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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, November 14, 2024**  
**Minutes**

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**IN ATTENDANCE**

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**Members**

Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Phillips, MD, Julie – SD County Medical Society

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**County Staff**

Assof, Michael  
Christison, Brian  
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)  
Rogers, Cody  
Smith, PhD, Josh  
Trousdale, Brad  
Vithalani, MD, Veer

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**Agency Representatives**

Gilmore, Christina – Carlsbad FD  
Jordan, Jonathan – Lakeside FD  
Pearson, Nate – Carlsbad FD  
Rauto-Shin, Roxanne – Vista FD  
Scott, MD, Christopher – Kaiser  
Sullivan, Don – AMR

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

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- A. Chara Chote, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.  
B. There were no introductions.  
C. There were no announcements.

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**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**The members who attended the September 12, 2024 meeting and the October 10, 2024 meeting were not in attendance for today's meeting. Therefore, the September and October 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. COUNTY REPORT – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator**

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- The Comprehensive Base Station Hospital and Trauma Catchment Area Consultant:  
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.

- 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](#)

- 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.

- 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 2025.

- 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](#)

- Welcome Chula Vista & Imperial Beach 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 Advisories:

Thanksgiving, November 28-29, 2024

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

The base hospital radio consoles are outdated. Working closely with our Regional Communication System colleagues on the best process to update the hardware.

B. California Core Measures Update – Josh Smith, Sr. Epidemiologist

The following presentation was shared with the group: [2024 EMSA Core Measures](#)

- C. County Ambulance Ordinance Update – Cody Rogers, EMS Coordinator

A report on the Ambulance Ordinance update was provided. More information may be found at the [Engage San Diego Ambulance Ordinance project page](#).

- D. Communications Failure Report Presentation – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

The following presentation was shared with the group: [P-405 Communications Failure](#)

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**V. NEW BUSINESS**

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No new business.

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**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

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- A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

**ACTION: Due to membership changes and not enough primary members in attendance for nomination, this agenda item will be skipped until the next meeting in January 2025.**

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**VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

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The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for January 9, 9:30 am at the COC, 5560 Overland Avenue, Rm 172, San Diego 92123. Meeting adjourned at 10:28 am.