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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

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

Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Members Present

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 – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Lawler, Andy – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Lyons, R.N., Laura – American Red Cross
Ma, M.D., Gene – District 3
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
O'Boyle, Lt. Anthony – Law Enforcement Agencies
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)
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

In Attendance

Behm, Jeff – Falck
Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Jenkins, PhD, Janisha – Sharp Dis. Prep.
Martin, Geoffrey – Southwestern College
Parker, Seth – CARE Ambulance
Price, Devin – Scripps Health
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – Vista Fire
Saner, Dan – Falck
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD
Smith, Ray – CVFD
Stauffer, Kim – SDFD
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Zimmerman, Stephanie – REACH Air

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 2
District 4
Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties
Military Agencies
SD County Fire Chiefs' Association

County Staff

Abedin, Sanaa
Bey, Christian
Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Erickson, Kirk
Gall, Jessica
Koenig, MD, Kristi
Martin, Adilver
Pacheco, Cheryl
Parr, Andy
Robbins, Christi
Smith, PhD, Josh

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

- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 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 Dan Froelich to approve the October 27, 2022 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN

The group met. 1) Discussed a new Policy S-882: Dispatching of Emergency Medical Services;. The committee is requesting further public comment. 2) Discussed Policy S-TBD: Combined First Responder Inventory; not ready yet; will see it in January. 3) Discussed developing a workgroup to update the MCI Policy by EMS section.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group met. 1) A presentation was done by Dr. Chris Scott and Josh Smith on the 7-day cyber incident with impacts to the EMS delivery system. 2) AB-1544 was discussed. 3) Anne Jensen provided an update on the City of San Diego Community Paramedicine Pilot program.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Paul Forney on behalf of Lisha Wiese

- Pediatric surge full scale exercise January 25, 2023
- Regional exercise February 2023; Regional evacuation exercise early to mid-2023
- State hosted exercise April 2024 – planning committee being developed
- After Action Report for burn surge tabletop from September and October being finalized
- Cybersecurity planning and response occurring and work to begin with the Regional Resilience Assessment Program

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 which covered the following:

- Healthcare System Overview
- Viral Disease Threats – Triple Threat
 - COVID, Influenza, Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)
- Other Public Health Crises
 - Opioids Overdose, Gun Violence
- San Diego Resuscitation Consortium
- Title 42 at the Mexican Border

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- EMSA Policy Update: October 17th EMSA announced a policy update regarding the termination of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Executive Orders, (N-11-22 and N-4-22).

Effective February 28, 2023, this announcement:

- **Rescinds the utilization of out-of-state medical personnel to render medical services**
- **Terminates waivers associated with the utilization of EMSA Cal-Mat teams Beyond 60 days of service**
- **Terminates EMS Personnel Licensing, Certification, Training and Scope of Practice waivers:**

- whereby Paramedics, AEMT, and EMT certified personnel will no longer be able to:

- Perform their current SOP in hospitals, Alternate Care Sites, Shelters, or any other static site
- Provide vaccinations (COVID, Flu, and/or MPX)

- And paramedics will no longer be authorized to Administer or monitor mAb (Monoclonal Antibody Treatments) or conduct Covid and Influenza testing
- Recruitments: We are accepting applications for Manager level positions and 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: The procurement for County Service Area 17 is in the final stages. The notice of intent to award for AMR is to continue in CSA 17. The contract has not yet been signed; working on that diligently.
- Virtual Meetings: 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 February 28, 2023, whichever comes first.
- EMS Office Strategic Plan is almost done: – Thank you for your participation! The steering committee endorsed the San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan document. The Strategic Plan had received significant external review and comment. Will be posting on the EMS and County Fire website soon.
- 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. 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 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving
- i. **EMS Data Presentation – Josh Smith, PhD, Sr. Epidemiologist**
The following presentations were shared with the group:
 - County of San Diego EMS Surveillance Report – Primary Metrics
 - Respiratory Virus Surveillance Report
- ii. **EMCC Membership – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**
From the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, Sergeant Michael Davis has replaced Sergeant Richard George and Lieutenant Anthony O'Boyle has replaced Lieutenant Shawn Wray.
- iii. **Recent Board Action – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**
There were no recent board actions.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

There were no policies for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review

The Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review is in the final stages. Working to finalize the consultant.

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

The EMS Commission met in a special session and approved the Community Paramedicine regulations. The EMS office is working hard to produce policies and procedures and get those out as quickly as possible.

- 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. This resolution expires February 28, 2023.

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Kahn, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott to continue meeting virtually in January 2023. Motion carried.

- D. Current CSA 69 Transition update

The final meeting of the CSA-69 Advisory Committee is today, November 17, 2022, at 4:00 pm at Lakeside Fire Protection District FS 2. The authority over the exclusive operation area will be transferred from the County to the Santee-Lakeside JPA on January 1, 2023.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. EMCC Chair nomination

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Chara Cote to nominate Paul Forney for EMCC Chair. Motion carried.

- B. EMCC Vice Chair nomination

A motion was made by Dr. Christian Sloane, seconded by Mary Murphy to nominate Dr. Chris Scott as EMCC Vice Chair. Motion carried.

- C. Subcommittee re-assignments

The current subcommittee assignments were shown to the group. EMCC members can choose two subcommittees to join and can attend other subcommittee meetings.

If anyone would like to be considered for a different subcommittee, please contact Nicole del Toro.

- D. Subcommittee Chair & Vice Chair nominations

If anyone is interested in the role of a Subcommittee Chair or Vice Chair, please notify Nicole del Toro.

ACTION: County EMS staff will host a meeting with the subcommittees in the next couple of weeks primarily to select a Chair and Vice Chair of the Subcommittees and will report out at the January 2023 EMCC meeting.

IX. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:30 am virtually. Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.