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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, September 22, 2022

Members Present

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, Jon – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Ma, M.D., Gene – District 3
McJannet, R.N., Cathy – District 1
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association (Alt)
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties
Uppenkamp, R.N., Tina – American Red Cross

In Attendance

Behm, Jeff - Falck
Bowling, J.R. – Camp Pendleton Fire & ES
Calderwood, Michael – Carlsbad FD
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy SD
Davis, Mike – Carlsbad FD
Davis, Mike – SDC Sheriff's Dept
Dotson, Melody – UCSD
Duffy, Jennifer – SMFD
Garibay, Albert – Barona Fire
Hayflich, Vanessa – Mercy Air/Air Methods
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Less, Kennen – Fed Fire/NMCSO
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Grossmont
O'Boyle, Anthony – SDC Sheriff's Dept
Parker, Seth – CARE Ambulance
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17
Saner, Dan – Falck
Schadegg, Rochelle – Scripps Mercy SD
Stauffer, Kim – SDFRD
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health
Zimmerman, Stephanie – REACH Air

Not in Attendance

District 2
Law Enforcement Agencies
Military Agencies
SD County Paramedic Association

County Staff

Abedin, Sanaa
Assof, Michael
Bey, Christian
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Duncan, MD, Dave
Erickson, Kirk
Gall, Jessica
King, Colin

Koenig, MD, Kristi
McDonald, MD, Eric
Meick, Tyler
Pacheco, Cheryl
Regier, Marc
Robbins, Christi
Rogers, Cody
Smith, PhD, Josh
Tuteur, MD, Jennifer
Westerheide, Chuck

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

- A. Frank Parra, EMCC 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. The following new EMCC members were introduced: Paul Maxwell was re-nominated as the primary representative to the San Diego County Paramedics Association, and Sean Walters was nominated as the alternate representative.
- D. Chair Parra announced that this will be his last meeting as he has accepted a position as new Assistant City Manager for National City. Chief Mike Calderwood from Carlsbad Fire Department has begun the process to assume role as the Fire Chief Association's representative to EMCC.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott to approve the July 28, 2022 EMCC minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chara Cote, RN

The group met and discussed the following: concerns that hospitals are seeing increased traffic; TOC data collection changing effective January 1, 2023; presentation on the San Diego Resuscitation Consortium workgroup from Dr. Saul Levine; 2023-2024 protocols now open for public comment; community paramedicine being slightly delayed.

B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

The group met and received updates on the following: The San Diego City Pilot Program is in the process of re-building their staff and working to start re-enrolling clients into their program. The C.A.R.E. Court legislation was signed by the Governor; targeting mental health and there are some provisions for first responders to make referrals, however the implementation is not yet defined. The Cyber Incident Research Project data has been collected and is with Dr. Chris Scott and his team. The AB1544 regulations are temporarily delayed due to a technical issue.

C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Lisha Wiese

Hospital collaboration with the County – several workgroups going on: Virtual trainings were held through burn partnership with UCSD; hospitals included in burn surge tabletop on 9/28; hospitals taking stock of burn surge supplies. Pediatric surge workgroup virtual training is being held through partnership with Rady Children's. Several hospital and County staff attended the CA Hospital Association Disaster Preparedness conference last week in Pasadena. Speakers from Uvalde, Texas regarding county approaches and perspectives to the shooting at the Elementary School. Good lessons learned to implement into our processes in San Diego.

V. COUNTY 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. The following vaccine memo was distributed to our more than 11,000 EMS professionals across the County system.

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/COVID/CoSD%20EMS%20Medical%20Director%20COVID%20and%20Flu%20Vaccine%20Recommendation%2009%2009%2022.pdf>

Dr. Koenig also provided information on the following topics:

- Monkeypox
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/Policies_Protocols/memos-and-updates/CoSD%20EMS%20Monkeypox%20Notification%208%209%202022%20Memo.pdf
- Emergency Departments in San Diego County have a geriatric emergency department certification
- San Diego County Resuscitation Consortium
- Heat Emergencies
- Mitigation for Opioid Overdose Crisis
- Lecture on Gun Violence at BSPC in October

Jennifer Tuteur, MD, Deputy Public Health Officer, MCSD, provided an update on the monoclonal antibody:

- Monoclonal Antibody Regional Centers will be closing end of September
- Treated more than 14,600 people with a 0.1 hospitalization rate.
- There will be at least one federally qualified family health center which will be providing the antibodies to highest risk individuals who are not eligible for Paxlovid
- Phone lines and email will continue to be open during transition

B. Administrative Report – Brian Christison on behalf of Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 2 – Escalated Activation; CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Low; Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 3.
- Some new faces at EMS
 - Brian Christison was recently promoted to the “Number 2” in the office, the position of Program Coordinator, which is a step-up in the organization.
 - Michael Assof is a Licensed Paramedic and joined County EMS in June and serves as an EMS Specialist and is also training as an EMS Duty Officer.
 - Tyler Meick has joined County EMS as an EMS Coordinator (manager level). Tyler formerly worked in the aeromedical industry and brings with him years of experience as a Medic, an agency administrator, and an expert in his field.
 - Dr. David Duncan has joined San Diego County EMS at a Temporary Expert Professional (consultant). Dr. Duncan most recently served as the State EMS Authority Director and will assist EMS in the Community Paramedicine program, policy development, and Emergency Medical Dispatch coordination.
- County EMS is Recruiting! We are frequently looking for energetic and qualified individuals to join our team. We will soon be accepting applications for EMS Specialists. An EMS Specialist works with EMS agencies, hospitals, training programs and others to facilitate the innovation, sustainability, and health equity of EMS in our community. While all of our staff positions wear multiple hats, the EMS specialist is no different. These professionals also serve as EMT disciplinary investigators, inspectors, disaster workers, and as EMS Duty Officer. Currently certified EMTs or licensed Paramedics with local field experience are highly desirable. The County of San Diego website has further information on how to apply.
- Procurements: County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County. This is a huge volume of work and we are nearing the finish line. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
- Updated Monkeypox & Medication Shortage Guidance Distributed: The human monkeypox outbreak continues to present a concern to the community and to healthcare providers.

Updated guidance on both topics were distributed via LEMSIS to agency representatives on August 9. These, and other documents, are prominently posted on the County EMS website.

- 2023 - 2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision: Request for EMS Community Input: The San Diego County EMS Office invites your input on potential revisions to the EMS treatment protocols for the 2023-2024 cycle. All treatment protocols (S-101 through S-190) are available for comment. To be considered for this protocol revision cycle, we must receive your comments no later than October 7, 2022. Please provide your thoughts and suggestions via the link or QR code posted on the County EMS website.
- The Updated San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan was published this week: Includes all of the annexes. Those who participated in the process were thanked.
- SOME County Meetings are Still Virtual (for now): County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these meetings are “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.
- EMS Office Strategic Plan is in Progress – Thank you for your participation! The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan is underway and numerous meetings and interviews are being conducted by the vendor. 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 have been selected and will be joining the consultant in interviews so their voices can be heard in support of the creation of the plan. The timeline for the release of the plan will be later this Summer.
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory
 - November 11th – Veteran’s Day
 - November 24th & 25th – Thanksgiving
- EMS has a (another) New Address! Phone numbers, emails and other contact methods remain the same.
 - County Mail: we are at Mail Stop 302 (MS-302)
 - USPS Mail: San Diego County EMS Office, 5560 Overland Avenue, Ste. 400, San Diego, CA 92123-1204

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

The County of San Diego EMS Surveillance Report - Primary Metrics was shared with the group.

ii. EMCC Membership – Nicole del Toro on behalf of Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

There will be new members representing SDCFCA and the Sheriff’s Department. Waiting on the paperwork to process. From SDCFCA, Chief Michael Calderwood will be the primary and Chief Harry Muns will be the alternate; From the Sheriff’s Department, Sgt. Mike Davis will replace primary rep Sgt. Richard George and Lt. Anthony O’Boyle will replace alternate rep Lt. Shawn Wray. Waiting on a letter from Air Ambulance to request a seat on the EMCC.

iii. Recent Board Action – Brian Christison on behalf of Andy Parr, EMS Administrator

- a.) CSA 69 – The CSA 69 Dissolution was approved in August.
- b.) AB 389 – The AB 389 Alliance Model Bill was reviewed and approved August. There were a couple of changes to the LEMSA.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (EMCC Advisory Position)

There were no policies for review.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review (Brian Christison, Program Coordinator)

The RFP for the Evaluation of the Base Station System and Trauma Catchment Designation Area closed end of August. The consultant recruitment is well underway.

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

The LEMSA received notification that the state's regulations have been delayed. Our understanding is there was a technical issue related to the state Office of Administrative Law review (a regular step in the regulation development process). The regulations are coming back out for a 15-day public comment period. The anticipated effective date is more likely to be around New Year's. Two workshops are being held in December.

- 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 Paul Forney, seconded by Dan Froelich to continue meeting virtually. Motion carried.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Recommendation to designate Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla as a Level 1 Trauma Center

Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla was verified as a Level 1 Trauma Center. The main changes are a robust training program. They are now training residents and conducting the research required to meet the American College of Surgeons verification standards.

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Chair Frank Parra to support Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla going from a Level 2 to a Level 1 Trauma Center. Motion carried.

- B. Current CSA 69 Transition update

The LAFCO Dissolution Hearing is set for October 3, 2022 with an anticipation that Santee Lakeside EMS JPA will take over on or around January 1, 2023.

- C. Demystifying Leave Behind Naloxone and the California Naloxone Distribution Project

Brian Christison provided clarification on the following:

- California Naloxone Distribution Project – Most of our fire agencies have applied for supplies and materials through this program. It authorizes a healthcare entity to receive state-supplied naloxone distribution kits with literature. Participating agencies are then authorized to provide these naloxone kits.
- The Leave Behind Naloxone term refers to the existing EMS protocol to provide the kit or (a kit of the agencies' choosing) to a naloxone-reversed expected opioid overdose when that patient requests non-transfer.

IX. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- MCI Policy update/discussion

X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at 9:30 am via Zoom. Meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.