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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Informational Meeting Notes Thursday, May 12, 2022

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District
El-Hajj, Dianne – Santee School District Board
Koval, Laura – City of Santee
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital

County Staff

Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gall, Jessica
Keane, Melissa
Parr, Andy
Phy, Matthew
Regier, Marc
Torres, Sary

Agency Representatives

Bagley, Aaron – City of Santee
Best, Marlene – City Manager, City of Santee
Garlow, John – City of Santee Fire Department
Jordan, Jon – Lakeside FPD
Matsushita, Justin – City of Santee Fire Department

Guests

Brook, Michael – Digitech Billing Agency
Zavatsky, Matt – CPSM
Jennings, Heather
McDermott, Tim

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Laura Koval, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.
- B. Introductions were made.
- C. 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 February 10, 2022 were not approved.

IV. MANAGEMENT TEAM REPORT

A. Budget and Financial Report

The [CSA 69 FY 2021-2022 3rd Quarter Financial Overview](#) PowerPoint was presented by Consultant Matt Zavadsky from the Center of Public Safety Management (CPSM), which covered the following: Revenue, Expenses, and Reserve Analysis.

1. Accept the Financial Report

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

B. County Report – Andy Parr

1. EMS Office Report

- EMSA waivers come to a close JUNE 30, 2022 (Date change, again):
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 administrationCoEMS expects that these emergency standards will conclude on June 30, 2022, including for training courses that began prior to this date. Agencies with EMT staff are asked to help clarify the renewal needs as all LEMSAs return to prior practice. After June 30, renewing EMTs are required to provide 24 hours of EMS Continuing Education, a current BLS-level CPR card, and the completed skills competency verification form, as well as to submit the required fees.
- 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. All six of our Trauma Centers have completed their surveys. Each of the Trauma Centers will report on their own findings - County EMS Staff is assisting on these reviews and completes the County Trauma Center compliance surveys concurrently with the ACS reviews.
- San Diego County Fire / EMS Division Advisory Committees – Bylaw Updates Coming Soon!: Continuing the work of moving County EMS to be a Division of San Diego County Fire. The bylaws for both CSA 17 Advisory Committee and the Emergency Medical Care Committee need to be updated to reflect these organizational changes. Please look for these DRAFT (mostly housekeeping) Bylaw changes on upcoming Advisory Committee meeting agendas.
- Paradise Valley Hospital now a STEMI Receiving Center: Paradise Valley Hospital has become a STEMI Receiving Center May 2 at 07:00. This review and approval included all requirements per policy S-020 STEMI Critical Care System Designation and an on-site facility review by the EMS team.
- County EMS Personnel Fees mark year two of three incremental increases: 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 recertification fee for EMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and MICN Authorization will be \$126 (currently \$106) beginning July 1, 2022.
- COVID Masking Reminder: To reduce the risk of viral spread, and in compliance with current CDPH regulations, we remind EMS providers that masks must be worn in all healthcare settings. When entering a healthcare facility for any reason, EMS professionals must be masked.
- Medication shortages: Pharmaceutical backorders continue to present challenges to our paramedic agencies. Epinephrine prefilled syringes, normal saline, and dextrose

50% are currently in shortage and several agencies have reached critical stock levels. Please see the EMS Medical Director's memos posted to the County EMS webpage for guidance. For more information, can contact Jessica Gall at Jessica.gall@sdcounty.ca.gov.

- County Meetings are Still Virtual (for now): County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these meetings are so-called "Brown Act" meetings and require specific notification and recordation. The California State Legislature has passed a law (AB361) allowing partial relief from the public meeting requirements. This relief must be reaffirmed at each regular meeting held virtually. This relief ends at the Advisory Committee's discretion or until 2023 whichever comes first.
- Capacity Plan: The All-Hazard Health Service Capacity Management Plan was lowered to a Level 4 Enhanced Surveillance. The plan level was de-escalated on April 12 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.
- Procurements: County EMS encourages interested parties to register with the County's BuyNet webportal to receive procurement information as soon as it is released. Instructions posted on our website. Upcoming procurements include:
 - RFP for Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment area designation – no bidders.
 - RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Services for CSA 17 (Note: Due to unavoidable delays in the RFP approval process CoEMS, with the support of CoDPC, has extended the CSA-17 contract with AMR until July 1, 2022. Further extensions may be necessary).
- EMS Protocol Review for 2022: The EMS team has finished the final protocol reviews for 2022. Thanks to all those who submitted suggested revisions. The revised protocols have been finalized and distributed in advance of education and training updates. Implementation of the revised protocols is scheduled for July 1, 2022.
- San Diego County EMS Office – Strategic Plan Is Underway!: San Diego County Fire has contracted with a local firm to conduct a Strategic Analysis and to create a Strategic Plan for San Diego County EMS. This new plan will dovetail with the existing San Diego County Fire Strategic Plan and will align the strategic vision of County EMS with the strategic vision of County Fire. Representatives of selected stakeholder groups are being solicited to be asked to join the consultant in listening sessions so their voices can be heard in support of the creation of the plan. This work will take place soon and the timeline for the release of the plan will be this Summer.
- New San Diego County EMS Office Logo: Please join us in celebrating our new logo.

2. Report on Budget Adjustments to Facilitate Dissolution Effort

Budget adjustments continue to be made. Making amendments to the current contract to ensure the City of Santee has sufficient revenue. The work is ongoing.

C. Operations Chief's Meeting Report

Lakeside Fire District Report – Jon Jordan, Fire Chief

1. Continue to successfully maintain a healthy workforce and in providing all necessary PPE.
2. Chief Bernie Molloy has moved to Murietta as their new Fire Chief. Jon Jordan has been promoted to Battalion Chief and is taking over as EMS Coordinator.

3. Recent hires – 3 new firefighter paramedics are currently on the floor working on CSA ambulances; have some in backgrounds; have a current recruiting for an additional 5; by the summer will have another 7 firefighter paramedics working on CSA ambulances.
4. Due to unresolved mechanical issues with GMC ambulances, they will be returned to GMC for a refund. Have a new medic on order that should arrive by end of the year.
5. Aware of medication shortages, but there has been no impact yet.
6. Continue to work with the County and City of Santee regarding the CSA 69 transition.
7. Statistics – Jan-Apr from 2021-2022 up 6% in total call volume.

Santee Fire Department – Aaron Bagley

1. Re-engaged with public education face-to-face; held a community CPR class, which will be offered quarterly, and had multiple ride-alongs.
2. New hires – 2 interns, 3 in Fire academy. List is expired; will open up a new hiring.
3. Placed new ambulance in service last month.
4. Doing well with medication shortages; keeping 3-6 month's worth of supplies in stock.

Fire Chief John Garlow provided an update on the transition: Have had several meetings. Working through the JPA document with vacancies. It was decided that Santee would take the lead. Applied for a contract amendment to fund the position short term and be able to assign someone to handle for both agencies and will likely work with the County directly.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Consultant's Report on CSA 69 (Andy Parr, EMS Administrator)

A lot of progress has been made. The group will go through it line by line at the next meeting. The agencies and the County are working collaboratively.

- B. Progress Report on Dissolution

Andy Parr, EMS Administrator, reached out to LAFCO and they provided the following report: The application is in the queue and should be going to the Commission in August. Otherwise, there is nothing else to report.

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.

Due to no quorum, this item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

VII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is Thursday, September 8, 2022 and will be held in person. Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.