



# 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, June 9, 2022**

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#### **IN ATTENDANCE**

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##### **Members**

Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association  
Parra, Frank – SD Fire Chiefs' Association  
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society  
Wells, RN, Chris – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)

##### **County Staff**

Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Gall, Jessica  
Martin, Adelper  
Pacheco, Cheryl  
Parr, Andy  
Regier, Marc  
Robbins, Christi  
Rogers, Cody  
Smith, PhD, Josh  
Stepanski, Barbara

##### **Agency Representatives**

Behm, Jeff – Falck  
Clyons, Jeffrey – SD Fire Rescue  
Covell, Brian – Scripps Mercy  
Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad Fire  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Air Methods  
Hinton, William – Mercy Air  
Jackson, Ennis – AMR/RCCP  
Jagielinski, Jakub – CAL FIRE  
Kahn, MD, Christopher – USCD  
Lopez, Brent – Reach  
Lord, Scott – Mercy Air  
Mercer, Kevin – AMR  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17  
Schadegg, Rochelle – Mercy Air  
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD  
Smith, Ray – CVFD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

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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.

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Dr. Chris Scott, to approve the May 12, 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**

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- EMSA waivers come to a close JUNE 30, 2022:  
In March 2020 EMSA, under the authority granted by Executive Order, implemented an array of waivers and alterations to standard EMS rules. These changes included:
  - Substituting simulations or other adjustments for clinical and internship contacts for EMT and paramedic students
  - Waiving the biannual EMT skills competency verification
  - Authorizing EMTs, AEMTs, and paramedics to practice their respective scope in stationary settings
  - Approval for Local Optional Scope of Practices for COVID-19 testing and vaccination administrationCoEMS expects that these emergency standards will conclude on June 30, 2022, including for training courses that began prior to this date. Agencies with EMT staff are asked to help clarify the renewal needs as all LEMSAs return to prior practice. After June 30, renewing EMTs are required to provide 24 hours of EMS Continuing Education, a current BLS-level CPR card, and the completed skills competency verification form, as well as to submit the required fees.
- San Diego County Fire / EMS Division Advisory Committees – Bylaw Updates Coming Soon!  
Continuing the work of moving County EMS to be a Division of San Diego County Fire the bylaws for both the CSA 17 Advisory Committee and the Emergency Medical Care Committee need to be updated to reflect these organizational changes.
- County EMS Personnel Fees mark year two of three incremental increases: EMS personnel fees will increase by \$20 again this year marching toward the CoSD Board Policy B-29 requirement for cost recovery for providing EMS credentialing services. The new recertification fee for EMT Certification, Paramedic Accreditation and MICN Authorization will be \$126 (currently \$106) beginning July 1, 2022. Other EMS programmatic fees are also being adjusted and become effective at the same time.
- County Meetings are Still Virtual (for now): County EMS holds several community meetings each month. Up to 6 of these meetings are so-called “Brown Act” meetings and 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 2023 whichever comes first.
- Procurements: County EMS encourages interested parties to register with the County’s BuyNet webportal to receive procurement information as soon as it is released. There are instructions posted on our website. Upcoming procurements include:
  - RFP for Evaluation of Base Station System and Trauma Catchment area designation
    - RFI Industry Day Hosted on June 7, 2022
  - RFP for Paramedic Ambulance Services for CSA 17
    - RFP Posted to BuyNet May 24, closes June 22
- EMS Protocol Review for 2022: The EMS team is completing the final review of protocol revisions for 2022. Thanks to all those who submitted suggested revisions. The revised protocols have

been finalized and distributed in advance of education and training updates in April. Implementation of the revised protocols is scheduled for July 1, 2022.

- San Diego County EMS Office – Strategic Plan Is Underway! San Diego County Fire has contracted with a local firm to conduct a Strategic Analysis and to create a Strategic Plan for San Diego County EMS. 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 are being solicited and will be asked to join the consultant in listening sessions so their voices can be heard in support of the creation of the plan. This work will take place very soon and the timeline for the release of the plan will be this Summer. Thanks in advance for your input to guide County EMS into the future!
- San Diego County Fire Protection District EMS Fees: The Governing Board of the San Diego County Fire Protection District will consider the adoption of EMS fees for the District at their June 14 and 28 regular meetings. These fees are in support of the formalization and routine operation of ambulances in the district.

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#### **V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Brian Christison)**

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- S-002: Approval of Emergency Medical Services System Standards, Policies and Procedures

**A motion was made by Frank Parra, seconded by Paul Forney to change the language in section III C, from 45 days to 60 days and to move this policy forward to EMCC. Motion carried.**

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#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

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No new business.

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#### **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

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- Ambulance Diversion Ad hoc Committee (Brian Christison)

Anticipate to work on diversion this summer. Have received a lot of interested nominations. Will likely kick off end of July/August.

- Update of Transfer of Care Signature Time (Josh Smith)

The work is complete. Will validate the data coming in for the TOC time stamps from the PCR. Targeting an official transition date of July 1, 2022. The TOC button will be completely deactivated.

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#### **VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2022 at 9:30 AM. Meeting adjourned at 9:57 am.