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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC) MEETING**

Paul Forney, Chair/ Lisha Wiese, Vice Chair  
c/o SD County Emergency Medical Services Office  
County Operations Center | Sheriff's STIC Facility  
5575 Overland Avenue, San Diego, CA 92123

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

#### **Members Present**

Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Emergency Nurses' Association  
Jordan, Jonathan – SD County Fire Districts' Association  
Muns, Harry – SD County Fire Chiefs' Association (Alt)  
Phillips, M.D., Julie – SD County Medical Society  
Riley, Tobin – SD County Fire Districts' Association (Alt)  
Sloane, M.D., Christian – District 5  
Walters, Sean – SD County Paramedic Association (Alt)  
Wells, R.N., Christine – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators (Alt)  
Wiese, Lisha – Hospital Association of SD/Imperial Counties

#### **In Attendance**

Cochran, Jennifer – Santee & Lakeside Fire  
Johnson, Kristen – Heartland Fire  
Kahn, MD, Christopher – SDFD/UCSD  
Nevin, John – Heartland Fire  
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – Vista Fire  
Schwartz, MD, Brad – AMR/RCCP  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

#### **Not in Attendance**

District 1  
District 2  
District 3  
District 4  
American Red Cross  
County Paramedic Agencies Committee  
Law Enforcement Agencies  
Military Agencies

#### **County Staff**

Assof, Michael  
Christison, Brian  
Collins, Jeff  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Haidari, Tareq  
King, Colin  
Meick, Tyler  
Parr, Andy  
Rogers, Cody  
Trousdale, Brad  
Vithalani, MD, Veer

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### **I. CALL TO ORDER/ PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Paul Forney, EMCC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was declared.
- B. The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- C. There were no introductions.
- D. The following new EMCC members were announced: Dr. Julie Phillips representing San Diego County Medical Society, Dr. Burnie Dunlap representing District 4, and Dr. Manisha Sharma representing District 1.

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### **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/ PETITIONS**

There were no public comments or petitions.

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### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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A motion was made by Dr. Christian Sloane, seconded by Cheryl Graydon to approve the September 26, 2024 minutes. Motion carried.

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### IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee – Chris Wells on behalf of Chara Cote, RN

Received updates on:

- Base Hospital radio hardware replacement
- ECPR
- EPE tracking and trending
- California Core Measures
- County Ambulance Ordinance
- Communications Failure Report Form
- LEMSIS update (which is on the agenda for November EMCC)

#### B. Education and Research Subcommittee – Cheryl Graydon, RN

Did not meet.

#### C. Disaster Planning Subcommittee – Lisha Wiese

- Hospitals participated in a disaster exercise in October focusing on pediatric surge.
- Hospitals will come together and present their reports to County EMS in early December.
- The next drill is coming in the Spring.

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### V. COUNTY REPORT

#### A. Base Hospital/Trauma Catchment Review – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator, Cody Rogers EMS Coordinator, Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

The consultant has delivered the Final Draft report to the County EMS Office, and the documents are available for public review.

- All information regarding the report and a portal for comments is on the [San Diego County Engage Page](#)
- The reports were presented to the Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2024.
- Stakeholder groups are being formed to provide advice to the EMS Office to advance EMS patient care in the county.
- County EMS is working with the Ambulance Association, Fire Chiefs Association, and the Hospital Association to finalize nominated members to fulfill these advisory roles.

#### B. Administrative Report – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

- Monitoring the Effects of Hurricane Helene on the Medical Supply Chain

The San Diego County EMS Office is monitoring the ongoing situation regarding Hurricane Helene and its significant impact on intravenous fluid manufacturing capacity, as detailed in a [recent press release by Baxter](#). Baxter reported they are increasing the highest demand IV fluids for direct customers from 40% to 60% and for distributors from 10% to 60%, effective October 9.

Please see the EMS Medical Director's guidance on this evolving situation:

- [Monitoring the Effects of Hurricane Helene and East Coast Port Dockworker Strike on the Medical Supply Chain](#)
- [Prehospital Guidance for Normal Saline Shortage Mitigation](#)
- 2025 - 2026 EMS Treatment Protocols: Request for EMS Community Input

The 2025-2026 EMS Treatment Protocol Revision cycle concluded on October 1. A survey was posted online from August 30 – October 1 for the EMS community to provide feedback on treatment protocols. The survey received over 60 responses from various system participants.

The next step is to review the public comments and incorporate any revisions into draft protocols. The draft protocols will be presented at the Base Station Physicians' Committee or BSPC in early 2025.

- Addition of UCSD Medical Center Hillcrest as an ECPR Receiving Center

We are pleased to announce that UCSD Medical Center Hillcrest was accepted into the ECPR Pilot Program on November 7, 2024. The currently approved ECPR Receiving Centers are Sharp Grossmont Hospital, Sharp Memorial Hospital, Scripps Memorial Hospital La Jolla, and UCSD Medical Center Hillcrest. We are excited to expand this lifesaving ECPR Pilot Program to include a fourth partner and you can visit our [ECPR Pilot Program webpage](#) for more information.

- New Requirement for Automated Cardiac Compression Devices on July 1, 2025

As agencies were informed at the Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting in March of this year, protocol S-103 language was revised to state that automated cardiac compression devices will become mandatory for all ALS ground ambulances on July 1, 2025. This requirement was included in the educational materials distributed to all EMS agencies with the revised protocols on May 1, 2024.

We are providing early notification of this requirement in appreciation of its substantial fiscal impact and the need for inclusion in the budgeting process for the next fiscal year.

- Statewide CA EMS Awards Nominations:

EMSA is currently accepting nominations for the 2024 California EMS Awards. The nomination deadline is December 31, 2024. We encourage all EMS providers, supervisors, and managers to submit nominations for individuals they believe are deserving of recognition.

You can submit a nomination here: [CA EMS Awards Nominations | EMSA](#)

- Welcome Chula Vista Fire to the LEMSIS System!

Chula Vista & Imperial Beach Fire Department adopted the LEMSIS System for their ePCR needs. They are also using LEMSIS for their Fire Service reporting. Agencies who use the LEMSIS System are fully compliant with EMSA dataset requirements as well as OD Maps submittals. The LEMSIS product is always improving and adapting to the adjustments in the dataset and the user experience. The very active user group makes suggestions to improve the product monthly. The LEMSIS welcomes Chula Vista & Imperial Beach to the LEMSIS family.

- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:

Thanksgiving, November 28-29, 2024

**C. County Ambulance Ordinance – Cody Rogers, EMS Coordinator**

Provided an update on the timeline for public input and survey collection for this important project. Interested parties should review the [Engage San Diego County Ambulance Ordinance project page](#) for more information.

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## VI. SYSTEM POLICY REVIEW (Endorsement Vote)

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There are no policies for review.

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## VII. REPORTS

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A. Cardiac Arrest Outcomes and Bystander CPR Update Presentation – Colin King, Epidemiologist

The following PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group: [Cardiac Arrest Outcomes & Bystander CPR](#)

B. LEMSIS Update Presentation – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

The following PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group: [LEMSIS Updates](#)

C. Heartland – Nurse Navigation Pilot Program Update Presentation – Chief Jon Nevin, Dr. Brad Schwartz, and Kristen Johnson.

The following PowerPoint presentation was shared with the group: [Nurse Navigator](#)

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### VIII. OLD BUSINESS

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A. Ambulance Diversion Town Hall Update

County EMS is expecting to hold this forum after the new year.

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### IX. NEW BUSINESS

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A. Elect EMCC Chair and Vice Chair.

**A motion was made by Paul Forney, seconded by Christine Wells to nominate Jonathan Jordan as the new EMCC Chair effective January 2025. Motion carried.**

**A motion was made by Dr. Julie Phillips, seconded by Sean Walters to nominate Paul Forney as the new EMCC Vice Chair effective January 2025. Motion carried.**

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### X. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The next EMCC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, 5560 Overland Ave, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. Meeting adjourned at 10:29 am.