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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, July 28, 2022

Members Present

Brainard, Criss – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)
Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
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
Ma, M.D., Gene – District 3
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association
McJannet, R.N., Cathy – District 1
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties
Uppenkamp, R.N., Tina – American Red Cross

In Attendance

Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy SD
Ferguson, Brian
Francis, Allen – CDCR/CCHCS
Garibay, Albert – Barona Fire
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical
Mercer, Kevin – AMR
Parker, Seth – CARE Ambulance
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17
Safferman, Michelle – UCSD
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD
Selapack, Mark – Falck
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
Military Agencies
SD County Fire Districts' Association
SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Abedin, Sanaa
Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Erickson, Kirk
Flannery, Kathleen
McDonald, MD, Eric
Parr, Andy
Regier, Marc
Robbins, Christi
Rogers, Cody
Smith, PhD, Josh
Stepanski, Barbara
Tuteur, M.D., Jennifer

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. Dr. Chris Kahn welcomed Dr. Michelle Safferman, new UCSD EMS and Disaster Medicine Fellow from New York, who will be here for one year.
- E. Andy Parr, EMS Administrator, announced the Demographic Survey needed to be completed by the members.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Christian Sloane, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott to approve the June 23, 2022 EMCC minutes, with the correction that CPAC was in attendance and with the correction of the spelling of Dr. Sloane's last name. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN

Did not meet.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

Did not meet.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Lisha Wiese

Summary provided on the recent Full Scale Exercise. The exercise simulated the response to a disaster/earthquake along Rose Canyon. Over 100 facilities/partners participated, with after-action reports in process. Also, there are burn surge workgroups offered in the coming weeks. This features the UCSD burn surge leadership presenting virtual training. There is a burn surge tabletop exercise planned for September. New surge tents are coming to some hospitals to replace the old ones

V. COUNTY REPORTS

A. Clinical Report – Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer, MCSD 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.

- o The following information about recently distributed guidance was also provided:
Xylazine drug awareness memo
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/Medical_Director_Report/CoSD%20EMS%20Xylazine%20notification%207%2027%202022%20Final.pdf
- o Monkeypox
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/Medical_Director_Report/CoSD%20EMS%20Monkeypox%20notification%206%2018%202022%20Final.pdf
- o For health professionals for COVID-19
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/community_epidemiology/dc/2019-nCoV/CommunitySectors/Healthcare_Providers_Community_Clinics_Hospitals_and_Pharmacies.html

- Confidential Morbidity Reporting
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/hhsa/programs/phs/documents/CMRa.pdf>

B. Administrative Report – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

1. Health Services Capacity Task Force: Escalated to Plan Level 2; CDC COVID-19 Community Level is High; Southern California Fire Preparedness Level is at 2.
2. Change in data collection methodology for Transfer of Care: Beginning, July 1, 2022, EMS transport units will no longer be required to manually record an electronic TOC timestamp within the FirstWatch application (the “TOC button”). Instead, the receiving hospital’s ePCR signature timestamp will be imported into the County EMS TOC dataset. Validation testing of the new methodology has shown the data to be accurate and reliable. Please ensure that the ePCR signature occurs at bedside when patient transfer of care occurs.
3. 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.
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. Procurements:
 - RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Service for CSA17 closes on August 1, 2022.
 - RFP for Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Area Designation consultant should be posted any day.
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. No Meeting in August: The month of August is dark.
8. New EMS Address and Mailstop: USPS Mail: San Diego County EMS Office 5560 Overland Avenue, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92123-1204. For those in the County Mail system we are at Mail Stop 202 (MS-202)
9. EMS Staff recruiting for new positions: Down 6 positions. Recruiting for the following: 2 positions for EMS Specialist, Administrative Analyst III, and Legal Support Assistant II. Onboarding 2 new staff on Monday: EMS Coordinator Tyler Meick and Medical Director Dave Duncan. Brian Christison promoted to Program Coordinator, replacing Adria Cavanaugh.
 - i. **EMS Data Presentation – Josh Smith, PhD, Sr. Epidemiologist**
The County of San Diego EMS Surveillance Report - Primary Metrics has a redesign and was shared with the group.
 - ii. **EMCC Membership – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**
From the Sheriff’s Department, Sgt. Mike Davis will replace primary member Sgt. Richard George; Lt. Anthony O’Boyle will replace alternate member Lt. Shawn Wray.
 - iii. **Recent Board Action – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**
San Diego County EMS Advisory Committee bylaws will go to the Board of Supervisors in October.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

There were no policies for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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. Should be posted any day.

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

County staff is engaging in the process; waiting for some clarifications. Appreciation to the City of San Diego training program for welcoming County staffers and others.

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 Dan Froelich, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott to continue meeting virtually. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider a seat on EMCC for Air Ambulance

At the last EMCC meeting, it was decided to bring this topic to this month's meeting for further discussion on having an 18th seat on the EMCC for an Air Ambulance sector representative. Cal-AAMS will be requested to facilitate this sector representation.

There was discussion and support from this group.

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chair Frank Parra to move this item to the next EMCC Prehospital/ Hospital Subcommittee meeting. Motion carried.

B. Sunset Review

A sunset review is an evaluation to determine effectiveness of the committee and the need for its continued existence.

ACTION: The Advisory Committee agreed to continue the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

A. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The month of August is dark. The next EMCC meeting will resume on Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 9:30 am via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.
