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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, June 10, 2021

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Covell, R.N., Brian – District 2
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs’ Association
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society
Wells, R.N., Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators

County Staff

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

Agency Representatives

Beckert, Mark – Carlsbad FD
Murphy, Mary – North County FPD
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
- B. In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- C. There were no announcements made.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made Chris Scott, seconded by Dan Froelich to approve the March 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. County EMS transition to the Public Safety Group: is effective July 1, 2021. Lifting the operation from HHSA over to Public Safety Group. As clarification, the County Fire staff oversee many planning, administrative, and contracting tasks for the County Fire Protection District, led by Director Herman Reddick. Operational services are contracted to CAL FIRE, led by Fire Chief Tony Mecham. County EMS will report to Holly Porter, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer through Herman Reddick.
- B. North Comm Alternate Dispatch Plan Information: the LEMSA recently received the North Zone Fire Agencies' request to establish an alternate dispatch plan for the NorthComm dispatch center. This proposal includes triaging incoming 9-1-1 calls through the nationally recognized Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). We believe that this plan request is well-researched and appropriately planned. The LEMSA will have some formal comments in our specific response to the North Zone agencies.
- C. EMS Fee Changes: The County EMS Fee Schedule is changing again (approved by the Board on May 4). As previously announced, as part of an annual review, our fees have been adjusted to be the true and accurate for the services provided as required by Board Policy. We will be "phasing in" our credentialing fee increase over a three-year period; the 2021/22 fiscal year is step one in this process. The current fee is \$86 and the new fee will be \$106, effective July 1, 2021. Next year, the phased in fee schedule adjustment will be \$126, and landing at \$146 in the third year.
- D. HSCTF Capacity Plan: The Health Services Capacity Plan has been to de-escalated from Level 2 to Level 3.
- E. LEMSIS Updates: County EMS is finalizing data requirements to accept 3rd party data on or before November 1 of 2021. A letter from EMS is being prepared to inform agencies of further plans to send the data.
LEMSIS is also developing patient outcome data returns from our hospitals - either through a direct connection to the hospital or from promised connections from the HIE. Any agency that would like to adopt the no-cost-to-you LEMSIS ePCR platform should contact County EMS staff to begin that conversation.
- F. CAC Cardiac Advisory Committee: The Cardiac Advisory Committee is focusing on improving 12 lead EKG transmission from the field to the STEMI team. The Cardiac Advisory Committee has formed a work group to review technology and facility processes to get the EKG from the field and into the hands of the STEMI team to facilitate rapid and accurate cath lab activations. Working group members include EMS and Fire agency representatives, County EMS staff, cardiologists, and STEMI program managers.
- G. Agency LEMSIS rosters need updating: All EMS agencies have the ability to electronically update their employee lists in LEMSIS. County staffers rely on these LEMSIS rosters for finding the correct agency point of contact, QA reviews, arrest notifications, and a number of other responsibilities. ALS agencies are required to update their rosters under their MOAs, and permitted ambulance providers are required to update their rosters under County code.
- H. Policies and Protocols: The 2021-2022 protocols are finalized and will be implemented July 1. Education on the protocols has been well underway. If you did not receive the final protocol PDF packet and would like to review, please email County EMS. Protocols will be posted to the EMS website just before the effective

date.

- I. County EMS Duty Officers are always at work 24/7. The new phone number is 619-588-0397.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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

The group reviewed and discussed the draft document.

ACTION:

- 1) **A motion was made by Dan Froelich, seconded by Frank Parra not to move Policy P-801 a, b, or c June 4, 2021 version forward to the full EMCC. Motion carried.**
 - 2) **County EMS will report on P-801 draft situation at the next EMCC meeting.**
- S-421 Sexual Assault Patient Destination (formerly known as S-137) (Jaime Pitner)

Changing Protocol S-137 and making it into a policy. It has been reviewed by the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) and the SART Consortium.

Group discussion. Questions on SART facility, details and language clarifications.

ACTION: Policy S-421 will be brought back to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 AM.

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