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

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

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, June 23, 2022**

#### **Members Present**

Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association  
George, Sgt, Richard – Law Enforcement Agencies  
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 (Alt)  
Lyons, R.N., Laura – American Red Cross  
McJannet, R.N., Cathy – District 1  
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association (Alt)  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Sloan, M.D., Christian – District 5  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators' (Alt)  
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties

#### **In Attendance**

Chandler, Craig – Stryker  
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy SD  
Dotson, Melody – UCSD  
Garibay, Albert – Barona Fire  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air/Air Methods  
Hinton, William – Mercy Air  
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Mahr, Tyler – Mercy Ambulance  
Mercer, Kevin – AMR  
Murphy, Mary – North County FPD  
O'Boyle, Lt. Anthony – Sheriff's Dept  
Parker, Seth – CARE Ambulance  
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD  
Saner, Dan – Falck  
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD  
Smith, Ray – CVFD  
Stauffer, Kim – SDFRD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC  
Timmons, Lance – American Red Cross  
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar  
Zimmerman, Stephanie – Mercy Air

#### **Not in Attendance**

District 2  
District 3  
Military Agencies  
SD County Fire Districts' Association  
SD County Paramedic Association

#### **County Staff**

Abedin, Sanaa  
Assof, Michael  
Bey, Christian  
Christison, Brian  
Collins, Jeff  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Flannery, Kathleen  
Gall, Jessica  
Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Martin, Adalver  
Pacheco, RN, Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Regier, Marc  
Robbins, Christi

Rogers, Cody  
Smith, PhD, Josh  
Stepanski, Barbara  
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

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

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- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 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. An announcement was made that Jonathan Jordan is the new primary representative for EMCC representing the San Diego County Fire Districts Association, replacing Bernie Molloy.

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## II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions.

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## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Cathy McJanet to approve the May 26, 2022 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.**

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## IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

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- A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chris Wells on behalf of Chara Cote, RN**  
The group met. Discussed Policy S-002. As of July 1, First Watch time is being tied to the nurses' signature instead of the nurses' pushing the TOC button.
- B. Education and Research Subcommittee –Cheryl Graydon, RN**  
The group did not meet.
- C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Lisha Wiese**  
Over 100 facilities participating in the July 21 earthquake exercise. A lot of new people in the disaster world; we are providing Disaster 101 and several other trainings. Working on a pediatric surge plan and a burn surge plan. Scheduling a tabletop for burn surge in September 2022.

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## V. COUNTY REPORTS

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### 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. Koenig also provided information on the following:

- o NJEM study regarding variant immune escape:  
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2206576>
- o Influenza
- o Governor's executive order <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/6.17.22-COVID-EO-Rollback-signed.pdf>
- o Monkeypox  
[https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/Medical\\_Director\\_Report/CoSD%20EMS%20Monkeypox%20notification%206%2018%202022%20Final.pdf](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/Medical_Director_Report/CoSD%20EMS%20Monkeypox%20notification%206%2018%202022%20Final.pdf)
- o State of Emergency Proclamation [https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2022/06/Policy-Update\\_State-of-Emergency-Proclamation\\_EO-N-11-22\\_06-17-2022\\_FINAL EMSA.pdf](https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2022/06/Policy-Update_State-of-Emergency-Proclamation_EO-N-11-22_06-17-2022_FINAL EMSA.pdf)

Dr. Tuteur provided the following information:

- numbers of treatment are increasing
- MARC sites 7 days/week, 619-685-2500

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

1. County EMS Personnel Fees mark year two of three incremental increases  
EMS personnel fees will increase by \$20 again this year marching toward the CoSD Board Policy B-29 requirement for cost recovery for providing EMS credentialing services. The new recertification fee for EMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and MICN Authorization will be \$126 (currently \$106) beginning July 1, 2022. Other EMS programmatic fees are also being adjusted and become effective at the same time.
2. San Diego County Fire / EMS Division Advisory Committees – Bylaw Updates Coming Soon!  
Continuing the work of moving County EMS to be a Division of San Diego County Fire the bylaws for both the CSA 17 Advisory Committee and the Emergency Medical Care Committee need to be updated to reflect these organizational changes. Please look for these DRAFT (mostly housekeeping) Bylaw changes on upcoming Advisory Committee meeting agendas.
3. County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory: July 4th – Independence Day.
4. County Meetings are Still Virtual (for now): County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these meetings are so-called “Brown Act” meetings and require specific notification and recordation. 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 2023 whichever comes first.
5. EMS Protocol Review for 2022: The EMS team has finished the final protocol reviews for 2022. Thanks to all those who submitted suggested revisions. The revised protocols have been finalized and distributed in advance of education and training updates. Implementation of the revised protocols is scheduled for July 1st, 2022.
6. San Diego County EMS Office – Strategic Plan Is Underway!: San Diego County Fire has contracted with a local firm to conduct a Strategic Analysis and to create a Strategic Plan for San Diego County EMS. This new plan will dovetail with the existing San Diego County Fire Strategic Plan and will align the strategic vision of County EMS with the strategic vision of County Fire. Representatives of selected stakeholder groups are being solicited and will be asked to join the consultant in listening sessions so their voices can be heard in support of the creation of the plan. This work will take place very soon and the timeline for the release of the plan will be this Summer.
7. Procurements: RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Service for CSA17 extended to July 1, 2022.

**i. EMS Data Presentation – Josh Smith, PhD, Sr. Epidemiologist**

Two presentations were shared with the group:

- 1) COVID Data
- 2) Transfer of Care Transition to an ePCR Timestamp

Group discussion followed by question-and-answer session.

**ACTION: A request was made that the presentations be sent out to the group.**

**ii. EMCC Membership – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

The membership terms are listed on the back of the agenda. Expired terms are highlighted. Members can serve two consecutive terms. It is important not to let your seat expire. The group was reminded to look at and maintain their membership terms.

**iii. Recent Board Action – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

The San Diego County FPD’s EMS fee schedule will be on the June 28 Board of Supervisors agenda for its second reading.

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

- A. S-002: LEMSA Policy and Protocol Approval Process

Expanding the policy and protocol implementation timeframe from 45 days to 60 days.

**A motion was made by Cathy McJannet, seconded by Dr. Christian Sloan to accept the changes to Policy S-002 and open it up for discussion.**

There was a group discussion about the process of proposed policy changes.

**A motion was made by Cathy McJannet, seconded by Christine Wells to endorse Policy S-002. Motion carried, with 1 vote not in favor.**

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## VII. OLD BUSINESS

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### A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review (Andy Parr, EMS Administrator)

The earlier RFP for the Evaluation of the Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Designation Area was not successful. County EMS hosted a Request for Information Industry Day meeting to gather information to inform our redevelopment of this important study. County EMS anticipates posting this consultant recruitment RFP in a slightly modified form soon.

### B. AB 1544: Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act (Brian Christison, EMS Coordinator)

The State regulations to put these statutes in effect have been in draft form for the last eighteen months. There have been several rounds of public comments. Last week those regulations were endorsed at the State's EMS Commission. There is a lot of work that is pending for each piece of this larger system. The work and the advisory body for putting these policies, agreements, etc. forward are in the early stages.

### 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.

**A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Jonathan Jordan to continue meeting virtually. Motion carried.**

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## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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### A. Consider a seat on EMCC for Air Ambulance

There was group discussion regarding having an 18<sup>th</sup> seat on the EMCC for an Air Ambulance sector representative.

**ACTION: Since there was interest from this group to bring this topic to the next EMCC meeting, this item will be placed on next month's agenda as New Business.**

### B. EMCC Representation regarding the EMS Strategic Plan

For those who have participated in this process, their advice and comments are appreciated. The EMCC committee members will receive a survey for an opportunity to give their advice, input, direction to the strategic plan process. The Chair and Vice Chair will receive an opportunity to an in-person interview. There is a short turnaround. Those who are interested, please do so promptly.

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## A. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 28, 2022, at 9:30 am via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.