services. The new recredentialing fee for EMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and MICN Authorization will be \$126. Other EMS fees are being adjusted and those adjustments will be presented at the February (2/24) EMCC Meeting.
- Capacity Plan: The All-Hazard Health Service Capacity Management Plan was lowered to a Level 2 Escalated Activation. The plan level was de-escalated on February 9 with the input of the Health Services Capacity Task Force’s Operational Core Group. EMS Epidemiologists have continued the system monitoring that has proven critical throughout the pandemic response. The current Plan Level is prominently posted on the County EMS webpage at SanDiegoCountyEMS.com.
- Pandemic “Omicron” surge actions: To mitigate the Omicron pandemic surge, County EMS implemented a number of strategies. These include approving emergency

response modifications for the City of San Diego, the San Diego County FPD areas and for the Central Zone fire agencies. 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, at the request of a number of fire agencies, ten additional ambulances were deployed on 1/22/2022 to augment 9-1-1 EMS transport capacity in all areas of San Diego County. These augmented deployments have come to an end as of 2/1/2022. County EMS thanks the many entities that supported this deployment.

2. Notification of Fees Paid re: Dissolution

The San Diego County EMS Office was asked to provide resource funding to pay some of the LAFCO fees that are required for the dissolution. Those fees were paid from CSA 69 funds totaling \$24,563.19.

C. Operations Chief's Meeting Report

Lakeside Fire District Report – Bernie Molloy

1. Continue to be successful in maintaining a healthy workplace for employees and patients being transported; have all the necessary PPE for crews.
2. Started to open up stations for public events, etc. until the Omicron surge hit, and everything closed again. Trending down.
3. Recently hired three new firefighter paramedics; once they finish their academy, they will start work on CSA ambulances at the end of the month.
4. Two new Lakeside ambulances provided by GM are being bought back by GM due to unresolved mechanical issues. Ordered replacements. Replacements are close to a year out. Purchased a used ambulance for back-up to a back-up.
5. Call stats for 2021 = 13,225.
6. Our CPRs cardiac arrest cases had a 27.7% increase from 2020 to 2021.

Santee Fire Department – Aaron Bagley

1. COVID has been a traumatic impact on workforce. Staffing shortage. Offload delays.
2. Hiring = Hired two new staff; one was not successful. Testing this month again. Have 23 applicants.
3. Equipment = Going for final inspection for a new ambulance in March. Doing good with fleet.
4. Upcoming events = Hoping to get back into public education. Has been slow through the pandemic. Will open up CPR classes quarterly or get it started.
5. Preparing for our next fiscal year.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Consultant's Report on CSA 69

EMS Administrator Andy Parr shared the [Consultant's Report Scorecard](#).

ACTION: Steve Abbott will work with LAFCO on putting a schedule together on a timeline.

B. Progress Report on Dissolution

Steve Abbott spoke on behalf of LAFCO. In receipt of the application to dissolve CSA 69. Waiting on Lakeside Fire to submit their resolution in support of the dissolution and subsequent boundary adjustments.

(Kim Raddatz) San Miguel is currently working on the resolution. There are minor corrections that need to be made from LAFCO on the Notice of Proposal Invitation Review.

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 for the continuation of Brown Act committees to meet virtually if they choose, through the calendar year 2022, as long as there is a need, or a state of emergency. Must reaffirm every 30 days with a meeting and a quorum.

A motion was made by Jim Peasley, seconded by Steve Robak to reaffirm/approve the resolution as an option. Motion carried.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2022, location TBD. Chair Koval's preference is a hybrid model. County EMS staff will work with Chair Koval on the location preference for the next meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.