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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING

Paul Forney, Chair/ Lisha Wiese, Vice Chair
c/o SD County Emergency Medical Services Office
County Administration Center
1600 Pacific Highway, BOS Room 302, San Diego, CA 92101

Informational Meeting Notes **Thursday, April 25, 2024**

Members Present

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association
Jordan, Jonathan – SD County Fire Districts' Association
Kahn, M.D., Christopher – District 4
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD/Imperial Counties

In Attendance

Cassiter, Sarah – Reach Air
Clyons, Jeff – SDFRD
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad FD
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP
Lopez, Brent – Reach Air Medical
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health

Not in Attendance

District 1
District 2
District 3
American Red Cross
County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Law Enforcement Agencies
Military Agencies
SD County Medical Society
SD County Paramedic Association

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
Collins, Jeff
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Parr, Andy
Trousdale, Brad

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

- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:40 AM. A quorum was not declared.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. There were no introductions.
- D. There were no announcements.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Due to no quorum, the March 28, 2024 EMCC minutes were not approved.

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

Hospitals and many other agencies are preparing for a large-scale disaster exercise on 4/30. The scenario is a collision between a train and bus, which leads to patient surge and chemical exposure, near a Padre game and the Convention Center.

V. COUNTY REPORT

A. Administrative Report – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator & Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

• Protocols:

The 2024-2025 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision cycle concluded on October 1. A survey was posted online from September 1 – October 1 for the EMS community to provide feedback on treatment protocols. The survey received over 70 responses from various system participants ranging from EMTs to physicians.

County staff reviewed all of the public comments to incorporate into draft protocols over the last few months. The draft adult protocols were presented at the Base Station Physicians' Committee (or BSPC) on March 19 and we will present the draft pediatric protocols on April 16. The April presentation will also include any revisions to the adult protocols based on feedback from the March meeting.

• Local Optional Scope of Practice initiatives:

International Port of Entry Scope Enhancement

- We jointly submitted a new LOSOP with Imperial County EMS that is designed to address the complexities with patients presenting via Mexican ambulance at the international border, many of which include medications and equipment in use that are out of scope for California paramedics.
- The LOSOP will be presented to the EMDAC Scope of Practice Committee in June for further review.

• STEMI and Stroke Data Submission for State CEMSIS:

The State EMS Authority hosted a STEMI and Stroke Data Workshop the first week of April. This meeting was geared towards LEMSAs and the individual stroke and STEMI facilities. EMSA is reinvigorating the STEMI and stroke data CEMSIS registry initiatives following a pandemic pause. STEMI and stroke program leaders should review the data requirements contained in the CA Code of Regulations, Chapters 7.1 and 7.2. We anticipate additional data and reporting schedule regulation updates being posted for public comment soon. The draft regulations may be found on the EMSA website under the "About" tab.

• EMS Mobile App:

The EMS Mobile App was updated to include an option to comment on EMS treatment protocols, policies open for public comment, and submit feedback for the EMS Mobile App. Users can navigate to the References section, then click on "EMS App, Protocol, and Policy Suggestions and Comments" to see this new feature.

EMS Mobile App: <https://emsmobile.sandiegocounty.gov/>

<https://nemsis.org/technical-resources/version-3/v3-element-mappingtranslation-documents/>
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/ems/LEMSIS/CoSD_LEMSIS_Elite_3.5_Agency_Provider_Training_1_26_24.pdf

mail to: EMSNotifications@sdcounty.ca.gov

• Public Comment Process:

County Staff are continuously working on policy updates and new draft policies will be posted in the near future. As a reminder, you can subscribe to receive email notifications on when draft policies are posted for public comment at the top of the Draft Policy Public Comment page. A Draft Policy Public Comment link is also located on the EMS Mobile App.

Public Comment Page: [Online Public and Stakeholder Comment Submission \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov)

- **Current Medication Shortages:**
County EMS is continuously monitoring potential medication shortages and has issued a temporary exemption on ketamine, which is in effect until June 20, 2024. We recommend auditing your inventory levels and communicating with your medication vendors on how they may be impacted.

Additional information on medication shortages, as well as mitigation strategies, can be found on our new Medication Shortages page: [Medication Shortages \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov)

- **County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:** Memorial Day, May 27, 2024.

VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Endorsement Vote)

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- A. S-610 Ambulance Patient Offload Time Standard (endorsement)
- i. Transfer of Patient Care Guidelines (attached)

A motion was made by Harry Muns, seconded by Chara Cote to endorse Policy S-610 and the guidance document. Of the present members, there was a unanimous vote.

VII. POLICY SUNSET NOTIFICATION

The following list was attached:

Non-Substantive Policy Updates

- S-411 Reporting of Suspected Child, Dependent Adult, or Elder Abuse/Neglect
- B-450 EMT Scope of Practice
- T-710 Designation of a Trauma Center

Policy Sunsets (July 1, 2024)

- P-301A Paramedic Training Program Application Form
- P-302A Application for Out-of-County Paramedic Internship
- S-306A Application for Authorization as Approved Provider of Prehospital CE in San Diego County
- B-351A EMT Training Programs Application
- B-325 Perilaryngeal Airway Adjuncts Training Program Requirements
- D-822 Perilaryngeal Airway Adjuncts Service Provider Designation
- S-610A Transfer of Care Procedure
- P-806 ALS First Responder Inventory
- P-807 Wildland ALS Kit Inventory
- B-834 BLS First Responder Inventory
- P-408 Variation from San Diego County Protocols for Advanced Life Support
- P-408A QCS Confidential Prehospital QA Report – MD Variation Detail

VIII. REPORTS

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

The Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review report should be ready for review by mid-May.

- B. Community Paramedicine (Brian Christison, Program Coordinator)

The application for authorization remains at the State. The approval from the state level is on hold until data submission is within expected compliance.

C. Ambulance Ordinance Update: Goals and Process (Brian Christison, Program Coordinator)

A presentation was provided in January on the path for updating of the Ambulance Ordinance. There are three main sectors that are included in the Ambulance Ordinance – ground, air, and non-emergency medical transportation. Each of those groups will have an opportunity review a staff presentation, followed by a public comment process.

D. NEMSIS 3.5 Transition & CEMSIS Progress (Brian Christison, Program Coordinator)

The LEMSIS product has been up to the 3.5 standard since February. This transition proceeded well; there are a few items that will be addressed in the near future. The LEMSIS team is working with two other EPCR providers to have that required patient data integrated. All EMS providers should anticipate CEMSIS standard in the next couple of months, more detail will be forthcoming.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Fee Schedule (Follow Up Information)

ACTION: The cost study report on the Proposed Fee Schedule will be ready in June.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

XI. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, 2024, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171. Meeting adjourned at 10:22 am.