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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee Meeting
Chara Cote, RN, Chair/ Christopher Scott, MD, Vice Chair
c/o SD County Emergency Medical Services Office
County Operations Center
5560 Overland Avenue, Rm 171, San Diego 92123
Thursday, October 10, 2024

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forney, Paul – SD County Ambulance Association

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Meick, Tyler
Rogers, Cody
Trousdale, Brad
Vithalani, MD, Veer

Agency Representatives

Clyons, Jeff – SD Fire Rescue

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- A. Chara Chote, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
B. There were no introductions.
C. There were no announcements.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The members who attended the September 12, 2024 meeting were not in attendance for today's meeting. Therefore, the September minutes were not approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. COUNTY REPORT – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

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- 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 in early 2024.

- New Requirement for Automated Cardiac Compression Devices on July 1, 2025:
As agencies were informed at the Base Station Physicians' Committee meeting in March, 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](#)

- A. Base Hospital Radios – Interim Solutions – Cody Rogers, EMS Coordinator

The following presentation was shared with the group: [Base Hospital Radio Update](#)

- B. LEMSIS Updates – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

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

- C. ECPR Pilot Update – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

The following presentation was shared with the group: [Prehospital ECPR Pilot Program](#)

- D. Emergency Protocol Exception (EPE) Status Update – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

A verbal update was provided on the Emergency Protocol Exception (EPE). The verbiage of a Base Hospital physician order was removed and protocol S-100 was revised to include the language on how to handle a variation as well as incorporate the new EPE. Went live on July 1.

V. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: This agenda item will be skipped until enough primary members are in attendance for nomination.

VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024, 9:30 am at the COC, 5560 Overland Avenue, Rm 171, San Diego 92123. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.