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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, November 10, 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  
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)  
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, RN, Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

##### 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  
Stepanski, Barbara

##### Agency Representatives

Clyons, Jeff – SDFRD  
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy  
Dotson, Melody – UCSD  
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad FD  
Graydon, Cheryl – ENA  
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP  
Kahn, MD, Chris – UCSD  
Lopez, Brent – Mercy Air  
Mercer, Kevin – AMR  
Pearson, Danielle – CVFD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD  
Smith, Ray – CVFD  
Stauffer, Kim – SDFRD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR  
Vithalani, Veer – Palomar Health

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## I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott, to approve the October 13, 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 – Brian Christison, Program 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.
- EMSA Policy Update: October 17th EMSA announced a policy update regarding the termination of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency Executive Orders. **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
      - Provide vaccinations (COVID, Flu, and/or MPX)
      - Conduct Covid and Influenza testing
      - Paramedics will no longer be authorized to Administer or monitor Monoclonal Antibody Treatments
- 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 EMS Coordinator position also has an opening. The County of San Diego website has further information on how to apply.
- Procurements:
  - CSA 17 – Working on finalizing the contract work.
  - Base Hospital Review and Trauma Catchment Area Designation – Recruitment for the Consultant; ongoing work. More information to come in the new few weeks.
- 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 regulation language completed final review with the state Office of Administrative Law. The regulations became effective November 1, and EMSA has reported the language will be published on their website soon. We 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 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. This relief ends at the Advisory Committee's discretion or until February 28, 2023, whichever comes first.

- EMS Office Strategic Plan is in Progress – Thank you for your participation! The San Diego County EMS Strategic Plan has reached the finish line. We appreciate the feedback and input from all of our stakeholder groups. The Plan identifies the goals and objectives for both the EMS office and the EMS system for the next five years.
- 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.
- 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

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## V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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- S-882: Dispatching of Emergency Medical Services (Brian Christison, Program Coordinator)

**A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Paul Forney to keep this policy at the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee level due to additional work requested. Motion carried.**

**ACTION: County Staff will take this back, discuss internally and bring back at the next January 2023 meeting.**

- S-TBD: Combined First Responder Inventory (Brian Christison, Program Coordinator)

**ACTION: Will revisit and look for endorsement at the January 2023 meeting.**

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## VI. NEW BUSINESS

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- MCI Policy update/discussion (Mary Murphy)

The EMS section requested to review the need for a MCI policy to address logistics and operational needs. The group would include representation from hospitals, the County, first responders, and private ambulances.

**ACTION:**

- 1) **EMS Section will work on the MCI Policy. A working group will be led by Chief Bagley.**
- 2) **This item will stay on the agenda as Old Business.**

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## VII. OLD BUSINESS

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- Update of Ambulance Diversion Ad hoc Committee (Tyler Meick, EMS Coordinator)

Currently working on Ambulance Diversion policy updates internally. Once the documents have gone through its internal processes, an ad hoc committee will be called to contribute to development.

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**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 12, 2023 at 9:30 am. Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.