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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 Zoom Meeting

Chara Cote, R.N., Chair / Brian Covell, R.N., Vice Chair

Minutes

Thursday, March 11, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Moriarty, Douglas (Alt) – SD County Ambulance Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Chmielewski, R.N., Lorraine
Christison, Brian
Dama, Val
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Gall, R.N., Jessica
Martin, Adelver
Parr, Andy
Pitner, Jaime
Rogers, Cody
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy

Agency Representatives

Beckert, Mark – Carlsbad FD
Hayflich, Vanessa – Air Methods
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD FD
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD
Zimmerman, Stephanie – REACH

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. There were no introductions or announcements made. Attendance was captured online.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Brian Covell, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the February 11, 2021 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. STAFF REPORT – Jaime Pitner

A. EMT Renewals: In the spring of odd-numbered years the County EMS Credentialing Team is inundated with EMT renewal applications. 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 waived for the Coronavirus emergency, making the application process that much easier.

B. Vaccination: Flu: The “PHO Flu Order” is evergreen and runs through the designated influenza season (November 1 – March 31). 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.

COVID-19: Vaccinations for EMS Professionals are dependent on State and County protocol and vaccine supply. For more information, please check the County Covid-19 website for the most current information at www.coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine.

C. County EMS Duty Officer: Continues to operate 24/7. CoSD EMS Duty Officer contact methods changed in April 2020. Please make note of these changes.

D. Capacity Plan: The All-Hazard Health Service Capacity Management Plan is still at a Level 1 Full Activation (the highest level). EMS Epidemiologists continue to carefully monitor Healthcare, Hospital and EMS system metrics and produce a HSCTF Level 1 Surveillance report for the Task Force Members 7 days a week.

E. New EMCC Officers: Frank Parra will serve another term as Chairperson and Brian Covell is the new Vice Chairperson for EMCC.

F. Policies and Protocols: The 2019-2020 protocol review is well underway with all Adult and Pediatric protocols proceeding through final review by BSPC this month. A summary of all updates will be prepared in April and provided to the BHNC’s to begin educational planning.

As a review, The Treatment Protocol Task Force met November 15, 2019. This comprehensive discussion was followed by drafts over the winter months, and BSPC reviewed and approved multiple protocol updates in January and February. Timeline for final implementation is on track for July 1, 2021.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

- P-305: Paramedic Accreditation/Reaccreditation

It was suggested to revisit this policy in a few months due to other protocols currently going on.

ACTION: This policy will be put back on the agenda in a few months.

- P-401: Scope of Practice of Paramedic in San Diego County

A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Chris Scott to move to EMCC. Motion carried.

- P-801: Designation of Providers of Advanced Life Support Service – Ad hoc Committee Status Report (Dr. Chris Kahn)

There is additional offline work to be completed.

A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Dan Froelich to move to EMCC. Motion carried.

- S-010: Guidelines for Hospitals Requesting Ambulance Diversion

It was suggested that this policy go for a last consultation with the subcommittee to update on the changes made by the EMS Medical Director and seek the recommendations from EMCC.

A motion was made by Chris Kahn, seconded by Brian Covell to move to EMCC, if required, for re-approval in April. Motion carried.

ACTION: Nicole del Toro will send out an email to reps for comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on April 8, 2021.