



# County of San Diego

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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

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

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, March 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  
Lyons, RN, Laura – American Red Cross  
Levine, MD, Saul – Sharp Memorial  
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)  
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)

#### **In Attendance**

Chandler, Craig – Stryker  
Garibay, Albert – Barona Fire  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Saner, Dan – Falck  
Smith, Ray – CVFD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health

#### **Not in Attendance**

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 5  
Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
Military Agencies

#### **County Staff**

Christison, Brian  
Collins, Jeff  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Mecham, Tony  
Meick, Tyler  
Parr, Andy

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

- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:36 AM. A quorum was declared.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. There were no introductions.
- D. There were no announcements.

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### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS**

There were no public comments/petitions.

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### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Jonathan Jordan to approve the February 26, 2023 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.**

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#### IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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**A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN**

The group met. Discussed a couple of policies for review; none were ready to move forward. Also discussed the Ambulance Diversion Ad Hoc Committee.

**B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN**

The group met. Received some updates.

**C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee –Lisha Wiese**

There was no report.

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#### V. COUNTY REPORTS

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

i. COVID-19 Update

There was no report given.

**B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

- EMSA Policy Update: As a reminder, the ability for EMS personnel to exercise the expanded services allowed by the Governor’s Executive Order ended February 28. EMS personnel are no longer be able to:
    - Perform their current SOP in hospitals, Alternate Care Sites, Shelters, or any other static site
    - Conduct Covid and Influenza testing
    - 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’s work is underway! 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 Center Catchment Area Map to assure that Trauma Centers receive an optimal balance of Trauma calls at each center.
  - Policies and Protocols: The 2023-2024 protocol review is well underway with all adult and pediatric protocols proceeding through an initial review by BSPC in February and a final review this month. A summary of all updates will be prepared in May and provided to the BHNCs and EMT/Paramedic programs to begin educational planning. A comprehensive protocol packet and associated changelog will also be publicly posted on our website in May.  
As a review, we held an open comment period and received over 100 comments across 16 different respondent types, such as EMS agencies, fire departments, hospitals and associations. The timeline for final implementation is on track for July 1, 2023.
  - Several County Meetings are returning to in-person: County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these regular meetings are “Brown Act” meetings and require specific public notification, access, and recordation. The prior allowances under AB-361 and the Governor’s Emergency Order ended February 28, 2023. Committee members should plan on attending the EMCC, CSA-17 Advisory Board, and these bodies’ subcommittee meetings in person.  
Comments regarding in-person meetings can be sent to Brad Trousdale at [Bradley.trousdale@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Bradley.trousdale@sdcounty.ca.gov).
  - EMT Renewals – submit early! In the spring of odd-numbered years (2023, 2025, 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 2023. 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 no longer waived.
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- EMS Personnel Fees: Two years ago, EMCC gave their approval for a 3-year escalation of EMS personnel fees. Beginning July 1, 2023 EMS personnel fee will escalate \$20 additional dollars to \$146 every other year in accordance with Board Policy B-29 which requires cost recovery for County required services.
  - EMS Medical Director Regulatory Oversight: Several agencies have used the County EMS Medical Director for controlled substance and dangerous drugs and devices authorizations will soon be receiving a termination notice. All affected agencies have received prior communications from the EMS Office. The final termination date for these services is 7/1/2023. In addition, EMS Agency Administrators are requested to update their LEMSIS License Management agency profile with their agency Medical Director As a note, it would be preferable for the agency Medical Director to have their own LEMSIS account so they can receive all the official communications sent by the EMS Office in real time.
- i. **EMCC Membership**  
Danisha Jenkins was introduced as the newest member representing the Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties. Lieutenant Anthony O'Boyle has been transferred to a new assignment and this will be his last meeting.
  - ii. **Upcoming Board Actions**
    1. Community Paramedicine Update
    2. Community Health Improvement Program (CHIP) Program Update
    3. EMS Personnel Fees
    4. Report from Citygate on the back country ambulance programs

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## VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

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There were no policies for review.

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## VII. REPORTS

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### A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review

The Public Consulting Group has been retained to conduct the two separate products: 1) Base Hospital System and 2) Trauma Catchment Area. The first round of interviews were held last week. There are virtual options available. Following will be a round of surveys with a number of key entities including hospital leadership, EMS agency leadership, and operations level staff in both hospital and EMS sectors. Following the survey process, a number of in-person and virtual listening sessions will be open to the public. Anticipate holding sector-specific listening sessions, followed by a number of in—person listening sessions. The in-person public meetings will most likely have a meeting in each supervisorial district.

### B. Community Paramedicine

Tyler Meick shared the following PowerPoint presentation [Community Paramedicine Updates](#)

### C. Online Public Comment Period/Submission

Brian Christison shared the following PowerPoint presentation [Draft Policy Public Comment Framework and Process](#)

Group discussion followed.

The following suggestions were made:

- 1) Group drafts with the policies.
- 2) Leave on website with anonymous option; prior versions archived.

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## VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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### A. There was no old business.

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**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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A. 9-1-1 Center Nurse Navigation

Paul Forney will give this presentation at the April meeting.

B. Kaiser San Marcos Operations and Timeline

Dr. Chris Scott provided a presentation. Kaiser Permanente is opening a new medical center in San Marcos on August 9, 2023. The facility will have 30 emergency beds; 39 beds will be built out; 168 in-patient beds. Will not be a STEMI center but will apply for stroke certification.

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**X. FUTURE AGENDA ITEM**

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A. ET3 Presentation

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**XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 9:30 am in person at the County Operations Center – 5560 Overland Ave, Room 171. Meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.