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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/ Brian Covell, R.N., Vice-Chair
c/o Emergency Medical Services
Virtual meeting via Zoom

Minutes

Thursday, May 27, 2021

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – HASDIC
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, M.D., Gene – District 3
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
McJannet, R.N., Catherine – District 1
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses’ Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society
Sloan, M.D., Christian – District 5
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Wray, Lt, Shawn – Law Enforcement Agencies

In Attendance

Baudoin, Madeleine – AMR
Fink, Amber – Stryker
Donofrio-Odmann, Joelle – UCSD/SDFRD
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Hodges, Annie – Alvarado
Lawler, Andy – San Miguel Fire
Logan, Drew – Alvarado
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air
Murphy, Mary – North County FPD
Ruiz, Sal – CSA-17 EMS Coordinator
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Timmons, Lance – American Red Cross

Not in Attendance

Military Agencies
SD County Fire Districts’ Association

County Staff

Abedin, Sanaa
Alfaro, Suedy
Bey, Christian
Cavanaugh, Adria
Chmielewski, R.N., Lorraine
Choe, Grace
Christison, Brian
Dama, Val
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)

Gall, R.N., Jessica
Hrubvock, Wendy
Koenig, M.D., Kristi
McDonald, M.D., Eric
Martin, Adilver
Parr, Andy
Pitner, Jaime
Reddick, Herman
Rogers, Cody
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy
Smith, PhD, Josh
Stepanski, Barbara
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

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. Attendance was captured online. There were no announcements made.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

No public comments or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the April 22, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN**
The group met. Discussed Policy P-801 and discussed Policy S-421, but due to no quorum, no action was taken.
- B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN**
The group did not meet. Will meet next month.
- C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee**
The group did not meet.

V. COUNTY REPORT (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, followed by a question and answer session.

Dr. Eric McDonald shared information regarding a three-day vaccination pilot project at the border, which will immunize 10,000 Mexican workers who work for American companies primarily in Tijuana. This could be a great step to improve community immunity in our binational region.

Dr. Jennifer Tuteur shared information regarding capacity for more patients to receive monoclonal antibody treatments at the Monoclonal Antibody Treatment Centers at the Palomar and Chula Vista sites.

B. Administrative Report – Brian Christison, EMS Coordinator

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 memos
 - Health Services Capacity Task Force Actions
 - De-escalated one level. Currently at Level 3 Partial Activation.
 - Health Services Capacity Task Force Expanded Operational Group coordination calls continue throughout the pandemic.
2. Trained Vaccinators – So far, more than 300 San Diego County prehospital providers have been trained as vaccinators. As a reminder, EMTs are not permitted to reconstitute or draw up vaccine doses. EMT vaccinators may provide the injection only. More information can be found on the EMSA website at emsa.ca.gov/covid19 under the Local Optional Scope of Practice header OR the EMS Medical Director’s notification memo dated January 14 posted to the County EMS webpage.
3. County EMS Duty Officer – CoSD EMS Duty Officer contact methods have changed. The phone number is on the County EMS webpage (619-588-0397).
4. North Comm Dispatch Plan – The LEMSA recently received the North Zone Fire Agencies’ request to establish an alternate dispatch plan for the North Comm dispatch center. This proposal includes triaging incoming 9-1-1 calls through the nationally recognized Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). We believe that this plan request is well-researched and appropriately planned. The LEMSA will have some formal comments in our specific response to the North Zone agencies.
5. National cot-drop Survey – Seeking information regarding the prevalence of cot drops and how agencies are dealing with prevention and response. The survey is appropriate for operations-level staff and managers. The link is available via email (or in the chat for this meeting) <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CL3Q53Z>
6. EMS Fee Schedule – The County EMS Fee Schedule is changing on July 1, 2021. As previously announced, fees have been adjusted to be the true and accurate cost for the services provided as required by Board Policy. We will be “phasing in” our credentialing fee increase over a three-year period; the 2021/22 fiscal year is step one in this process. The current fee is \$86, and the new fee will be \$106 on July 1. Next year, the phased in fee schedule adjustment will be \$126, and at \$146 in the 2023/24 fiscal year. Questions on fee schedule should be directed to the EMS Administrator.
7. LEMSIS – County EMS is finalizing data requirements to accept 3rd party data on or before November 1 of 2021. A letter from EMS is being prepared to inform agencies of further plans to send the data. (A pilot ePCR integration project with WATER has been progressing since the fall of 2020).
LEMSIS is also developing patient outcome data returns from our hospitals - either through a direct connection to the hospital or from promised connections from the HIE. Any agency that would like to adopt the no-cost-to-you LEMSIS ePCR platform should contact County EMS staff to begin that conversation.
8. Agency LEMSIS rosters need updating – All EMS agencies have the ability to electronically update their employee lists in LEMSIS. County staff have noticed that some agencies have done a better job *adding* new staff and have been less accurate with removing staff that have left the agency. Other agencies have not updated their roster in some time. County staffers rely on these LEMSIS rosters for finding the correct agency point of contact, QA reviews, discipline issues, and a number of other responsibilities. ALS agencies are required to update their rosters under their MOAs, and permitted ambulance providers are required to update their rosters under County

code. In the near future, agency designees will receive monthly email reminders to update their LEMSIS personnel lists.

i. EMS Transition to PSG – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

The County of San Diego has decided to move the LEMSA from the Health and Human Services Agency to Public Safety Group effective July 1, 2021. County EMS will be administratively housed in the County Fire organization.

Thanks and appreciation for everyone who participated in and were recognized during EMS Week. The Emergency Medical Care Committee was also thanked and recognized for their commitment and keeping the EMS delivery system running.

ii. Protocol Update Progress Report – Jaime Pitner, EMS Coordinator

The effective date for protocols is July 1, 2021. A presentation [2021-2022 Protocol Revision Update](#) was provided to the group. The EMS Community was thanked for collaborating on the revision of the protocols.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

A. Ad hoc Committees

i. P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service

Dr. Kahn has new comments for the proposed drafts. The prior version was reviewed, by County Counsel after being endorsed by the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee.

ACTION: The group will review the new documents with the Chiefs' edits and make comments at Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Then will be brought back to EMCC in June for an up or down vote.

ii. S-421: Sexual Assault Destination Policy (formerly known as S-137) (Jaime Pitner)

SART Protocol S-137 was transitioned into Policy S-421 and to address EMS contacts with patients that may require forensic examination and to facilitate evidence collection. The policy has been reviewed by the SART Consortium. Will go through Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee in June for approval, then back to EMCC for vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review

This agenda item is still on pause. On the radar and currently being worked on internally. Will report back in June.

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

This is a standing agenda item. There are several local representatives that are participating in the state regulation drafting session, but there are no new updates. The draft is still in the process. We anticipate seeing a draft posted for public comments by the end of the summer.

C. Review of the EMCC Subcommittees

An EMCC and Subcommittee Members table was provided to the group with the current members listed for each meeting. It was suggested that members make an effort to attend the meetings they are responsible for/ assigned to.

VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, June 24, 2021 via Zoom.
Meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.