



# County of San Diego

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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, October 13, 2022**

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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  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Duncan, MD, Dave  
Erickson, Kirk  
Gall, Jessica  
Martin, Adelver  
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 September 8, 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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- Health Services Capacity Plan Level: Plan Level 2 – Escalated Activation; CDC COVID-19 Community Level: Low; Southern California Fire Preparedness Level: Plan Level 2.
- County EMS is Recruiting! 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. 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.
- Community Paramedicine regulations delayed: The Community Paramedic and Triage to Alternate Destination regulations are open for a 4<sup>th</sup> round of public comment. The public comment period closes October 12, 2022. A special, off-cycle EMS Commission meeting has been called for Oct 13 to approve this version. The anticipated effective date for these regulations is likely to be around New Year's. We look forward to developing the process and framework to drive this initiative forward.
- 2023 - 2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision: Request for EMS Community Input: The comment period for the 2023-2024 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision is now closed. Thank you to all who have contributed input.
- Updated San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan published: The San Diego County Emergency Operations Plan was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on August 30, 2022. The plan is used by all key partner agencies within the county to respond to major emergencies and disasters. This includes Annex D Multi-Casualty Operations.
- SOME County Meetings are Still Virtual (for now): County EMS holds several community meetings each month and 6 are "Brown Act" meetings that 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 and will end 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: Mail Stop 302 (MS-302)
  - USPS Mail: San Diego County EMS Office, 5560 Overland Avenue, Ste. 400, San Diego, CA 92123-1204

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**

The internal work on the draft for Policy S-TBD: Combined First Responder Inventory continues. More to come.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- MCI Policy update/discussion

Chief Verne Adams from San Diego Fire recently participated in an Active Shooter Response workgroup (along with Aaron Bagley, Matt Rios, and Sal Ruiz). They discovered some areas of this policy need help and they are all interested in being involved with improving it.

**ACTION: This item will stay on the agenda.**

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**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

- Update EMD Policy – First Look

The internal discussion work is still going on with taking edits and comments from the Comm centers. Not yet ready for review.

**ACTION: This item will stay on the agenda.**

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2022 at 9:30 am. EMCC Education/Research Subcommittee meeting will be held right after at 11:00 am. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 am.