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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting Zoom Meeting**

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

**Minutes**  
**Thursday, July 8, 2021**

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### **IN ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members**

Cote, R.N., Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Froelich, Dan – County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Mercer, Kevin – SD County Ambulance Association  
Scott, M.D., Christopher – SD County Medical Society

#### **County Staff**

Christison, Brian  
Dama, Val  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Gall, R.N., Jessica  
Martin, Adelver  
Pacheco, R.N., Cheryl  
Pitner, Jaime  
Rogers, Cody

#### **Agency Representatives**

Beckert, Mark – Carlsbad FD  
Forney, Paul – AMR  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – ENA  
Hayflich, Vanessa – Air Methods  
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Grossmont  
Murphy, Mary – North County FPD  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

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

- A. Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:32 AM.
- B. In lieu of introductions, attendance was captured online.
- C. There were no announcements made.

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### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A motion was made Dan Froelich, seconded by Chris Scott to approve the June 10, 2021, 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 – Jaime Pitner

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- A. County EMS transition to the Public Safety Group: On June 29 the final piece of the administrative transfer of the activities and responsibilities of the LEMSA were transferred from the County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) to the County's Public Safety Group (PSG). The County Board of Supervisors approved the amendment of Board Policy K-12 which designated the San Diego County Emergency Medical Services Office as the LEMSA for the County. This move better aligns and centralizes the many emergency services elements of the County under one single Group. For most stakeholders and the public, this change is a seamless administrative transition for the EMS Office. The San Diego County EMS Office is administratively housed as a Division under San Diego County Fire.
- B. Listening Sessions RFI posted Friday, 7/2 and close Friday, 7/23. There will be Survey Monkey link where feedback can be submitted. Comments may also be submitted via survey questions attached to RFI. Listening session information is listed below – attendance is not required to provide feedback.
- Listening Session #1 – Monday, 7/12 at 1pm via Zoom
  - Listening Session #2 – Thursday, 7/15 at 6pm via Zoom
- C. New LEMSIS Agency Live: Escondido Fire Department has implemented the LEMSIS Elite ePCR platform. This adoption allows their records to instantaneously post to the LEMSIS Hospital Hub, link to the base hospital record, flow to the state CEMSIS data repository, and skip the FirstWatch Transfer of Care button since LEMSIS transfer of care times are calculated from the ePCR.
- D. Capacity Plan: The All-Hazard Health Service Capacity Management Plan is currently at a Level 3 Partial Activation. EMS Epidemiologists have continued the continuous system monitoring that has proven critical throughout the pandemic response. The current Plan Level is prominently posted on the County EMS webpage at SanDiegoCountyEMS.com.
- 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. County EMS Duty Officers: are on duty 24/7. The new phone number is 619-588-0397.
- G. Policy S-010: The updated Ambulance Diversion policy took effect on July 1. Ambulance Diversion may be instituted for up to four hours. Any request to extend diversion past four hours requires the County EMS Duty Officer to approve. The County EMS Duty Officer may also place an ED on diversion if indicated – primarily for long offload delays or other signs an ED is saturated to the point the EMS system is affected. The prior practice of routinely accepting incoming patients while on ED Diversion is no longer appropriate. When an ED is on Diversion, patients requesting that facility requires the Base Hospital to agree that accepting a particular patient is in the best interests of that patient - this is a much higher bar than in the concluded ED Bypass policy. This requires good medical judgment by the MICN to determine appropriate destinations. As a reminder, all hospitals are responsible for updating their ED and specialty

diversion statuses in Resource Bridge.

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**V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW**

- S-421 Sexual Assault Patient Destination (formerly known as S-137) (Jaime Pitner)

**A motion was made by Chris Scott, seconded by Kevin Mercer to move forward Policy S-421 to the full EMCC. Motion carried.**

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**VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING**

Meeting is dark in August. Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on September 9, 2021.

Meeting adjourned at 9:49 AM.