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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, June 13, 2024

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE

Members

Cote, RN, Chara – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Lopez, Brent – CAL-AAMS (Technical Advisor)
Muns, Harry – SD Fire Chiefs' Association
Murphy, Mary – County Paramedic Agencies Committee (Alt)
Scott, MD, Christopher – SD County Medical Society

County Staff

Assof, Michael
Christison, Brian
del Toro, Nicole (recorder)
Trousdale, Brad

Agency Representatives

Bloom, Shannon – CSA 17 Program Specialist
Ruiz, Sal – CSA 17
Sullivan, Don – AMR

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Chara Cote, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. A quorum was declared.
- There were no introductions or announcements.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from November 9, 2023, were not approved; The members from the November meeting were not in attendance today to approve the minutes.

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott, seconded by Harry Muns to approve the March 14, 2024, meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. COUNTY REPORT – Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator

- 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 public comment period is open until June 30, 2024
- the Reports will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 16, 2024
- Protocols:
The San Diego County EMS 2024-2025 treatment protocol revision cycle concluded in April and all protocols and policies are posted on the County EMS website. The protocol and policy updates take effect July 1, 2024.

On May 1, all fire and EMS agencies were sent an education packet that included a protocol and policy updates presentation, protocol changelog, protocol packet, and quiz. After a review of the materials, an agency identified some inconsistencies in protocols P-115A Pediatric Weight-Based Dosage Standards and P-117 ALS Pediatric Drug Chart (Turquoise). These two protocols were revised and new versions are posted on the County EMS webpage.

On May 20, all fire and EMS agencies were sent an updated education materials packet with the revisions via LEMSIS. Additionally, you can access revised copies of the protocol changelog and protocol packet on the Prehospital Policies and Protocols page.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback and supported the efforts to revise our protocols to ensure high quality, patient-centered care.

- Job Opportunities at County EMS:
The San Diego County EMS Office is currently seeking applicants for a number of positions. These positions may be full time employees of the County, and others may be in a temporary position – in the County classification system, these positions are called Temporary Expert Professionals or TEPs. TEP work may be full or part time. The County is currently in the recruitment process for Quality Assurance Specialists, in both full-time and temporary positions. Emergency Medical Services Specialist hiring list may be opening soon. The EMS Office is internally hiring an Admin Analyst II and an Epidemiologist II for our work on future projects and possible system redesign. Interested persons considering employment with County EMS with the following expertise are highly desirable:
 - EMS quality assurance,
 - emergency operations and planning,
 - EMS system innovation,
 - and those with experience in emergency telecommunications, data analysis, and EHR integration.

Please see the County's employment website for more information and/or share your CV with the hiring team at Nicole.DelToro@sdcounty.ca.gov

- National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project:
The San Diego County EMS Office is encouraging all EMS agencies to complete the annual National Prehospital Pediatric Readiness Project (PPRP) survey which is a joint initiative on the national level to evaluate the readiness of all EMS and fire-rescue agencies to care for ill or injured children. **The assessment opened May 1st and will run through July 31st.**
Assessment Link: [Link to Survey](#)
- EMS Week Thank You!
County EMS hosted our second annual EMT Skills Day on May 20, 2024, and we were able to requalify 97 EMTs as they prepared for their upcoming recertification. This opportunity is mostly for "un-rostered" personnel who do not have access to EMS training and CE through their agencies. We especially acknowledge CalFire's EMS Bureau and the many other cooperating agencies and training programs who volunteered to come to the event to make this event successful. Thank you, and we hope to see you again next year!
- County EMS Fees going up July 1, 2024:
The San Diego County Board of Supervisors endorsed a new fee schedule to be implemented in a phased approach. The fees being adjusted are personnel fees, specialty care fees and EMS permit fees. If you have questions or comments, please see our website at www.sandiegocountyems.com to see the updated fee schedule.
- Current Medication Shortages:
Information on medication shortages, as well as mitigation strategies, can be found on our Medication Shortages Page: [Medication Shortages Page](#). County EMS is continuously monitoring potential medication shortages from open sources as well as at our County Pharmacies and from EMS Agency

Reporting. County EMS has issued a temporary exemption on ketamine, which is in effect until June 30, 2024. Some other potential system-wide shortages are epinephrine 1:10,000 and albuterol. Agencies are advised to monitor par levels and agency stock to assure that you are in compliance with County EMS Policy P-806.

- County EMS Office Holiday Closure Advisory:
Juneteenth, June 19, 2024
Independence Day, July 4, 2024

A. Base Hospital Radios - Interim Solutions – Brian Christison, Program Coordinator

All of our base hospitals have an integrated multiple radio console system. These consoles are increasingly experiencing hardware challenges. A couple of interim solutions are being explored, and more information will be forthcoming.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Upcoming Policies/Coming Attractions

Michael Assof, EMS Coordinator, shared the following presentation: [Upcoming Policy Revisions and Protocol Coming Attractions](#)

A motion was made by Dr. Chris Scott that the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee recommend to EMCC that a formal S-010 subcommittee be created. The purpose of the subcommittee would be to assist County EMS in redeveloping the policy to replace the existing emergency memo. Motion carried with no objections.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Elect Chair and Vice Chair

ACTION: A request was made to keep this item on the agenda for next month, until enough primary members are in attendance for nomination, with the intention of nominating Paul Forney as Chair and Harry Muns as Vice Chair. A recommendation will be brought back in July.

VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 11, 2024, 9:30 am at the County Operations Center, Rm 171. Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.