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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)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Chara Cote, R.N., Chair / Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Pearson, Danielle (Alt) – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society
Wells, R.N., Chris (Alt) – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy
Sigmund, Justin

Agency Representatives

deKlerk, Maude – RCCP
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – ENA
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD
Smith, R.N., Zechariah – AMR/CSA17
Sullivan, Don – AMR

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

Brian Covell, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Introductions were made. There were no announcements.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chris Wells to approve the January 9, 2020 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions submitted.

IV. STAFF REPORT – Brian Christison

A. Surveillance

1. Flu – The Flu Season is in full swing with case counts and deaths much higher than last year. The 2018 “PHO Flu Order” is still affect from last year and is available on our website (www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com). The flu letter requires, among other things, that healthcare personnel (including EMS Credentialed Personnel) wear a mask in patient care areas if they choose to not be vaccinated for the flu.
2. Capacity Plan – The All-Hazard Health Service Capacity Management Plan is currently at a Plan Level 5 (Feb 6 returned to Level 5 Baseline Surveillance). EMS Epidemiologists are carefully monitoring the Healthcare and EMS system metrics the Task Force agreed to monitor last summer. The current Plan Level is prominently posted on the EMS Section’s webpage at www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com
3. Novel Corona Virus (CoViD-19) – Guidance and information from PHS on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus for First Responders has been distributed to our EMS Agency Administrators through our LEMSIS System. LEMSIS users are seeing travel history become a mandatory field on ILI type cases.

B. Procurements

1. San Marcos Operating Area – Notice of Intent to Award has been posted for the San Marcos Service Area. Purchasing and Contracting will be working with San Marcos to sign a contract soon.
2. Unified Service Area – The County’s internal selection process is underway, and more information will be available soon.

C. EMS Protocols, Policies and Procedures – EMS Staff continue their work to editing and sort feedback for this year’s revisions. Adult Protocols will be routed through our BSPC Meetings (Pediatric Protocols will be reviewed this month). In addition to the protocol updates, several system policies are proceeding through EMCC review and feedback process. (All would become effective July 1, 2020)

D. Help Wanted at the EMS Office – EMS Specialist and QA Specialist positions are open, and more information can be found on the County’s website for the open positions. Only the QAS requires a RN License. You can also contact the EMS Administrator’s Officer for more details. (<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/hr/>) EMS/Fire Liaison position opening soon.

E. EMCC Change of Venue for 2020 – EMCC meetings in Calendar Year 2020 will be held at National University in Clairemont Mesa off Ruffin Road, (which is across Ruffin Road from the new Kaiser Hospital). There is ample parking at this location. Please see the EMCC flier on the EMS website at www.SanDiegoCountyEMS.com for more information and a map to National University. EMCC meets on the 4th Thursday of every month except August and December.

- F. Love Your Heart event on Friday, February 14, 2020 – Love Your Heart is HHSA’s premier preventive health 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. Last year’s Love Your Heart event helped over 36,000 people get to “know their numbers” and take charge of their own heart health. If you have an interest in coordinating a Love Your Heart site or maybe you want to volunteer to work at a site near your home or work? Our online Love Your Heart Digital Toolkit offers templates and instructions for getting involved at www.loveyourheartsd.com
- G. State Fees are Going Up! County Fees are staying the same! – As of July 1, 2020, State fee rise by \$25 in each category. County MICN Authorization, EMT Certification and Paramedic Accreditation Fees will remain the same for FY 20/21.
- H. Non-operational County owned EMS radios need to come home! – All non-operational County owned EMS 800mhz radios are being recalled by the County. We are searching for Mobile and Portable Radios with a Property of the County of San Diego on it. We will accept equipment that is broken or damaged, if the battery is missing or if the radio is just not working...The radio just needs to come home, no questions asked. EMS is specifically looking for older ASTRA W7 radios that have recently stopped working which was caused by the most recent upgrade to the County’s RCS System. To make it easy to return this equipment, you can drop off radio equipment in the lobby of our EMS Office, give the equipment to an EMS staff member, leave the equipment at RCS, or we’ll even come pick up the equipment. If you need more information on the County owned EMS radio recall (and/or which radios are being recalled) please contact the EMS radio desk at 619-285-6405 or the PHPR/EMS Duty Officer at www.SDEMSDO@sdcounty.ca.gov

V. POLICIES

- T-705: Trauma Catchment Service Area

The group suggested several changes.

ACTION: Candy Schoenheit will make the changes and bring back to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.

- T-710: Designation of a Trauma Center

The group suggested several changes.

ACTION: Candy Schoenheit will 1) make the changes and bring back to the next Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting, and 2) find out if the SOW is available for the public.

- T-716: Repatriation of Stable Trauma Service Health Plan Members

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Kevin Mercer to approve Policy T-716. Motion carried.

- S-010: Guidelines for Hospitals Requesting Ambulance Diversion

This policy was brought back to Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting. EMCC's suggested changes were discussed and adopted.

A motion was made by Chris Wells, seconded by Chris Scott to approve Policy S-010. Motion carried.

- P-801: Ad hoc Committee Status Report

Policy P-801 continues to have ongoing changes.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on March 12, 2020.