



# County of San Diego

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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, June 24, 2021**

#### Members Present

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  
Maxwell, Paul – SD County Paramedic Association  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Parra, Frank – SD County Fire Chiefs’ Association  
Rios, Matthew – Military Agencies  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses’ Association  
Sloan, M.D., Christian – District 5  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Wray, Lt, Shawn – Law Enforcement Agencies

#### In Attendance

Baldwin, Cliff – AMR  
Baudoin, Madeleine – AMR  
Beckert, Mark – Carlsbad Fire  
Chandler, Craig – Stryker  
Lawler, Andy – San Miguel Fire  
Logan, Drew – Alvarado Hospital  
Meick, Tyler – Reach Air  
Murphy, Mary – North County FPD  
Parker, Seth – Care Medical Transport  
Pederson, Andrew – AMR  
Stauffer, Kim – SDFD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Sumek, Caryn – HASDIC  
Timmons, Lance – American Red Cross  
Vilke, Gary – North Zone

#### Not in Attendance

District 1  
District 3  
Hospital Association of SD & Imperial Counties  
SD County Fire Districts’ Association  
SD County Medical Society

#### County Staff

Chmielewski, R.N., Lorraine  
Christison, Brian  
Collins, Jeff  
Dama, Val  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Gall, R.N., Jessica  
Hrubvock, Wendy  
Koenig, M.D., Kristi  
Martin, Adilver  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Pitner, Jaime

Reddick, Herman  
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy  
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. Frank Parra, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- B. The group skipped the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- D. There were no announcements made.

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

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Chief Steven Abbott provided a public comment regarding the draft P-801 policy. Since there appears to be a hang up on language pertaining to requirement to entering a written agreement, he is suggesting that all parties take a moment to review the agreements that they have and compare them against the language that is proposed in the Policy, and come to a middle ground.

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## **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve the May 27, 2021 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 and discussed Policy P-801; unable to come to a consensus, therefore did not vote to come to EMCC. Discussed Policy S-421; the group requested language changes and clarification, and anticipate seeing those changes at next month's meeting, then to full EMCC.

### **B. Education/Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN**

The group did not meet. The June meeting was postponed until July.

### **C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee**

The group did not meet. Will be meeting soon to appoint someone to be on the Annex D Review Committee and to sign off on the Annex D draft. Sharon Carlson is the new Chair.

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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.

### **B. Administrative Report – Brian Christison, EMS Coordinator**

1. P-801 Exemption/ Waiver and the County Ambulance Diversion option will conclude on July 1, 2021. The formal memos are forthcoming. A reminder that the Assess and Refer option was deactivated in April.

2. Listening sessions for Base Hospital and Trauma Catchment review:

RFI expected to post Friday, 7/2 and close Friday, 7/23. There will be Survey Monkey link where feedback can be submitted. Can also be submitted via survey questions attached to RFI. Listening session information is listed below – attendance is not required to provide feedback.

Listening Session #1 – Monday, 7/12 at 1pm via Zoom

Listening Session #2 – Thursday, 7/15 at 6pm via Zoom

3. New LEMSIS Agency live:

Escondido Fire Department has implemented the LEMSIS Elite ePCR platform. This adoption allows their records to instantaneously post to the LEMSIS Hospital Hub, link to the base hospital record, flow to the state CEMSIS data repository, and skip the FirstWatch Transfer of Care button since LEMSIS transfer of care times are calculated from the ePCR.

4. First Watch: Experiencing a global issue involving their data import process. The issue is currently being worked on.

5. 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.

In addition, the Ambulance Permit fees are being simplified. Instead of initial and renewal application fees, a single permit-related fee has been adopted. This Permit Application fee will be \$3,549. Inspection fees, previously divided into 3 types, will be replaced with a single inspection fee. The 20/21 inspection fee is \$392.

6. Capacity Plan: The All-Hazard Health Service Capacity Management Plan is currently at a Level 3 Partial Activation. EMS Epidemiologists have continued the continuous system monitoring that has proven critical throughout the pandemic response. The current Plan Level is prominently posted on the County EMS web page at [SanDiegoCountyEMS.com](http://SanDiegoCountyEMS.com).

7. 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.

8. County EMS Duty Officer: CoSD EMS Duty Officer contact methods have changed. The phone number is on the County EMS webpage (619-588-0397).

i. **STEMI Receiving Center Application from Paradise Valley Hospital – Jaime Pitner, EMS Coordinator**

County EMS has received an application from Paradise Valley Hospital to be a designated STEMI Receiving Center and has put a team together to review it.

ii. **EMS Transition to PSG – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**

County EMS is transitioning to Public Safety Group effective July 1, 2021. There is a flurry of many different transition activities and will continue to be ongoing through the summer and into the fall. County EMS will maintain the relationships with HHSA and appreciate everyone's patience as we go through this transition.

- EMS Strategic Plan letter: A letter was sent to EMCC from Holly Porter, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer for the County of San Diego Public Safety Group, stating that Kevin Crawford is the consultant for the County and is working on gathering information on building an Emergency Medical Services Strategic Plan that will take place over the next year or so. Hoping for everyone's cooperation as they reach out to everyone as we move forward.
  - Policy K-12 Update: Policy K-12 is going to the Board of Supervisors next week to be amended from designating HHSA as the LEMSA to the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Office as the LEMSA.
- iii. **Protocol Update Progress Report – Jaime Pitner, EMS Coordinator**  
The protocols will be launched on July 1, 2021. Made a few last minute edits in four of the protocols. Everyone's time and expertise was appreciated who assisted with updating the protocols.
- iv. **EMCC Membership – Andy Parr, EMS Administrator**  
EMCC Membership is ongoing. The group was asked to keep an eye on their expiration dates as we cannot replace an alternate representative if the primary representative's term is expired. The group was reminded of the current membership roster that is located on the back of each agenda.

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

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### A. Ad hoc Committees

- i. P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Services (Andy Parr, EMS Administrator)

A PowerPoint presentation [The Issue With P-801](#) was provided as an update on this ad hoc policy.

This policy will not be moving forward for now. The current Policy P-801 is still in force and County EMS will continue to work under those guidelines.

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## VII. OLD BUSINESS

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

The Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review RFI is out. Public comment will be open soon. There are two listening sessions scheduled. For more information, please go to <https://buynet.sdcounty.ca.gov/>.

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

This is a standing agenda item. The pre-public comment draft for first round of regulations is being finalized. The first round of public comment is likely to be available

in August. Still have a long way to go before we have finalized regulations. EMSA is anticipating three public comment periods. The work being done by the Education/ Research Subcommittee will continue in the initial phases of our community needs assessment and what model would be most interesting to each of our agencies.

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled on Thursday, July 22, 2021 via Zoom. Chair Frank Parra will not be in attendance; however, Vice Chair Brian Covell will cover. Meeting adjourned at 10:13 AM.

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