



# County of San Diego

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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

## Informational Notes Thursday, May 13, 2021

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### IN ATTENDANCE

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#### Members

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

#### Agency Representatives

Beckert, Mark – Carlsbad FD  
Pierce, R.N., Jodi – SD FD  
Seabloom, Lynn – Oceanside FD

#### County Staff

Abedin, Sanaa  
Cavanaugh, Adria  
Chmielewski, R.N., Lorraine  
Christison, Brian  
Dama, Val  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Gall, R.N., Jessica  
Martin, Adelver  
Pitner, Jaime  
Rogers, Cody  
Schoenheit, R.N., Candy  
Stepanski, Barbara

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

Chara Cote, EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:33 AM. Fire Captain Corey Beckwith, EMS Operations Coordinator with San Diego Fire, introduced himself and announced that he will be covering for Dan Froelich over the next six months to a year, representing San Diego Fire EMS. Attendance was captured online. There was no quorum and the meeting proceeded without any voting.

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### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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**Due to no quorum, the March 11, 2021 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting minutes were not approved.**

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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. Vaccinations

COVID-19: Vaccinations for EMS Professionals are dependent on State and County protocol and vaccine supply. For more information please check out the County Covid-19 website for the most current information at [www.coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine](http://www.coronavirus-sd.com/vaccine). So far, more than 300 San Diego County prehospital providers have been trained as vaccinators.

As a reminder, EMTs are not permitted to reconstitute or draw up vaccine doses. EMT vaccinators may provide the injection only. More information can be found on the EMSA website at [www.emsa.ca.gov/covid19](http://www.emsa.ca.gov/covid19) under the Local Optional Scope of Practice header OR the EMS Medical Director's notification memo dated January 14 posted to the County EMS webpage.

B. County EMS Duty Officers are ready 24/7. Busy with a few recent incidents such as the Scripps IT issue, a capsized boat MCI, and all the daily activities associated with patient surges.

C. County EMS transition to the Public Safety Group effective July 1, 2021.

D. National Cot-Drop Survey is a research study seeking information regarding the prevalence of cot drops and how agencies are dealing with prevention and response. The survey is appropriate for operations-level staff and managers. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CL3Q53Z>

E. Public Access Defibrillation registration update:

Agencies and facilities with Automated External Defibrillators can now register their Public Access AED with the LEMSA and update their AED location information online, through our PulsePoint AED portal. More information is posted on the County EMS website.

F. 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. Questions on our fee schedule should be directed to the EMS Administrator.

In addition, the Ambulance Permit fees are being simplified. Instead of initial and renewal application fees, a single permit-related fee has been adopted. This Permit Application fee will be \$3,549. Inspection fees, previously divided into 3 types, will be replaced with a single inspection fee. The 20/21 inspection fee is \$392.

G. 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. (A pilot ePCR integration project with WATER has

been progressing since the fall of 2020).

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.

H. Agency LEMSIS rosters need updating:

All EMS agencies have the ability to electronically update their employee lists in LEMSIS. County staff have noticed that some agencies have done a better job adding new staff, and have been less accurate with removing staff that have left the agency. Other agencies have not updated their roster in some time. 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. In the near future, agency designees will receive monthly email reminders to update their LEMSIS personnel lists.

I. Policies and Protocols:

The 2021-2022 protocols are finalized. Education materials are being prepared and distributed for the July 1 effective date. 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.

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## V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW

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

Due to Dr. Kahn's absence, there was no status report. There was a group discussion.

**ACTION: Due to lack of representation and no quorum, this policy will be sent to the next EMCC meeting as a discussion topic.**

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

**ACTION: Will re-address this policy at the next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting.**

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## VI. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING

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Meeting adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is on June 10, 2021.