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MISSION STATEMENT

“As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the Mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system.”

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Frank Parra, Chair/ Chara Cote, R.N., Vice-Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Members Present

Blacksberg, David – HASDIC
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – HASDIC (Alt)
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies' Committee
George, Sgt, Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Lyons, R.N., Laura – American Red Cross
Ma, MD, Gene – District 3
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Molloy, Bernie – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Sloan, M.D., Christian – District 5
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

Not in Attendance

Military Agencies
SD County Ambulance Association
SD County Medical Society

In Attendance

Abbott, Stephen – North County FPD
Adler, Fred
Chandler, Craig – Stryker
Francis, Allen – CCHCS/CDCR
Donofrio-Odmann, Joelle – UCSD/SDFRD
Hinton, William – Mercy Air
Lawler, Andy – San Miguel FPD
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Martin, Geoffrey – Southwestern College
Murphy, Mary – North County FPD
Pierce, RN, Jodi – SDFRD
Ruiz, Sal – CSA-17 EMS Coordinator
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Vilke, Gary – UCSD/North Zone
Zimmerman, Stephanie – Mercy Air

County Staff

Bey, Christian
Cavanaugh, Adria
Chmielewski, R.N., Lorraine
Choe, Grace
Christison, Brian
Dama, Val
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gall, R.N., Jessica
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
Parr, Andy
Pitner, Jaime

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

Frank Parra, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Due to the meeting being held virtually, the group skipped the Pledge of Allegiance and introductions. Dr. Gene Ma, Chief Medical Officer from Tri City Medical Center was introduced as the newly appointed member representing District 3. No announcements were made. Attendance was captured online.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Bernie Molloy to approve the January 28, 2021 minutes. Motion carried by consensus.

IV. MEMBERSHIP

A. Chair/Vice Chair

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Cathy McJannet that Frank Parra remain Chairperson. Motion carried.

B. Subcommittee Assignments

A motion was made by Chara Cote, seconded by Dan Froelich to nominate Brian Covell as the new Vice-Chairperson. Motion carried.

C. Membership Term Updates

Education/Research Subcommittee:

AB 1544 – Discussed forming a committee with a diverse array of representatives from across the county's paramedic agencies. The EMSA regulations are still in the early development stages and may yet further define what that committee is made up of. Once the regulations are published, EMS will be share with EMCC for review. As a group, will have a meeting to discuss how to move forward. EMS Administrator Andy Parr will work with the Chief Parra and Chief Molloy to fine tune the process of the subcommittee. If folks are interested in participating in the group, can email Nicole del Toro.

ACTION: AB 1544 will be put on the next EMCC agenda as New Business.

Term Updates:

Members were advised to look at their term expiration dates and follow the proper process to be re-appointed.

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Cathy McJannet to accept the current membership as currently listed. Motion carried.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN

The group met and discussed P-305 with changes to be made. Will bring it back to Prehospital/Hospital for support. Also discussed P-801, which Dr. Kahn will discuss today.

B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group met and had an exploratory meeting regarding AB-1544 and local implementation models.. Update from San Diego City's RAP program. Most of the program was put on hold due to COVID; restarting operations in the last few weeks. Suggestions to everyone were to start thinking of ideas of community paramedicine, alternate destinations from hospital, agency, and clinical perspectives that they would be interested in.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – David Blacksberg

Did not meet.

VI. COUNTY REPORT (Reports)

A. Clinical Report – Kristi Koenig, MD

- Ketamine shortage.
- Have an existing drug shortage strategy.
- LOSOP from the state. Considered will have shortages and multiple options to treat pain.
- Updates regarding the Monoclonal Antibody Regional Center(MARC). More information can be found on the [County Healthcare Sector webpage](#)

i. COVID-19 Update

Dr. Koenig provided an update of the most recent information on the COVID-19 pandemic, followed by a question and answer session.

B. Administrative Report – Brian Christison/ Andy Parr

1. Actions taken during COVID-19: The following categories have been updated since the last EMCC meeting, which are also posted at www.sandiegocountyems.com:

- CoSD EMS Frequently Asked/Answered Questions (FAQs) document
- Health Services Capacity Task Force Actions
 - Expanded Operational Group coordination calls continue

2. Administrative updates – EMS staff is actively engaged in the re-procurement process for County Service Area 17 San Dieguito Paramedic District. Currently in the middle of a Request for Information (RFI). Town hall meetings have been done virtually. An opportunity to provide input and advice through the end of March. If interested, there is a survey available on the County EMS webpage for your recommendations to provide transport services in the area.

The County EMS budget is currently being updated. Will come out in April. Hope to have a budget presentation in March. There will be some adjustments in personnel fees. Will inform you as soon as we know what those fees will be.

3. EMT Renewals – submit early.

In the spring of odd-numbered years (2019, 2021, etc.), 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, 2021. Agencies are asked to work with their EMT staff to make sure their applications are submitted early to avoid

- the rush. As a reminder, EMT Skills Verifications are waived for the Coronavirus emergency, making the application process that much easier.
4. San Pasqual Tribal Government – approved to become the 30th ambulance transport operating area in the county of San Diego. Tribal governments are exempt from state law, therefore not bound by those laws while on tribal property.
 5. County of San Diego has retained Kevin Crawford as an authorized EMS consultant He will be working on a number of projects and on the CSA-17 re-procurement. .
 6. Policies and Protocols: Continue to work on annual protocol update. Everyone's assistance is appreciated.

VII. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. Ad hoc Committees

- i. P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service – Ad hoc Committee Status Report (Dr. Chris Kahn)

The committee discussed P-801 at Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting and the group is not finding further revisions. However, still some underlying questions that need to be addressed by likely full EMCC and County Counsel. Since no other revisions, there is a request for vote at the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting to bring back to EMCC for review. If anyone does have further revisions, please contact Dr. Kahn sooner than later.

- ii. S-010: Guidelines for Hospitals Requesting Ambulance Diversion – Ad hoc Committee Status Report (Brian Christison)

The current drafts of P-801 and S-010 have been reviewed with the EMS Medical Director. There are a couple comments on both of them; most not significant changes in direction, but in clarifications and additional language. Neither draft policy is ready for EMCC today.

B. Policy Review

- i. S-008: Interfacility Transfers – Levels of Care – Brian Christison

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chara Cote to approve Policy S-008. Motion carried.

- ii. T-705: Trauma Catchment Service Area – Candy Schoenheit

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Christian Sloan to approve Policy T-705. Motion carried.

- iii. T-710: Designation of a Trauma Center – Candy Schoenheit

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Christian Sloan to approve Policy T-710. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Comprehensive Evaluation of the Base Hospital System and Trauma Catchment Area Designations

The Base Hospital's Comprehensive Review was approved by the Board of Supervisors and will be moving forward on finding a contractor. Will start work in July to find a contractor and be completed 18 months after that, to come back with the Base Hospital Comprehensive Review, which includes a review of the Trauma Center Catchment Area map.

B. CSA-69 Refund Board Letter

A large deposit was made accidentally to the EMS account. This has nothing to do with CSA-69. This item will go to the Board of Supervisors on March 16, 2021 for a refund.

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, March 25, 2021 via Zoom.
Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.