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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting Zoom Meeting**

Chara Cote, R.N., Chair / Christopher Scott, M.D., Vice Chair

### Minutes

**Thursday, January 12, 2023**

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#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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##### **Members**

Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association  
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

##### **County Staff**

Abedin, Sanaa  
Assof, Michael  
Christison, Brian  
Duncan, MD, Dave  
Erickson, Kirk  
Gall, Jessica  
Martin, Adilver  
Meick, Tyler  
Pacheco, Cheryl  
Robbins, Christi  
Rogers, Cody  
Smith, PhD, Josh

##### **Agency Representatives**

Adams, Verne – SDFRD  
Behm, Jeff – Falck  
Clyons, Jeff – SDFRD  
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy  
Dotson, Melody – UCSD  
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad FD  
Morgan, Ryan – Mercy Air  
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD  
Smith, Ray – CVFD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Chara Cote, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- There were no announcements.

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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott, to approve the November 2022 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

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## III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

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There were no public comments or petitions.

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## IV. STAFF REPORT – Tyler Meick, EMS Coordinator

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- EMSA Policy Update  
October 17th EMSA announced a policy update regarding the termination of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Executive Orders, (N-11-22 and N-4-22).  
**Effective February 28, 2023**, this announcement:
  - **Rescinds the utilization of out-of-state medical personnel to render medical services**
  - **Terminates waivers associated with the utilization of EMSA Cal-Mat teams Beyond 60 days of service**
  - **Terminates EMS Personnel Licensing, Certification, Training and Scope of Practice waivers:**
    - whereby Paramedics, AEMT, and EMT certified personnel will no longer be able to:
      - Perform their current SOP in hospitals, Alternate Care Sites, Shelters, or any other static site
      - Conduct Covid and Influenza testing
      - Provide vaccinations (COVID, Flu, and/or MPX)
      - And paramedics will no longer authorized to Administer or monitor mAb (Monoclonal Antibody Treatments)
- Procurements  
County staff continues to move forward on previously announced procurements in the County. This is a huge volume of work and we're nearing the finish line. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.
- New Assignments at EMS
  - Dr. Joshua Smith continues to lead our Epidemiology Team
  - Cody Rogers continues to lead our Prehospital Standards Team
  - Tyler Meick has been assigned to lead our Community Paramedicine Team
  - Acting EMS Coordinator Michael Assof is leading our Clinical Team
- Community Paramedicine regulations approved  
The Community Paramedic and Triage to Alternate Destination regulations have been approved (again). A special, off-cycle EMS Commission meeting was called on October 13 to approve this version. The regulations became effective November 1. Look forward to developing the process and framework to drive this initiative forward.
- SOME 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 February 28, 2023, whichever comes first. Attendees should plan on many of these EMS meetings to return to in-person in March
- EMS Office Strategic Plan is Complete - Thank you for your participation!  
The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan is complete. This new document brings a new focus to the strategic vision of County EMS and San Diego County EMS as a whole. The plan development process included a community-led steering committee, key stakeholder interviews, community surveys, and other opportunities for feedback. The EMS Office received more than 1,000 individual comments, suggestions, and recommendations. We are pleased the community's voices were heard and included in support of the Strategic Plan's creation. Thank you for your input to guide County EMS into the future!
- EMS Duty Officer Notification  
Reporting an EMS delivery system issue or incident to the Duty Officer is through the 619-588-0397 phone number. The EMS Office has noticed an uptick in direct, informal contacts to EMS Office staff during urgent situations. These informal updates are often important and informative, but EMS Duty Officer items need to be routed through the San Diego Interagency Command Center to ensure redundancy, active engagement, and accountability. We ask our partners to use the official notification pathway.

- EMT Renewals – submit early!  
In the spring of odd-numbered years (2023, 2025, etc.), the County EMS Credentialing Team is inundated with EMT renewal applications. The monthly credentialing average is about 300 applications, swelling to over 900 in March 2023. Agencies are asked to work with their EMT staff to make sure their applications are submitted early to avoid the rush. As a reminder, EMT Skills Verifications are no longer waived.
- Program Announcement  
The Love Your Heart Week of Action is February 11-19, 2023. Love Your Heart is an annual event in which organizations from across the U.S. and Mexico join together to provide FREE blood pressure screenings to the public on Valentine's Day, February 14. The 2022 event had over 46,400 participants screened online and in-person at 287 sites across the U.S. and Mexico, with over 6,000 blood pressure cuffs distributed across San Diego County.  
Interested in coordinating a Love Your Heart site? The online Love Your Heart Digital Toolkit offers templates and instructions for launching your own blood pressure screening day. Agencies interested in participating should review information at [www.livewellsd.org/love-your-heart/](http://www.livewellsd.org/love-your-heart/)
- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory  
February 20, 2023 – President's Day (County Holiday)
- New Faces soon at EMS  
County EMS is interviewing and moving forward with at least 2 new EMS Specialists in our Office. One will be working with the Community Paramedicine team and the other programmatically on our ambulance contract areas (CSA-17 and USA). We will be interviewing for an Admin Analyst, a Legal Support Specialist, an Office Support Specialist and a EMS Manager soon, also.

Josh Smith, PhD, Sr Epidemiologist

- Update on Transfer of Care Dashboards  
The public dashboard was shared with the group, which is updated on a monthly basis. The following data was presented:
  - Transfer of Care – Offloads Longer than 60 and 120 minutes
  - Transfer of Care – Ambulance Operating Area Data, via FirstWatch and via LEMSIS
  - Transfer of Care – Emergency Department Data, via FirstWatch and via LEMSIS

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## V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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- S-882: Dispatching of Emergency Medical Services  
Not reviewed. Will be sent out in advance of next meeting for review.
- S-TBD: Combined First Responder Inventory  
Not reviewed. Will be sent out in advance of next meeting for review.
- S-411: Reporting of Suspected Child, Dependent Adult, or Elder Abuse/Neglect  
Presented by Michael Assof.

**A motion was made to approve S-411 made by Paul Forney, seconded by Chris Scott to move forward to EMCC. Motion carried.**

- S-TBD: LEMSIS Data Management and Standards Policy  
Not reviewed. Will be sent out in advance of next meeting for review.

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## VI. NEW BUSINESS

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No new business

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## VII. OLD BUSINESS

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- Update of Ambulance Diversion Ad hoc Committee (Tyler Meick)  
S-010 Policy and Ad hoc committee are postponed until current surge dies down, potentially February.
- MCI Policy update/discussion  
Mary Murphy would like to add a county and hospital rep to discussion on MCI policy.  
**ACTION: Tyler Meick to follow up.**

- Appoint a Chair and Vice Chair for Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee

**A motion was made by Paul Forney, seconded by Chris Scott that Chara Cote remain Chair. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Paul Forney, seconded by Chara Cote that Chris Scott remain Vice Chair. Motion Carried.**

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2023 at 9:30 am. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.