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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Paul Forney, Chair/ Dr. Chris Scott, Vice Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Zoom Meeting

Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2023

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 – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lawler, Andy – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
O'Boyle, Lt. Anthony – Law Enforcement Agencies
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5
Uppenkamp, R.N., Tina – American Red Cross
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties

In Attendance

Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Clyons, Jeff – SDFRD
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy
Francis, Allen – CDCR/CCHCS
Garibay, Albert – Barona Fire
Gioia-Beckman, Stephanie – Rady Children's
Hartsock, Ryan – Advantage Ambulance
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Jenkins, Danisha – Sharp
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical
Martin, Geoffrey – Southwestern College
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Parker, Seth – CARE Ambulance
Pederson, Andrew – AMR
Price, Devin – Scripps Health
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – Vista Fire
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17 EMS Coordinator
Saner, Dan – Falck
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD
Smith, Ray – CVFD
Stauffer, Kim – SDFD
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health
Zimmerman, Stephanie – REACH Air

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 2
District 3
Military Agencies
San Diego County Medical Society

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Duncan, MD, Dave
Erickson, Kirk
Jagielinski, Jakub
Martin, Adelver
Mecham, Tony
Meick, Tyler
Pacheco, Cheryl
Parr, Andy

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/petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Lisha Wiese to approve the January 26, 2023 EMCC minutes with the correction of the October pediatric surge exercise date. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN

The group did not meet.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee –Lisha Wiese

- May 18 surge response evacuation exercise.
- Title 42 Southern Border Federal Legislation changes. A workgroup has been developed.
- October 2023 pediatric surge exercise – active shooter scenario.
- April 2024 statewide exercise.
- Awareness item – Ongoing system strain resulting in hospitals declaring internal disaster rather than diversion. Continue to work with the CoSD EMS leadership and other key stakeholders from EMS and Fire to look at new strategies to address this.

V. COUNTY REPORTS

A. Clinical Report – Jennifer Tuteur, MD, HHSa MCSd Deputy Public Health Officer on behalf of Kristi Koenig, MD, EMS Medical Director

i. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Tuteur provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic

- COVID-19 treatment webpage:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/Treatment.html
- MARC line: 619-685-2500
- The treatment webpage includes where to find no-cost treatment: OptumServe Test to Treat sites, call (800) 634-1123. Medication locator, call (800) 232-0233. No-Cost COVID telehealth visit, call (888) 897-1244.

She also shared the following additional information:

- With the ending of the State of Public Health COVID emergency, some changes will come into effect. Medi-Cal redetermination was unlinked from the public health emergency. Folks have from April 24 – June 30 to get packet in, otherwise can lose Medi-Cal and will need to reapply. Medi-Cal beneficiaries need to ensure their address is current through any of the contact opportunities on the "Have you

Moved" flyer:

https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/ssp/community_partner-resource toolkit.html

- Self Sufficiency Services can be contacted at (866) 262-9881
- <https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2023/02/CEMSIS-Update-Memo-2.22.23.pdf?emrc=63f7a4fc9ae5f>

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- [EMSA Memo](#) regarding CEMSIS Update and Requirements.
- [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 & 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)
- [New EMS Contracts](#)
 - [County Service Area-17 / San Dieguito EMS District](#) has a new Ground Ambulance provider! New meaning a new contract, but not a new provider. AMR will continue in CSA-17 until 2030 and we at the LEMSA look forward to continuing our solid relationship on behalf of the residents and guests of CSA-17.
 - [The Comprehensive Base Station Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area Consultant](#) held their kickoff meeting on February 13 and will hit the ground running with their study. There will be ample opportunity to receive public comment as they gather input and begin to formulate 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 catchment areas to assure that Trauma hospitals receive an even balance of Trauma calls at each center.
- [Protocol Review](#) is well underway with all adult and pediatric protocols proceeding to initial review by BSPC in February and final review in March. A summary of all updates will be prepared in May and be provided to the BHNCs and community paramedic programs to begin educational planning. Received over 100 comments across 16 different respondent types such as EMS agencies, fire departments, hospitals, and others. The process is ongoing.
- [SOME County Meetings are Still Virtual \(for now\)](#): Today is the last virtual EMCC meeting and will be back in person next month. The California State Legislature had passed a law (AB361) allowing partial relief from the public meeting requirements. This relief ends at the Advisory Committee's discretion or until February 28, 2023, whichever comes first. Attendees should plan on many of these EMS meetings to return to in-person in March.
- [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](#)
March 31, 2023 – Cesar Chavez Holiday (County Holiday)
- [New Faces soon at EMS](#) County EMS has hired a number of new employees. 4 new EMS Specialists will start in early March, as will a Legal Support Assistant II and we have a few more positions to fill in the pipeline.

i. EMCC Membership – Brian Christison

Members were asked to review their terms for expired or soon to be expired dates, and to work with their nominating organization to ensure that their membership stays current.

ii. **Recent Board Action – Brian Christison**

EMS Fees – A presentation will be shared at the EMCC Meeting in March on fee updates.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

There were no policies for review.

VII. REPORTS

A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review
The consultant has been recruited. Public Consulting Group has been retained to complete this work. This is in progress.

B. HSC Chapter 13 Community Paramedicine/ Triage to Alternate Destination
Tyler Meick shared a PowerPoint presentation [Community Paramedicine Updates](#) to the group.

The new CoSD EMS Community Paramedicine & TAD page can be found here:
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/ems/Community_Paramedicine.html

C. Kaiser San Marcos Operations and Timeline
Dr. Chris Scott was not in attendance. He will provide a report at the March meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. 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 Chara Cote to continue meeting virtually. Motion carried.

B. Subcommittee re-assignments
A second column was added to the membership roster on the back of the agenda to reflect any member who is serving on an additional/secondary subcommittee.

C. EMCC Email Clean-up Activity
The EMCC email distribution list was shared with the group. It will also be emailed to the group to review and to notify Nicole del Toro of any deletions or additions to be made.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. EMCC return to in-person meetings
i. Tentative location for future EMCC Meetings will be held at the County Administration Center. Waiting on approvals; then will send out an announcement on the confirmed location.

X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM

A request was made to add Online Public Comment Period/Submission to the agenda as a standing item.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 9:30 am **in person**. Location is TBD. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.