Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) - 2010 Meeting Minutes

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EMCC Minutes Thursday, September 23, 2010

EMCC Minutes Thursday, October 14, 2010 – subcommittee

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EMCC Minutes Thursday, November – no meeting

EMCC Minutes Thursday, December – no meeting

*Minutes will be posted when available

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
Education/Research Subcommittee
Minutes
Thursday, January 28, 2010

Members Present

Dotson, R.N., Melody – BHNC
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. County Fire Chiefs

County Staff Present

Smith, R.N., Susan
Thomas, R.N., Pauline

Recorder

Wander, Deborah

Guests Present

Balderson, Kristi – NCTI
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
Goss, James – NCTI
Klingensmith, Todd – EMSTA College
Stonecipher, R.N., Joanne – Southwestern Coll.
Stuart, Lawson – NCTI
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bruce Fried, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Minutes were reviewed and the group agreed to strike the second paragraph under number III relating to a new State law going into effect.

MOTION made by Katy Green, R.N., Seconded by Melody Dotson, R.N., to approve the Minutes of November 19, 2009 with the change noted above. MOTION carried.

II. REVIEW OF POLICIES P-300, P-301, P-301 with attachment and P-302

ACTION: Policies P-300 and P-302 were reviewed and suggested revisions were brought forward.

MOTION made by Melody Dotson, R.N., Seconded by Katy Green, R.N., to approve , P-300 and P-302 with changes. MOTION carried.

ACTION: Policies P301 and P-301 with attachment were tabled and will come back at the next meeting.

IV. FUTURE STEPS

The training agencies will re-work the Policies P-301 and P-301 with attachment and bring back at the next EMCC Education Research subcommittee meeting of Thursday, February 25, 2010.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 25, 2010 at approximately 10:00 a.m., following the regular 9:00 a.m. EMCC meeting that morning at the County Health Services Askew Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah Wander

Deborah Wander, Office Support Specialist
County EMS

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Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies' Committee
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – Fourth District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Martin, Holly – American Red Cross
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association

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Thomas, Pauline
Flores, Carlos
Yaghmaee, Saman

Recorder
Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Pfohl, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of October 22, 2009 as submitted. **MOTION carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

IV. EMCC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (Bruce Fried)

The report is to be tabled until the next EMCC meeting on March 25th. The paramedic training requirements are still in progress.

V. EMS PROGRAM PRIORITIZATION (Jim Marugg)

In January, a meeting with the chairs of the HHSA advisory groups was held. Terry Hogan, HHSA Executive Finance Director, presented the state government impacts that the County will have to consider. The group was asked to look at the previous year's priorities, mirror the recommendations from the last fiscal year and forward them to the director.

ACTION: There was a vote on directing county staff to forward the same priorities that were submitted last year to the director.

MOTION was made by Kelly Forman, R.N. and seconded by Chief Gary Fisher. **MOTION carried.**

VI. EMT 2010 (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief and Saman Yaghmaee, EMS Admin Services Manager)

EMT 2010 is a priority project that has been mandated from the State of California Emergency Medical Services authority in response to the assembly bill that passed and was signed by the Governor to require background checks on all EMT's and establish a central registry.

Power Point Presentation. Talking points were on the state central registry, state paramedic fees, state EMT fees, EMS agency proposed fee structure, B-29 Policy, cost recovery and comparison charts.

All EMT's will be registered in the state central registry computer system. There will be a separate computer system set up at the local EMS agency that will not be connected with the current QCS system. Carlos Flores is selected as the representative for Southern

California for the State Central Registry. Personnel that will have to access the central registry for data entry will be identified and criminal background check grandfather provisions entered by June 1st. The final EMT certification is to be updated by June 25 for an implementation date of July 1, 2010.

Gary Fischer inquired about the information that will be going into the registry. Carlos Flores stated that there will be a data point collection registry log-in with name, type of certificate, expiration, a certificate number and if there have been any actions taken against the certification. There will be different levels of access to the agencies.

The certification fee schedule and schedule for cost recovery plan was reviewed. New fees are proposed to go into effect July 1.

Discussion was encouraged and ensued. After discussion, it was decided to table the action on the recommended fee increases for one month to obtain input from constituent groups and organizations.

Carlos Flores stated that paramedic fees are also scheduled to be increased. Investigations are expensive and time consuming and the fee increase will help with cost recovery. When asked why some counties fees do not show an increase it was added that some of the counties may also require additional costs for an ambulance card, late fees and a charge if you lose your card and need a replacement.

Marcy Metz noted that to implement the fees by July, a Board Letter with the approved recommendations will need to be submitted in April.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

It was announced that Merle Rupp had retired from the County and that Janet Wolchko will be replacing Merle's position as recorder for the meetings.

Dr. Haynes is at the State Regional Committee meeting on the trauma system. The goal is to have a California State Trauma System.

H1N1. There were five vaccination events throughout the County in January. More events are planned to be held.

Golden Guardian Exercise. The Statewide drill is on May 18th and will be a full County participation effort. The Office of Emergency Services (OES) will activate the Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will activate the Departmental Operations Center (DOC).

EMS Building. In July, the EMS front lobby and restrooms are scheduled to be remodeled. There will be added security doors to both the lobby and County staff offices.

VIII. ELECTIONS FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR 2010

Chief Bob Pfohl nominated Jim Marugg for the position of 2010 Chairperson.

MOTION was made by Bob Pfohl to elect Jim Marugg as the 2010 Chairperson of the EMCC committee, seconded by Kelly Forman, R.N. **MOTION carried.**

Jim Marugg nominated Travis Kusman for the position of Vice-Chair.
MOTION was made by Jim Marugg to elect Travis Kusman as 2010 Vice-Chair of the EMCC committee, seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N. **MOTION was carried**.

Jim Marugg was confirmed as the Chairperson of the Emergency Medical Care Committee for 2010 and Travis Kusman was confirmed as the Vice-Chairperson.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet I. Wolchko
Administrative Secretary

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
EDUCATION/RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, February 25, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

County Health Services Askew Building
1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309
San Diego, CA 92101

A G E N D A

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

II. REVIEW OF POLICY P-301, P-301 w attachment.

III. FUTURE STEPS

IV. ADJOURNMENT

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Carlson, Sharon – CHA
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – BHNC
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Salazar, Sgt., Stan – S.D. County Sheriff's Dept

Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Endicott, Darcey – Military Agencies
Fisher, Chief Gary – Vista Fire Department
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies'
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
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County Staff Present

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Buttron, Patrick
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Thomas, Pauline
Yaghmaee, Saman

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Travis Kusman, Vice-Chair, brought the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

In lieu of a quorum, modifications to the agenda will combine items V. and VIII. relating to department updates and will be brought forward at the request of County staff. Items that require recommendations and a full quorum will be postponed until the next meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No quorum.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

IV. EMCC EDUCATION AND RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT (Bruce Fried)

No report.

V. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Influenza: There were just over 900 patients hospitalized with influenza, about 200 of those were admitted to the ICU. County fatalities remain at 55 and there have been no flu associated deaths since December. The average age of hospitalized cases was 33, while the average age of those that have died is 45. Seventy-five percent of the patients that died had underlying medical conditions. There was a higher risk in pregnant women and young children under the age of 1. Statewide there were 17 fatal cases with pregnant women and 53 cases with children under the age of 1.

Vaccine: The H1N1 vaccine will be included in the seasonal vaccine available next fall. The Advisory Committee Immunizations Practices to the CDC is recommending that more young and middle age adults be added to the group receiving the seasonal flu vaccine next year.

Vaccine Safety: There have been concerns on the safety of the H1N1 vaccine. Seventy-four cases of Guillian-Barre were reported to the State Health Department during the time of the H1N1 vaccine. Only 5 of the cases received the H1N1 vaccine before getting Guillian-Barre which is less than the number of expected cases.

Protocols: There were a few changes in the protocols that were presented at this month's BSPC meeting. Protocol changes include standing orders for Zofran and tourniquets were discussed and a change to spinal mobilization on patients with penetrating injuries.

New Health Law: A copy of the Federal Health Law recently signed was received and will be analyzed for any impact to EMS.

VI. COUNTY OPERATIONAL PLAN/ANNEX D

Annex D Update (Patrick Buttron, County EMS)

The Annex D multi-casualty operations plan is updated every 3 to 4 years. The planning group has met 3 times and is in the final process of review and editing. Major changes this year are in terminology and standardizing of triage tags.

After the updated changes are made, the document will be presented to the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) meeting in May for review and approval. The Annex D revision is to be submitted to the County OES by May 31st.

A list of the EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee members will be forwarded to Sharon Carlson and Travis Kusman.

The Annex D draft will be sent out electronically to the constituency groups in the next few weeks. Sharon Carlson will work with Patrick and Donna to move the review process forward.

VII. EMT 2010 EMT-B/ADVANCED EMT/EMT-P/MICN FEE SCHEDULE (Saman Yaghmaee)

No quorum was established, the agenda item will be moved to the next scheduled meeting.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Golden Guardian: The Golden Guardian statewide exercise is taking place on May 18th. There will be a full County activation of the Office of Emergency Services (OES), Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and HHSA Department Operations Center. The drill will focus on the location of an explosive device in the North County.

The Medical Operations Center (MOC) participation in the Golden Guardian exercise will be tested in trauma and burn surge capacity, activation of the trauma centers, testing the County's capability to manage the number of burn patients as a result of the explosion and communication and transport to the facilities.

Sharon Carlson added that the final exercise planning conference is on April 1st. During the exercise, volunteers will not be transported from the San Marcos North County site. Each location will coordinate volunteers for their own sites. The hospital Master Scenario Events List (MSEL) will have injects to test the ability to detect radiation and decon, and to surge trauma burn patients.

There is a conflict with the Golden Guardian exercise and the monthly recurring BSPC/PAC meeting. Cancellation or rescheduling of the May BSPC/PAC meeting will be decided at the next meeting in April.

EMS: The Quarterly State meetings were held in Los Angeles on March 23rd and 24th, and the EMS Commission met on the 24th. Highlights from the meetings include training for the local EMS Agencies for EMT 2010 and two-day training in Los Angeles and

Palm Springs. On May 4th in Sacramento EMSA is conducting a 201 workshop to discuss the fire white paper on EMS authority in regard to statute and regulations. There will be panel discussions with the Emergency Medical Services Administrators Association of California. The EMS guidelines for exclusive operating areas #141 is out for public comment through September. The American Heart Association released the statewide stroke plan that Dr. Haynes will review.

EMT 2010: The EMS Commission approved the five chapters of regulations for EMT 2010. The central registry, EMT regulations, paramedic regulations, advanced EMT regulations and the process for EMT disciplinary action and guidelines for disciplinary orders and conditions of probation were covered. Once they were reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law, the revisions went out for 15 day public comment. During the review, the Office of Administrative Law defined that the area of jurisdiction responsible for investigation and disciplinary actions taken on a certificate would be the County that issued the certificate, not the jurisdiction where the incident occurred.

Policy: Policy and procedure changes and revisions to comply with new regulations will be brought forward in the next few months to get ready for implementation on July 1st. EMCC meetings will be held from now through June.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

A quorum was not met during the meeting. Agenda items that require recommendations and a full quorum review will be moved to the next meeting scheduled on April 22, 2010.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by,

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Thursday, April 8, 2010

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Committee
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Marugg, Jim – SMF RCCP

County Staff Present

Flores, Carlos, County EMS
Smith, R.N., Susan, County EMS
Thomas, Pauline, County EMS

Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the February 11, 2010 meeting were not available for approval.

III. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Travis Kusman)

San Diego Medical Services is compiling the latest data related to Off-Load transport times to facilities. The data will be presented in the upcoming Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) meeting.

It was requested that the coordinators present the report related to transfers of patients by paramedic ambulance between facilities as a standing agenda report on "Interfacility Transfers".

IV. POLICIES FOR REVIEW – B325, B327, D108, S006 and D822 (Susan Smith and Pauline Thomas, County EMS)

Policies reviewed were B325, B327, D108, D822 and S006.
Consecutive motions were made by Kelly Forman and Travis Kusman to approve the changes, additions and deletions as noted by members present. Motion approved.

Revisions approved by the group were updates to meet EMT 2010 terminology changes in the following policies: A200, A204, B351 Attachment A, B351 Attachment B, B351 Attachment C, B352, P301, P403, P405, P408, P410, P804, P805 S008, S009, S307, S412 and S415.

V. STAFF REPORT (Susan Smith, County EMS)

H1N1 cases are reoccurring in Georgia. There have been no fatalities due to H1N1 in the County since December. Statistics show a slightly higher number of ambulance transports but significantly lower numbers of patients bypassing their requested facility.

Treatment protocol updates and changes will go through the Base Station Physicians Committee (BSPC). There was further discussion on some of the treatment protocols that have been reviewed by the committee.

Note: At the February 11, 2010 EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting it was suggested to continue the Chair and Vice-Chair positions as held by Jim Marugg and Melody Dotson. **Motion was made by Debi Workman at the February 11th meeting to continue the positions held by Jim Marugg as Chair and Melody Dotson as Vice-Chair. Motion approved.**

A question on how specific the "Policies for Review" agenda item needs to be for compliance with the Brown Act was brought to the group. During review of the Brown Act, County Counsel stated that it would not be necessary to list each policy by individual number. To clarify for the subcommittee, if a specific policy is not listed, it can be brought forward at the committee meeting for review under the "Policies for Review" agenda item for discussion

Kelly Forman suggested a letter of condolences from the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) and EMCC Subcommittees should be sent to the family of EMT, Esteban Bahena who lost his life in the line of duty. Condolences from County Emergency Medical Services have been sent to San Diego Medical Services Enterprise.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting was scheduled for May 13 but will be cancelled due to the California's Fire, EMS & Disaster (CFED) Conference. The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by,

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Guests Present

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County Staff Present

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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 25, 2010 minutes were approved.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Jim Marugg) – Policy Review

The majority of the changes to the Prehospital/Hospital Policies reflect changes with the EMT 2010 program. Language with existing protocols and EMT 2010 were made consistent. The ETAD policy was changed to Perilaryngeal Airway Policy.

Pauline Thomas presented language changes to the following twelve policies to create consistency with the EMT 2010 program. Policies submitted for approval were: P405, P403, P352, P351, P200, S 415, S412, S307, S008, S805, S804, S408

Jim Marugg mentioned that changes to the policies were in classification of EMT, Advanced EMT and paramedics for consistency with the State 2010 program.

The following policies were reviewed and discussed:

- D108 policy/procedure deletion
- B325 changes as presented with clarification on training duration
- B327 changes as presented

A motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve the policies as presented with the additional clarification. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research (Bruce Fried)

No report.

V. COUNTY OPERATIONAL PLAN/ANNEX D (Patrick Buttron)

The final Annex D provisions have been presented. The document will be reviewed and approved by the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Disaster/Operations Subcommittee, presented to EMCC and Office of Emergency Services (OES) by June 1. Changes were predominantly with language, terminology and triage tags.

Jim Marugg added that after meeting with the San Diego Fire Chiefs EMS Subcommittee, they will be having a training piece regarding MCI that will include the same changes discussed with the Annex D protocol and will change the Annex D terminology from multi casualty versus multi patient incident to make it more inline with Firescope, ICS and NIMS. The training piece should be completed by June and will be available to the fire providers and hospitals.

Chief Metz suggested that members of the EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee review the Annex D document. The Subcommittee will need to meet to review and approve the updated documents prior to the next full EMCC meeting. Travis Kusman will follow-up on identifying the members and chairperson.

The subcommittee will bring forward a motion to the EMCC committee on May 27th to approve the changes to Annex D.

VI. EMT 2010 EMT-B/ADVANCED EMT/EMT-P/MICN FEE/SCHEDULE (Saman Yaghmaee)

Chief Metz reviewed the PowerPoint presented to EMCC at the February meeting on the EMT 2010 Project where five Chapters of Regulations will be effective July 1st. County EMS conducted an analysis for cost recovery involving certification and recertification. As a result of the study an incremental fee increase for full cost recovery was recommended.

Saman Yaghmaee, Administrative Services Manager, reported that State paramedic fees will be increasing from $125 to $195. State fees for new certifications will be $75 and $37 for recertification renewal. Currently, revenue has been supplemented from the County General Fund to offset the costs. A proposed fee structure and a recovery analysis with the number of applicants, time tracking employment time and basic services was reviewed including an overview and survey of other EMS agencies. The cost to run the program will be $150,000 annually. Estimating 3,000 applicants, the average cost will be $50. The study does not include the additional expenses the State will be imposing on the County.

Jim Marugg clarified that the plan with fee increments of $30, $40, $50 in the next three years for EMTs would be the same for medics and Mobile Intensive Care Nurse's (MICNs) if implemented.

Chief Gary Fisher spoke on behalf of the San Diego County Fire Association that voted unanimously to oppose the County fee increase and suggested to postpone the fee change for another year. He said that most fire departments cover the cost of recertification and certification for their staff. The increase is not in the current budget and would be difficult to cover.

Melody Dotson spoke on behalf of the Base hospital Nurse Coordinator's (BHNCs) who voted not to support the County fee increase because of the financial impact to the hospitals and staff. All education and license fees for the nurses are paid by the hospitals as stated in their union contracts. As a compromise, if the hospitals can have some policy change regarding who receives recertification, they would support it. Policy revision recommendations have been presented to the County by the BHNCs.

Chief Metz stated that the Board letter will go forward in May for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) to accept EMT certification fees on behalf of the State as mandated with the local fee increase removed. EMTs will be entered into the central registry starting July 1, and the State will invoice EMS monthly based on certifications and re-certifications. County general fund realignment money which is dependent on property tax is currently used to offset the difference. The EMS department has reviewed cost cutting measures by reducing temporary staff, processing administrative transfers and seeking grants where available to meet budget, and will continue to serve the community and fulfill essential functions such as certification and quality assurance. The time frame recommendations on local fees from the committee will be presented to the administration.

There will be a letter going out to EMS system participants to explain and outline the process and fees that will be coming out on July 1.

Jim Marugg clarified that State fees will increase July 1st and recommended that the local fee issue remain an open item on the agenda. The base coordinators represented will take the issue to their constituent groups and return to continue the issue.

VII. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes mentioned the procession and memorial for EMT Esteban Bahena. He also mentioned that medic and dispatch operator Ron Nehan had died recently.

Earthquake. There have been several aftershocks since the April 4th earthquake that hit south of Mexicali. Several injuries related to the initial earthquake were reported in Imperial County. Calexico Fire Department responded to numerous calls after the earthquake and requested an ambulance strike team. San Diego Medical Services and American Medical Response (AMR) provided an ambulance strike team and the Disaster Medical Support Unit with equipment and medical supplies. The team was well received and quickly began responding to calls in Calexico and transporting patients to Imperial County hospitals. A thank you to Travis Kusman and the Ambulance Strike Team (AST) leaders in appreciation of a job well done and to everyone who make the trip.

H1N1. A 22 year old with underlying medical conditions was infected with the H1N1 virus and has died. One other patient was hospitalized and has recovered. Regional influenza activity is reported from Georgia, Alabama and South Carolina. Sporadic cases are expected and should be watched carefully.

5150. The City of San Diego Police Department (SDPD) decided that 5150 cases and evaluations should be taken to LPS state designated facilities for psychiatric care. They consulted with hospital associations and attended meetings with the psychiatric staff from the hospitals on the issue. County EMS will watch what the impact on the hospitals will be, and work with the psychiatric hospitals and the SDPD to make sure this is appropriate. Patients with a questionable mental illness should go to the closest emergency department for a medical screening exam before being transferred to a psychiatric facility.

Aerosol Transmissible Standards (ATD): Citations involving violations of the new Aerosol Transmissible Disease standard were posted to the Department of Industrial Relations website. The table lists Cal/OSHA inspections that resulted in citations issued with penalties of $100,000 or more. The link to the website will be sent out.

Discussion ensued on information regarding occupational health and use of prophylaxis. It is important to remind the EMS providers to make sure they know what their occupational health coverage is for those exposures.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

The Golden Guardian exercise is scheduled for May 18th. The scenario will be an explosion with radiological material released. Ongoing training has been provided including training on radiological contamination to the healthcare community.

The EMS website was compromised. It was suggested to use sandiegocountyems.com or the County website to HHSA and Public Health for current information on forms and the CEMSIS dictionary.

The CEMSIS project will be implemented on July 1st. There will be a demonstration for the Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators on the QCS screens and data elements.

Action items:

- **Jim Marugg will send a list of the Disaster Operations Subcommittee members to Pat Buttron.**
- **Dr. Haynes will send out the OSHA report involving violations of Aerosol Transmissible Standards.**
- **Committee representatives will go to their constituent groups and report that state fees will increase in July and discuss County fees.**

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Thursday, May 13, 2010

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp Assoc. S.D./Imp Counties
Dotson, Melody – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Committee
Kusman, Travis – American Medical Response
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Second District
Workman, Debi – Palomar

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca, County EMS
Smith, R.N., Susan, County EMS
Thomas, Pauline, County EMS

Recorder
Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melody todson, Vice-Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

A welcome back was extended to Rebecca Pate after her return from Afghanistan.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

III. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Travis Kusman)

No report.

IV. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Susan Smith and Pauline Thomas, County EMS)

S-415 and S-412 policies were forwarded to County Counsel. The 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 transport codes may not be ready for July, but the group suggested it should be part of the upcoming protoctol update education process.

Discussion on the differences between the QCS and iQCS was clarified.

Policies reviewed at the meeting were S-006, B-808, B-360, B-361 and B-451.

S-006. County Counsel reviewed the policy and made a few corrections.
Motion was made by Melody Dotson to approve the policy as presented with the County Counsel changes. Motion carried.

B-360, B-361, B-451 and B-808. There was discussion on experience, training and agency sponsorship for Advanced EMTs. The attachments in Policy B-361 and Policy B-360 were discussed and noted as "not approved" until they are available for review.
Motion was made by Melody Dotson to approve the changes as presented in the policies without the attachments. Motion carried.

V. STAFF REPORT (Susan Smith, County EMS)

Susan Smith is working on the PowerPoint for the protocols.

Several staff attended the EMT 2010 rollout in Palm Springs and Los Angeles.

Triage Tuesdays. Funding for the tags purchase was mentioned. Melody Dotson will contact Richard Mattick, City of Santee Fire Department, on training and the start date for "Triage Tuesdays".

CEMSIS. There was discussion on entering information into the QCS report.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, May 27, 2010

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association
Carlson, R.N., Sharon (Alt) – Hosp Assoc of SD /Imp Co.
Fisher, Chief Gary – SD Co. Fire Dist. Assoc.
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies'
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Salazar, Sgt., Stan (Alt) – S.D. County Sheriff's Dept

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Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Dotson, R.N., Melody – BHNC
Endicott, Darcey – Military Agencies
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – Fourth District
Milakovich, Lt. Jenene – Law Enforcement Agencies
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp Assoc of S.D./Imp Co.

Guests Present

Francis, R.N., Allen – CA Dept of Correction. & Rehab
Valdez, Bob – Reach Air medical

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Buttron, Patrick
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Thomas, Pauline

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chair, brought the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Kelly Forman to approve the March 25, 2010 minutes with edits. Motion carried.

III. HEALTH STRATEGY AGENDA (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

A PowerPoint presentation was given on the EMS Health Strategy Agenda. County Health Programs' goal is to develop communities that are healthy, safe and thriving. The framework of the program is focused on prevention, access, care and treatment of services targeting the general population, at risk population and the high need/high cost patient receiving care.

Four major themes were approached:

1. Building a Better System: by providing health services to maximize quality, eliminate waste and focus on results.
2. Supporting Healthy Choices: by empowering residents to take actions and responsibility for their own health.
3. Pursue Policy Changes: making it easier for residents to make health choices
4. Culture: integrate physical health, behavior health and social services

The vision of the County and HHSA is to increase knowledge, provide wellness and facilitate policies to support healthy lives.

Three behaviors are responsible for the four biggest disease processes

- poor nutrition
- lack of physical activity
- tobacco use

Fifty percent of all deaths are due to heart disease/stroke, cancer, Type II Diabetes and respiratory disease.

The next step is to implement the strategy, through the Health Strategy Agenda and to continue to develop new strategies for safe and thriving communities in the future.

The Health Strategy Agenda outline will go to the Board within the next month

Motion made by Bob Pfohl, second by Linda Broyles to support and approve the Health Strategy Agenda presented. Motion carried.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

V. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Jim Marugg) – Policy Review

Policies for approval were submitted via the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. The policies reflect changes required by the State in the EMT 2010 regulations. The following policies were reviewed by the subcommittee: S-006, B-360, B-361, B-451 and B-808.

Note:
B-360 was approved through the subcommittee without the attachments for the training program application forms.

B-361 changes for approval that did not go through the subcommittee are:

- Notification responsibilities on Page 3, #4, per the state regulations, the advanced EMTs have to notify the county of address changes within 30 days.
- Advanced EMT Certification denial on Page 4, #5, application requirements for certification or recertification such as failure to pass examination, lack of education, failure to furnish information and failure to pay required fees.

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve S-006, B-360, B-361, B-451 and B-808, seconded by Linda Broyles. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research (Bruce Fried)

No report.

C. Disaster Operations (Patrick Buttron)

The Disaster Operations Subcommittee met last week and voted to submit the Annex D draft for approval at this meeting. Copies of the draft were furnished.

Jim Marugg, Chairperson, presented a summary of the changes to the Annex D document that were discussed and agreed to.

1. Remove the word "predesignated" from treatment teams in Table 2 on Page D-45 and from H, #4 on page D-9
2. Update the names of the hospitals in Table 2 on page D-45
3. Provide direction of care during an Annex D regarding base hospital physician orders may become standing orders, G, #3, page D-9.
4. Reword Dead/Non-Salvageable, #2.d., page D-23

With the changes in mind and corrective measures made, there was a request to accept the County's mass casualty operations provisions.

Motion made by Travis Kusman, second by Kelly Forman. Motion carried.

VI. EMT 2010 EMT-B/ADVANCED EMT/EMT-P/MICN FEE SCHEDULE (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Chief Metz reported that there has been no action taken with the local EMT fee schedule. It was determined by legal review that a Board Letter was not necessary to accept funding on behalf of the state.

VII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

The updates have been sent out for training related to the protocol changes. Some additions are placing several medications on standing order, tourniquet use and trauma care with reducing spinal immobilization in patients with penetrating trauma.

It was suggested that healthcare providers in the field should get the T-DAP vaccination with pertussis. EMS personnel should receive the T-DAP vaccination once instead of the usual tetanus shot.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

A welcome back was extended to Rebecca Pate, R.N., Emergency Medical Services Coordinator.

After fourteen years, the Crash Injury Research and Engineering Network (CIREN) program grant ends May 31. The San Diego Trauma System did not meet the requirements of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Request for Proposals (RFP) for a new five year contract. The RFP has been restructured to a one "Level 1" trauma center, which may have an additional "Level II" trauma center, but the primary center would have to enroll 45 patients a year. Collectively the San Diego Trauma System enrolled 50 patients per year. Some of the outcomes of the program over the last fourteen years include improvement of motor vehicle safety with regards to second generation air bags, side air bags and kid's safety back seats.

It was reported that initiation of the QCS on the internet by July 1st has been delayed for six to eight weeks due to County contractor requirements and a server lock down in June.

Changes to the current QCS system to be California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) compliant will take effect July 1, 2010.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Thursday, June 10, 2010

Members Present

Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hosp. Assoc. of SD/Imp Co.
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Committee
Kusman, Travis – SD Co. Ambulance Assoc.
Majerczak, Karen – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Meadows-Pitt, Mary – Second District
Rosenberg, Linda – Emergency Nurses Assoc.
Workman, Debi – Palomar College

Guests Present

Ochs, Ginger – SDFD

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca, County EMS
Smith, R.N., Susan, County EMS

Recorder
Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Travis Kusman, Vice-Chair EMCC, called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the April 8, 2010 meeting were approved with edits.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Travis Kusman)

In regards to tracking offloads, things are holding steady. The average offload is 22 minutes by the time the unit arrives and is back in service. Transportation of patients to STEMI and stroke centers that are able/unable to provide the services on a regular basis was addressed.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate and Susan Smith, County EMS)

The following policies were discussed and reviewed by the committee. Rebecca Pate noted that the policies are currently with County Counsel to be reviewed and she will notify the subcommittee of changes or recommendations made by the Counsel.

B-352. Changes made to the policy were as a result to EMT 2010 regulations. FBI background checks, EMSA EMT Central registry number and certification requirements were discussed.

Action: Rebecca Pate will check on the active duty/reserve duty certification requirements in the State regulations.

Motion was made by Travis Kusman to accept the changes to B-352 as discussed. Motion carried.

B-360. Attachments to B-360 that were not available at the last meeting for approval were reviewed. There was a question on the AEMT Instructor Qualifications form regarding titles of director, coordinator and instructor, and approval signature.

Action: Rebecca Pate will check in the regulations on the titles for the Program Director/Coordinator and Instructor. She will also check on who will sign off for approval.

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve policy B-360 attachments with evaluations. Motion carried.

P-305. Changes to the "Initial accreditation" section with timelines for completion of accreditation qualifications have been made. There was discussion on policy practice and accreditation workshops, and ACLS course completion cards.

Action: Rebecca Pate will check the language on accreditation in the policy to make sure it is consistent with the State regulations.

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve policy P-305. Motion carried.

S-011. The policy outlines the EMT/Advanced EMT/ Paramedic disciplinary process as written in the EMT 2010 regulations. County disciplinary action process will change on July 1 as designated in the new EMT regulations.

Motion was made by Travis Kusman to approve policy S-011. Motion carried.

Note: Any significant changes made to the policies when researching the actions to check and clarify issues with the State regulations will be electronically sent to the subcommittee.

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) QCS final testing is in progress. Agencies have been invited to attend training at the MOC on Monday, June 14 at 9 am. Susan Smith and Barbara Stepanski will be creating a PowerPoint presentation on the major changes with the CEMSIS QCS screens.

iQCS will be implemented in eight to twelve weeks, more information to follow.

A CD of the 2010 policies and protocols will be available when the full EMCC committee approval of the policies reviewed today is complete.

Note: There is a shortage of pre-fill medications due to the FDA becoming aware of the fact they are being used and are not fully approved. County EMS will send out further information on this.

VII. TREATMENT PROTOCOLS (Susan Smith, County EMS)

Treatment protocols are in progress.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, July 8, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

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Members Absent

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Endicott, Darcey – Military Agencies
Milakovich, Lt. Jenene – Law Enforcement Agencies
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Guests Present

Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
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County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca

Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve the May 27, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Travis Kusman) – Policy Review

Policies for review were submitted via the EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee. The policies reflect language in line with the EMT 2010 regulations. Highlighted changes to the policies include:

- B-305 – Paramedic initial accreditation language was added. Changes in the wording were recommended by County Counsel.
- B-352 – Notification responsibilities and arm forces active duty requirement.
- S-011 – Addresses EMT-II and AEMT nomenclature.
- B-360 Attachment – Personnel titles update. Change "IV angio caths" to "IV catheters".

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve B-352, B-360 Attachment, B-305, and S-011 with changes. Motion carried.

B. Education and Research (Bruce Fried)

The policies have been submitted for administrative and county counsel review.

C. Disaster Operations

No report.

V. EMT 2010 UPDATE (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

Policies presented at this meeting for approval are to meet the EMT 2010 update by July 1, 2010.

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and State for the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) has been signed and sent to the State. Contracts from the State on reimbursement for use of the ALJ have not been received, but are expected in July.

On July 1, 2010, the County will start collecting state fees and FBI background checks will begin for EMT certifications and re-certifications.

Tomorrow is the deadline for EMS to submit the locally certified EMT information to the state. For a few agencies that received their certification and live-scan through the State Fire Marshall, that information is due to EMS today to be submitted to the state.

Jim Marugg attended the EMT 2010 rollout during the California Fire, EMS & Disaster (CFED) Conference. The importance of understanding the implications of the arrest reporting and disciplinary process was discussed at the conference. A reminder was given to make sure that the implications stated in the EMT 2010 guidelines are clearly presented to those in the field.

Dr. Haynes commented on the State guideline disciplinary process for first and second DUI arrest reports. The new State guidelines suggest sending an applicant or a certified EMT to a Board Certified Addiction Specialist for evaluation after the first DUI. They will try to work with the state to recommend reviewing the circumstances regarding the judgment on first DUIs.

VI. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Drug Shortage. There is a national shortage of epinephrine and possibly dextrose in prefill syringes due to the result of an FDA action regarding manufacturing and approval of prefills. A letter has been sent out with instructions for dilution of epinephrine ratios in case there is a shortage. If there is a shortage with dextrose, glucagon may be used instead. Supplies should be available by the end of June. There will be a follow-up with the manufacturer regarding the processing timeline.

Aeromedical Providers. During a meeting with Scripps La Jolla EMS, Mercy Air and San Diego Air, issues on simultaneous helicopter arrivals at facilities were addressed. A working document on safety and communication issues will be drawn up.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

CEMSIS. California EMS Information System (CEMSIS) will go live on July 1, 2010. The CEMSIS compliant Bubble Forms will arrive on June 29. The EMS office will be open on June 30 until 8 pm to distribute the forms.

Annex D. The document approved last month at the EMCC meeting was reviewed by the Unified Disaster Council (UDC). There are comments, questions and points of clarification to review within a short timeline. Strategy offered to the group was to reconvene the EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee and the task force that worked on the Annex D revisions, and schedule a meeting to review the comments made by the UDC. The timeline is to have the document reviewed within two to three weeks.

Chief Marcy Metz stated that general concerns were with some terms and labels for positions that were not inline with Firescope, consistent language with other jurisdictions, and process and procedure clarification.

Patrick Buttron will send out the document with the UDC comments and questions. A meeting will be scheduled with the subcommittee members and the task force committee.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 22, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

Note: There will be no meeting in August.

The meeting adjourned at 9:42 a.m.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Thursday, July 8, 2010

Members Present

Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD BHNC
Kusman, Travis – SD Co. Ambulance Assoc.
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Skoglund, Patty – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. Counties

Guests Present

Ochs, Ginger – SD Fire & Rescue

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca, County EMS
Smith, R.N., Susan, County EMS

Recorder
Janet I. Wolchko

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N. to approve the June 10, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Travis Kusman)

There were no updates.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The following policies were discussed and reviewed by the committee.

B-450. Changes were made as a result of the EMT 2010 regulations. Authorization of EMT duties was discussed. There were comments on suggested language revisions.

S-400. Rebecca Pate noted there was change in language regarding disposal of medication that has not been completely used. **Action: Rebecca Pate will verify if maintaining standardized written records of controlled drug inventory is in compliance with the State Board of Pharmacy or DEA regulations (S-400).**

Motion was made by Melody Dotson to approve edits to policy B-450 and S-400 and forward them to BSPC for review and approval. Motion carried.

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

iQCS is scheduled to initiate in 12 weeks - testing will be done. It was anticipated that iQCS would be running by July 1st, but because of server issues in June the timeline has been moved back. Feedback and comments on the QCS system is welcome. Comments were given regarding Patient Care Reports and fields on the Bubble Sheet forms.

EMT 2010 central registry is in operation by the State EMS Authority. The investigation process regarding the disciplinary procedures will be updated.

The protocol/policy CD will be mailed out soon. The new list of protocols and policies can be located on the website.

VII. TREATMENT PROTOCOLS (Susan Smith, County EMS)

None.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next EMCC Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, September 23, 2010

Members Present

Fisher, Chief Gary – SD Co. Fire Dist. Assoc.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies'
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – Fourth District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross

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Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

Members Absent

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Assoc.
Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Dotson, R.N., Melody – BHNC
Endicott, Darcey – Military Agencies
Milakovich, Lt. Jenene – Law Enforcement Agencies
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp Assoc of S.D./Imp Co

Guests Present

Steen, Pamela – Valdez & Assoc., rep for REACH
Stuart, Lawson – NCTI
Wharton, Don – REACH Air Medical

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson brought the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelly Forman to approve the June 24, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Jim Marugg)

The September Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee meeting was cancelled. There are no policies to review.

B. Education and Research (Bruce Fried)

No updates to report.

C. Disaster/Operations (Travis Kusman)

The EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee met with the Unified Disaster Council (UDC) review task force to review the Annex D plan. There were no significant changes that were made to the plan at the meeting. The Annex D plan will be voted on at the October 21, 2010 UDC meeting. Members that participated on the Disaster/Operations Subcommittee are invited to attend a debriefing after the UDC meeting to discuss Annex D, other annexes, and look at future disaster plans. The debriefing will be on October 21, 11:00 am at the County Office of Emergency Services (OES) Overland facility.

V. EMT 2010 UPDATE (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

EMT 2010 was successfully implemented on July 1, 2010. Some issues with the State EMT central registry are being worked through. Six thousand EMTs have been entered into the central registry system.

Since July 1, 2010 there were a few EMT certification denials due to meeting the preclusion from certification criteria. Two initial certification applicants received denials and have requested appeals. The Office of Administrative Law is scheduling hearings through January 2011. Once a notice of subsequent arrest is reported, the County has a three day period to contact the relevant employer. Carlos Flores, EMS Medical Services Specialist is compiling a list of the relevant employer contacts and resources from each agency to give notification and first opportunity to conduct the investigation.

The state budget has not been passed which creates issues with some vendors including the central registry. EMS will be receiving an invoice for fees incurred since July and will have 30 days to submit the fees.

VI. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

The overcrowding summit is on October 13, 2010. There will be several presenters including Billy Mallon and the State's Chief of Licensing and Certification. A hospital association representative and a former President of the California Medical Association will talk about healthcare reform.

Drug Shortages. The shortages of epinephrine prefills and dextrose 50 percent have been resolved. Recently there is a reported shortage of morphine prefill carpujets. If a shortage of morphine occurs, it is recommended to use the single dose vials of morphine 10 mg/mL containing one mL per vial. Be aware that the morphine vials look similar to vials containing midazolam. A list has been sent out with what to look for to prevent medication errors between morphine and midazolam.

Botulism. Two cases of wound botulism were reported with users of black tar heroin and skin poppers. The last significant amount of cases was seen in 2006. Hospitals should recognize and report cases to epidemiology.

Pertussis. The amount of pertussis cases are at the highest number since 1955. Mark Sawyer, Pediatric Infectious Disease Specialist at Children's hospital gave a lecture on the pertussis epidemic that can be found on the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN).

The State is going to recommend that everyone in California who is older than 6 months receive the pertussis vaccination, especially family and caretakers around young infants. Almost all reported deaths have been infants under the age of three months, 74 percent of the infants hospitalized are under 6 months of age and 77 percent of hospitalized infants are Hispanic. **Action: The Medical Directors Report will be sent to the members of EMCC.**

There was discussion regarding individuals who are apprehensive of vaccinations given to children. The www.shotbyshot.org website has a collection of stories from people that have had vaccine preventable illness. The website is also a valuable resource of information for those who may have concerns with immunization.

Germ Commission. The Germ Commission is a committee of the San Diego County Medical Society founded to help prevent development of resistant organisms. The Germ Commission has a white paper they have sent to hospitals on mandatory influenza vaccination issues. Children's hospital has adopted the mandatory vaccination requirement for employees.

Cruz Ponce commented that in anticipation of the Santa Ana wind season the American Red Cross (ARC) wanted to know if there was an information sheet that could be given to nursing staff and shelter managers to help them identify the difference between someone who might have a cough due to the smoke and ash and someone who might have the whooping cough. **Action: Dr. Haynes will check with disease control and/or epidemiology on resources for shelters.**

There was discussion on the symptoms of whooping cough and where to find examples of what the cough sounds like. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) has a link to the Utah Health Department website which has two videos, one of a 2 ½ month old and one a 6 year old with whooping cough and what the cough sounds like. Tapes with examples of the cough are also available on the San Diego County epidemiology website. Diagnosis of pertussis is often delayed because initial symptoms are mild. Symptoms noticed in younger children are

post cough vomiting, gagging, facial discoloration with coughing, respiratory problems and seizures. Pertussis may also cause apnea.

Bypass. The number of transports was slightly up in August. The number of patients who bypassed the requested hospital and the amount of Emergency Department (ED) bypass is down. There are a few sporadic reports on off load delays. The hospitals have done a great job with remaining open and taking their patients.

Guidelines. There will be a major evaluation of the treatment guidelines this year. If there are there any suggestions on changes with the guidelines contact EMS.

VII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

EMS Commission met yesterday and approved the EMT 2010 Advanced EMT regulations. Approval was delayed due to legal language changes and had to go back out for public comment. The air medical guidelines will go out for another 15 day public comment period. The EMS commission expects to receive the guidelines and approve them in December.

The state trauma summit will be held in San Francisco on December 2, 2010. The state trauma advisory committee has been reorganized and writing groups are drafting the state trauma plan. The Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee is having their quarterly meeting next week at Loma Linda.

One of the main EMS Commission topics last year was the fire services white paper and 201 rights. The EMS Commission subcommittee reviewed possible recommendations. The recommendation report will be formalized and forwarded to the Commission in December. Four points mentioned were: to clearly define a 201 entity and look at combining sections 1797.201 and 1797.204 of Division 2.5 of the Health and Safety Code; 201 providers need to be an integral part of the EMS plan with written agreements; clearly define the scope and manner and type of service; discuss and settle issues at the local level, participation in EMCC and to have appeal rights through the EMS commission.

Locally, the San Diego County Ambulance Association has made recommendations for changes to the Ambulance Ordinance. EMCC Disaster/Operations Subcommittee has looked at ambulance ordinance recommendations and revisions, and is receiving input from County Counsel. One of the recommendations for the ordinance is to include incorporated areas, which brings up jurisdiction issues that will have to be worked through before going out to the community. Subcommittee meetings with ambulance companies are made up of the private ambulance providers in the County and are open to the public. The Chairperson of the subcommittee is Wayne Johnson of San Diego Medical Services Enterprise. Updates to the ordinance may include waiting periods after denials of permits and aeromedical conditions such as night vision equipment. Revisions to the Ambulance ordinance are at the very beginning of the review process. Draft changes have not been formalized on the document and it is not yet ready to be sent out.

The California Statewide Healthcare Exercise is on November 18, 2010. All of the HPP hospitals who are part of the hospital preparedness grant program are required to participate in the exercise. The planned scenario is for an explosive device. The County participated in an explosive device scenario during the Golden Guardian exercise; therefore, they are planning to work with the military and local hospitals for a National Disaster Medical System exercise receiving an influx of patients into San Diego through NDMS. The Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be open and hospitals will tailor their scenarios to meet their

after action item recommendations. Facilities will also be participating in a mass casualty table top exercise prior to the November exercise.

Chief Metz thanked the community for their patience with the Prehospital Patient Record bubble forms. There has been a shortage of the form due to the number of changes for CEMSIS and a change in vendors. More forms will be available by the second week of October.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE (EMCC)
PREHOSPITAL/HOSPITAL SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
Minutes
Thursday, October 14, 2010

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc. of SD/Imp. Counties
Forman, R.N., Kelly – County Paramedic Agency
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators
Marugg, Jim – San Diego County Paramedic Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

Guests Present

Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Esquer, Perry – SDFD Air Operations
Ochs, Ginger – SD Fire & Rescue

County Staff Present

Pate, R.N., Rebecca – County EMS
Smith, R.N., Susan – County EMS

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, R.N. seconded by Karen Majerczak, R.N. to approve the July 8, 2010 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers present.

IV. OFFLOAD ISSUES (Jim Marugg)

Offload issues are ongoing. Yesterday the Overcrowding Summit met and discussed solutions to the overcrowding issues. Changes are going to be made to the prehospital system to correct offload issues.

V. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

The following policies were reviewed by the committee.

B-850, Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Provider Requirements. Added Clause III.E. regarding operating under the standards of ambulance ordinances. The ambulance ordinance draft is with County Counsel.

A-875, Prehospital EMS Aircraft Classification. Changes made were in line with definitions in the California Regulations. EMTB was removed under III.B.2.

A-877, Air Ambulance Service Provider Authorization. Quality Improvement/Quality Assurance was added under III.A.4.

A motion was made by Kelly Forman seconded by Mary Meadows-Pitt to approve and forward the updates on the policies to the EMCC full committee. Motion carried. Kelly Forman abstained from the vote.

Review of Policy A-457, Air Medical Support Utilization will be considered for future revision and will require going to Base Station Physicians' Committee (BSPC) for approval.

VI. STAFF REPORT (Rebecca Pate, County EMS)

EMS has received additional bubble forms that are available.

Discussion ensued on the first responder field in the QCS and having to enter both the calling agency and first responder. Jim Marugg asked if there was an electronic version of the First Responder Pool of funds form. **Action: Rebecca Pate will forward the first responder document to the appropriate agencies.**

The EMT 2010 registry is being reviewed for accuracy. EMS is working on the issues with investigations and standardizing the process.

There will be testing of the QCS in the next two months. Finalization should be completed by April 1, 2011. There will be more updates.

VII. TREATMENT PROTOCOLS (Susan Smith, County EMS)

The Protocol Task Force will meet for the first of two meetings on October 26, 2010, 9:00 am at County EMS. Fifteen people have expressed interest in attending.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 am.

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
Minutes
Thursday, October 28, 2010

Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Assoc.
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross
Carlson, R.N., Sharon – Hospital Assoc of S.D./Imp Co. (Alt)
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedic Agencies'
Green, R.N., Katy – First District
Kusman, Travis – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association
Pfohl, Bob – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association
Majerczak, R. N., Karen – BHNC (Alt)
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses Association
Salazar, Stanley – Law Enforcement Agency (Alt)

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Recorder

Janet I. Wolchko

Members Absent

Cerny, Barbara – Third District
Dotson, R.N., Melody – BHNC
Endicott, Darcey – Military Agencies
Fisher, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District
Jacoby, M.D., Jake – Fourth District
Milakovich, Lt. Jenene – Law Enforcement Agencies
Ponce, Cruz – American Red Cross
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp Assoc of S.D./Imp Co.

Guests Present

Francis, Allen – CDCR/CA Prevention Healthcare

County Staff Present

Buttron, Patrick
Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Yaghmaee, Saman

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Marugg, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public speakers.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Katy Green, seconded by Karen Majerczak to approve the June 24, 2010 minutes. Motion carried.

IV. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Prehospital/Hospital (Jim Marugg)

Updates on the following policies have been forwarded by the Prehospital/Hospital Subcommittee for the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) to review and approve.

B-850, Basic Life Support Ambulance Service Provider Requirements. Update San Diego EMS title and policy to operate within the standards defined in the Ambulance Ordinance.

B-875, Prehospital Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Aircraft Classification. Definitions were changed to reflect what is in the State regulations.

A-877, Air Ambulance Service Provider Authorization. Changes reflected what is in the State regulations regarding standards defined within the San Diego County Ambulance Ordinance

Motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pit to approve the policies as written, second by Karen Majerczak. Motion carried. Kelly Forman abstained.

B. Education and Research (Bruce Fried)

No report.

C. Disaster Operations (Travis Kusman)

At the last EMCC Disaster Operations meeting there was a debriefing of the Operational Area annex process. The committee discussed increasing the amount of time they have to work on revisions and to have a more standardized format to cross reference with other workgroups that are working on similar projects. The debriefing was productive and the subcommittee will report any further developments to the full EMCC.

Patrick Buttron added that there was a new Comprehensive Professional Guide (CPG) format on the annex process from FEMA. After the first of the year OES has been tasked with creating a template to follow.

V. EMT 2010 UPDATE

Saman Yaghmaee presented a PowerPoint of the EMS certification program data analysis from April 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010.

During the six-month period there were 740 (36%) new certified/accredited applicants, 1,090 (53%) recertified/reaccredited applicants, 12 (1%) duplicate/replacement card requests and 208 (10%) walk-in applicants that inquired about the certification process. There was a total of 2,050 clients served.

Future data collection will include age and gender of the applicants. Tracking will also include data on paramedics and EMTs certified in San Diego that travel to other areas to work.

According to EMSA, as of October 1st, the number of active EMTs in the State Central registry for San Diego is 4,428. San Diego is the second largest certifying entity in State, representing 7.4 percent of all EMTs in California (59,554). Employment of EMTs and paramedics is expected to grow nine percent between 2008 and 2018 nationwide. The increase of call volume due to an aging population, increase in amount of time that EMTs and paramedics spend with each patient and an increase in the amount of time spent in transit will require more EMT and paramedic workers to meet the demand.

During the first quarter of FY 2010/11, EMS issued 211 new certifications, 228 recertifications, 26 new paramedic accreditations, 208 reaccreditations, 10 provisional paramedic accreditations, three new MICN and 58 MICN reaccreditations. It is projected that EMS will issue slightly over 3,000 cards by the end of this fiscal year.

VI. AMBULANCE COORDINATOR MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT (MOA) (Marcy Metz)

Since Firestorm 2007, EMS has recommended that the role for the ambulance coordinator in the EMS Department Operations Center (MOC) be formalized through an MOA. The ambulance coordinator role in the MOC is to coordinate ambulance resources countywide. Resource coordination includes: coordination of communication, coordination of ambulance strike teams and to ensure there are enough individuals trained for sustained operations. They are also expected to participate in any debriefing to help improve procedure.

For many years, the procedure for selection of the ambulance coordinator has been through the San Diego County Ambulance Association made up of the private ambulance agencies. It is a recommendation by the San Diego Ambulance Association that American Medical Response (AMR) continue the role this year.

The MOA is for five years with a 60-day termination clause. The ambulance association will review the recommendation annually.

A motion was made to support the Ambulance Association recommendation that AMR continue the role of ambulance coordinator. Motion was made by Mary Meadows-Pitt, seconded by Kelly Forman. Motion Carried.

VII. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) MEDICAL DIRECTOR REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

This year there will be significant changes to the treatment guidelines. The committee will be meeting to review and discuss the changes to the guidelines and protocols. Some of the changes will be based on the American Heart Association ACLS changes.

Influenza: Everyone over the age of 6 months is encouraged to get the influenza vaccine. The Germ Commission has recommended that hospital employees and medical staff have the influenza vaccine to prevent transmitting the flu to hospital staff and patients. Death rates are higher with patients that were in hospitals where the staff was not vaccinated. The shotbyshot.org website mentions cases of individuals who did poorly after not receiving a vaccine for a vaccine preventable illness.

CPR: The Citizens CPR Foundation meeting is December 7-11, 2010 in San Diego. They will be discussing the new CPR guidelines.

Dr. Steve Tharratt resigned as Director of the State EMS Authority and has accepted the position of Director of Medical Care in the Office of the California Prison Receiver.

Overcrowding Summit: The Overcrowding Summit was a success again this year. A slide packet is available.

Drug shortage: The morphine drug shortage mentioned before has not materialized.

Transports were down in September compared to August. The number of patient bypass is also down.

VIII. EMS STAFF REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

The California Department of Health Statewide Exercise is November 18, 2010. Since the County participated in the Golden Guardian Exercise in May that had an explosive device scenario, they will work with the military to participate in a National Disaster Medical System (NDMS) exercise receiving patients from military planes and dispersing them throughout the community. Hospitals are tailoring their scenario to meet their specific needs.

A table top mass fatality exercise was conducted this past week at the Rosecrans facility. Sixty participants discussed how to handle a mass fatality event. Representatives from the Medical Examiners Office were present as well.

Plans are moving forward for the prehospital QCS computer system to be internet based. Full iQCS implementation is expected by April 1, 2011. Requirements that QCS users need to access iQCS are being finalized. A letter will be sent out to the community in November on what computer requirements are needed to access QCS through the internet.

The State Trauma Advisory Committee is working on the draft for the California State Trauma Plan. The statewide meeting will be in San Francisco the first week of December where the state plan will be released and discussed.

Patrick Buttron reported that the ambulance strike training is on November 1st and 2nd, 2010. If anyone has questions on the training or registration, contact Mr. Buttron. American Medical Response (AMR) training will be located off of Balboa. Last week ambulance strike team train the trainer courses were held.

There will be several WebEOC trainings primarily looking at the healthcare boards. The training will be held at EMS in the training room. Mr. Buttron will be sending out information on the training. Training and sign-up is in preparation for the November Statewide Exercise. There will be a follow-up on the prerequisites for the trainings.

The EMCC Operation Disaster Subcommittee will reconvene when the Ambulance Ordinance is ready for review.

The Unified Disaster Council (UDC) has voted on the Annex D plan. It will go before the Board of Supervisors on December 7, 2010 for their approval. The task force will reconvene after the first of the year to discuss the new annex format and to develop a crosswalk.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

Because of the November 18, 2010 Statewide Exercise, the Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) will not be meeting next month. The requirement for EMCC to meet each quarter has been met.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2011 at 9:00 a.m., at the County's Health and Human Services Administration Building, 1700 Pacific Highway, Room 309, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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