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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Paul Forney, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, October 27, 2022

Members Present

Calderwood, Michael – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association
Jordan, Jonathan – San Diego County Fire Districts' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, R.N., Laura – American Red Cross
McJannet, R.N., Cathy – District 1
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association (Alt)
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties
Uppenkamp, R.N., Tina – American Red Cross (Alt)

In Attendance

Adams, Verne – SDFRD
Bowling, J.R. – Camp Pendleton Fire & ES
Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Clyons, Jeff – SDRFD
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy SD
Davis, Mike – SDC Sheriff's Dept
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad Fire
Hartsock, Ryan – Advantage Ambulance
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Jenkins, PhD, Janisha – Sharp Dis. Prep.
Less, Kennen – Fed Fire/NMCSO
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
O'Boyle, Anthony – SDC Sheriff's Dept
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – Vista Fire
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17
Safferman, Michelle – UCSD
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health
Zimmerman, Stephanie – REACH Air

Not in Attendance

District 2
District 3
Law Enforcement Agencies
Military Agencies

County Staff

Abedin, Sanaa
Assof, Michael
Bey, Christian
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Duncan, MD, Dave
Erickson, Kirk
Gall, Jessica
King, Colin
Koenig, MD, Kristi
Laugen, Gary
Martin, Adalver
McDonald, MD, Eric

Meick, Tyler
Pacheco, Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Robbins, Christi
Rogers, Cody
Smith, PhD, Josh
Stepanski, Barbara
Tuteur, MD, Jennifer

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

- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- B. The group skipped the Pledge of Allegiance as the meeting was held virtually.
- C. In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Cathy McJanet to approve the September 22, 2022 EMCC minutes, with the correction that the San Diego County Fire Districts' Association was in attendance. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN**
No report was given.
- B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN**
The group did not meet.
- C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Lisha Wiese**
 - Follow up is being done on July 21 post earthquake exercise.
 - Working on pediatric surge through partnerships with Rady Childrens; pediatric surge tabletop on 11/3/22; training for trainers; full scale exercise on pediatric surge 1/25/23.
 - Preparing for Ebola, prepping staff for proper PPE.

V. COUNTY REPORTS

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD, EMS Medical Director

i. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic. She also shared the EMCC Clinical Report PowerPoint which covered the following:

- Healthcare System Overview
 - COVID, Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus, Ebola, Monkey Pox
- Viral Disease Threats
- Other Public Health Crises
 - Opioids, Gun Violence

Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer, MCSO, highlighted the following:

1. Triple Threat (Tripledemic)
2. Recommendation to receive the annual flu vaccination
3. Bivalent boosters

B. Administrative Report – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

- EMSA Policy Update: County Policy will be affected by the end of the Governor's State of Emergency Declaration effective February 28, 2023. Paramedics, AEMTs, and EMTs will no longer be able to:
 - Perform their current Scope of Practice in hospitals, alternate care sites, shelters, or other static sites
 - Provide vaccinations for COVID, flu, and/or monkeypox, or any other vaccination
 - Paramedics will no longer be authorized to administer or monitor the monoclonal antibody treatments or conduct COVID and Influenza testing.

Will continue to work on legislative response to bring some of these into our permanent SOP.
 - Recruitments: We will soon be accepting applications for EMS Specialists. An EMS Specialist works with EMS agencies, hospitals, training programs and others to facilitate the innovation, sustainability and health equity of EMS in our community, and also serves as EMT disciplinary investigators, inspectors, disaster workers, and as EMS Duty Officer. Currently certified EMTs or licensed Paramedics with local field experience are highly desirable.
 - Procurements: County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County. This is a huge volume of work and we're nearing the finish line.
 - 2023 - 2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision: Request for EMS Community Input: The comment period for the 2023-2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision is now closed.
 - Updated San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan published: The San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on August 30th, 2022. The plan is used by all key partner agencies within the county to respond to major emergencies and disasters. This includes Annex D Multi-Casualty Operations.
 - EMS Office Strategic Plan is in Progress – Thank you for your participation! The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan is underway and numerous meetings and interviews are being conducted by the vendor. 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 have been selected and will join the consultant in interviews so their voices can be heard in support of the creation of the plan.
 - EMS Duty Officer Notification: Reporting an EMS delivery system issue or incident to the Duty Officer is through the 619-588-0397 phone number. The EMS Office has noticed an uptick in direct, informal contacts to EMS Office staff during urgent situations. These informal updates are often important and informative, but EMS Duty Officer items need to be routed through the San Diego Interagency Command Center to ensure redundancy, active engagement, and accountability. We ask our partners to use the official notification pathway.
 - EMT Renewals–submit early! In the spring of odd-numbered years, 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 make sure the applications of their EMT staff are submitted early to avoid the rush. As a reminder, EMT Skills Verifications are no longer waived.
 - County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:
 - November 11th – Veteran's Day
 - November 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving
 - EMS has another New Address! Phone numbers, emails and other contact methods remain the same.
 - County Mail: we are at Mail Stop 302 (MS-302)
 - USPS Mail: San Diego County EMS Office, 5560 Overland Ave, Ste. 400, San Diego, CA 92123-1204
- i. **EMS Data Presentation – Josh Smith, PhD, Sr. Epidemiologist**
The new San Diego County Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report was shared with the group, which was put out by the Epidemiology and Immunization Services branch. The data is COVID-19 and Influenza combined. Everyone was encouraged to sign up at www.sdepi.org for weekly reports.
 - ii. **EMCC Membership – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

From the San Diego County Fire Chiefs Association, Michael Calderwood and Harry Muns were welcomed to the group. Chief Calderwood has replaced Chief Frank Parra and Chief Muns replaced Criss Brainard. From the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Michael Davis and Lieutenant Anthony O'Boyle will be replacing Sergeant Richard George and Lieutenant Shawn Wray. Their paperwork has been submitted and their membership nomination will be on the Board of Supervisors agenda next month for approval.

iii. **Recent Board Action – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator**

- Updated EMCC and CSA 17 Bylaws were approved.
- The Level 1 Trauma Center Designation for Scripps Memorial La Jolla was approved.
- Opioid crisis mitigation work is well underway at the County enterprise level, and there are some areas that touch on the EMS community, including supporting Leave Behind Naloxone programs.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

There were no policies for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review

The recruitment for the consultant is ongoing. Should have an announcement by the new year.

B. AB 1544: Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act

The Community Paramedic and Triage to Alternate Destination regulations were open for a 4th round of public comment. The public comment period closed October 12, 2022. A special, off-cycle EMS Commission meeting had been called for Oct 13 to approve this version. The anticipated effective date for these regulations is likely to be around New Year's. The internal work is ongoing.

C. Brown Act requirements for Teleconferencing Meetings – AB 361: A Resolution Authorizing Teleconferenced Public Meetings Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953

This resolution allows the committee to continue holding teleconference meetings for at least 30 more days.

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Dr. Christian Sloane to continue meeting virtually. Motion approved by consensus.

D. Current CSA 69 Transition update

Final approval of the 3-agency application to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is expected to occur at the Commission's meeting on December 5, 2022. With this approval, the dissolution of CSA-69 will occur shortly thereafter. The "ownership" of the Ambulance Operating Zone (AOZ) will then be transferred to a newly formed JPA named the Santee-Lakeside EMS Authority. Santee-Lakeside will take over administration and management of the AOZ on or about January 1, 2023, with the revenue and taxing authority to be transferred to the new Authority as quickly as possible. The final meeting of the CSA-69 Advisory Committee will be November 17, 2022, at 4:00pm at Lakeside FPD FS 2. Information on this meeting can be found in the CSA-69 section of the San Diego County EMS website at sandiegocountyeems.com.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. MCI Policy update/discussion

San Diego County Fire Chiefs requested a forum to discuss developing an MCI policy.

ACTION: This item will go to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting to form a workgroup.

- B. EMCC Chair nomination
- C. Education/Research Vice Chair nomination

ACTION: If any members would like to be considered for the next Chair or Vice Chair for EMCC or a Subcommittee, it was suggested that names be submitted offline to Nicole del Toro and the list of names will be presented at the next meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting will be held a week early, on Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 9:30 am via Zoom, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Meeting adjourned at 10:33 AM.