

## **Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) - 2006 Meeting Minutes**

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## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Minutes**

**Thursday, January 26, 2006**

#### **Members Present**

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.  
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities  
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association  
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Norris, R.N., Monica – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators

#### **Guests Present**

Fisher, Roger – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Association  
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Medical Services Enterprise  
Marsan, Robert – UCSD  
Pfohl, Chief Bob – Santee Fire  
Ramanujam, M.D., Prasanthi – UCSD  
Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air  
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College  
Yates, Judith – Hospital Association of San Diego and  
Imperial Counties

#### **Recorder**

Rupp, Merle

#### **Members Absent**

Adams, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association  
Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross  
Prendergast, Lt. Ed. – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District  
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hospital Association of San Diego and  
Imperial Counties

#### **County Staff Present**

Angelo, Carmel  
Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri  
Marcotte, R.N., Annie  
Metz, R.N., Marcy  
Ray, Leslie

#### **Vacant**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kelly Forman, R.N., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION made by Chief Darrell Jobes, Seconded by Linda Broyles, R.N., to approve the Minutes of May 26, 2005 and November 17, 2005 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND REFERRALS FOR ACTION

A. Disaster/Operations and Planning

Did not meet.

B. Prehospital/Hospital

Discussion ensued on policies P-806 and P-807.

**ACTION: Revisions were suggested for Policy P-806 and this policy will be returned to EMCC Prehospital/Hospital for further review at their next meeting.**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Dan Graham, to approve policy P-807 with minor revisions. MOTION carried.**

C. Education/Research

Did not meet.

D. Base Station Physicians' Committee

- STEMI Update: The second Cardiology Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held January 4, 2006. It served as a very productive meeting with diverse representation from just about all of the hospital and stakeholder groups. The process towards designating STEMI receiving centers continues to move forward.
- Stroke Update: The plans to move towards establishing a regionalized stroke system are continuing with subcommittees being established to explore opportunities that were brought out at the Stroke Summit.
- ROC: The Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium continues to move forward with protocol development and local resource identification. The hypertonic saline study for patients with severe traumatic brain injury or shock from hemorrhagic shock is progressing forward and will hopefully be initiated in the spring.
- AHA Guidelines: The 2005 American Heart Association Guidelines for

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care have been released. The text can be found at the following website of [www.americanheart.org/cpr](http://www.americanheart.org/cpr)

- Patient Destination/Bypass Issues: December was extremely busy for ALS transports as well as the number of patients bypassed to other facilities and an increase in the number of hours hospitals were on bypass status. However, despite these increases, the numbers are still considerably lower than the previous year and the correct path continues for decreasing bypass hours and transporting patients to their requested facility of choice.

E. Executive Committee

Did not meet.

V. **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Update on EMS Medical Director (Carmel Angelo, EMS Interim Director)

Samuel Stratton, M.D., a physician from U.C. Irvine was offered and had accepted the position of San Diego County EMS Medical Director. However, during the third week of January, Dr. Stratton called Carmel Angelo, stating that U.C. Irvine had made him a counter-offer that he couldn't refuse and he would not be taking the EMS Medical Director position. Ms. Angelo contacted Bruce Haynes, M.D., EMS Medical Director for Orange and Imperial Counties, asking if he would accept an interim position with San Diego County. Dr. Haynes accepted the interim position effective February, 2006.

Chief Jobs requested that a representative from EMCC be able to be a member of the interview panel and Ms. Angelo acknowledged no problem with that and they could discuss it further after the meeting.

Debbie Workman, R.N., expressed concern regarding Dr. Vilke's departure and had questions regarding the time commitment for the interim medical director.

Ms. Angelo responded that Dr. Haynes gave assurance of at least 20 hours a week working for San Diego County and has committed to stay as long as necessary in the San Diego County EMS Medical Director position.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. EMS Five Year Plan Survey Results (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

The State of California requires all local EMS agencies to submit a plan every five years. A task force was originally convened to identify long-range planning for the EMS Five Year Plan. A sub-group including Ms. Forman, Wayne Johnson, Janie Kramer, R.N., Shelley Berthiaume, R.N., Joanne Stonecipher, R.N., and Dr. Vilke was instrumental in developing questions and identifying areas for the survey. The e-mail survey, called "Survey Monkey" was sent out to many stakeholders in May,

2005 and the rate of return was 45% which was outstanding (a total of 264 surveys returned).

The goal of EMS is to ensure that all the residents of and visitors to San Diego County receive the highest quality emergency medical and trauma care. Annually there are over 205,000 ambulance calls, 5,700 major trauma patients, eighteen receiving emergency departments, six trauma facilities, seven base hospitals and approximately 45 ambulance agencies.

More specific results from specific questions were shown on a slide presentation by Leslie Ray, County EMS.

**VII. STAFF/AGENCY REPORT**

Nothing further.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
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## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

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Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.  
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association  
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.  
Prendergast, Lt. Ed – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Co.

#### Guests Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross  
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA, Inc.  
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Fire Districts' Association  
Pfohl, Chief Bob – Santee Fire

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Adams, Chief Gary – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association  
Beeson, Travis – American Red Cross  
Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Goldsmith, Donna – League of California Cities  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District

#### County Staff Present

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

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## I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Forman, R.N., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Dan Graham, to approve the Minutes of January 26, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

**IV. EMS STAFF REPORT (Carmel Angelo, Interim EMS Director)**

Ms. Angelo thanked committee members for their understanding through many changes within the EMS system in San Diego County this past year and informed members that County staff are quite aware of that, understand the concerns the agencies have had and encouraged every one to work together as a team as it is in the best interests of all the people served in San Diego County. With the addition of Bruce Haynes, M.D. to serve as Interim EMS Medical Director, EMS is moving forward with all the current planning and projects, including those surrounding the DEA licenses and the data collection. The thirty-five DEA licenses (30 EMS fire agencies and 5 additional sites) were all transferred over under Dr. Haynes on February 15, 2006 within an eight-hour period with many thanks going to the San Diego DEA office. New certificates will be mailed to the agencies within twenty days. The agencies have been advised to send the old DEA forms and certificates back to the DEA. Ms. Angelo added that if any agencies have any problems to let her know.

Discussion ensued on whether or not Power of Attorney forms are going to be needed in the future but the answer is unclear at this time.

Efforts to integrate the Bioterrorism program with EMS have been on-going. The new Medical Operations Center unit is open and operational.

The question arose about discussion of a workshop or retreat type of event from a recent EMCC meeting and whether or not that was going to occur and if it would include stakeholders. When brought up at the last meeting, Ms. Angelo responded that she didn't believe the EMCC was interested but that she is planning on doing a retreat with the Fire Chiefs' Association and encouraged EMCC to participate as well.

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

Dr. Haynes introduced himself stating that he has been an emergency room physician and has been the EMS Director for Orange and Imperial Counties for the past thirteen years. Dr. Haynes has been involved in several large multi-centered studies and his philosophy includes trying to make work easier for the people delivering the services. He also stated he is evidence-based.

Approximately twenty years ago Dr. Haynes wrote an editorial on do not resuscitate orders in the field and then brought that process to California which has stood the test of time. He was also instrumental in placing a law in Sacramento that allowed lay defibrillation in California and making it less bureaucratic. Dr. Haynes was one of the key investigators in the Pediatric Airway Study and for the last five years has been working on cardiac systems in Orange County of which currently there are eleven centers with 250 cases which is working.

From the recent Base Station Physicians Committee/Prehospital Audit Committee meetings, Dr. Haynes complimented Dr. Vilke for his work on the Intraosseous Study and work will continue on that. Dr. Vilke also addressed the law enforcement use of tazers as a less lethal approach of dealing with certain individuals and that a protocol may be developed for care of these patients.

Protocol changes will likely be minimal this year. The Cardiology Advisory Committee (CAC) is continuing to meet and will meet again March 1, 2006. Nancy Bowen, M.D., Public Health Director, had a meeting of the Stroke Task Force Acute Care Committee this week and the overall Stroke Task Force will meet again on Friday, February 24, 2006.

**Source Selection Committee Rep from EMCC** (not on agenda)

Discussion ensued regarding EMCC representation on a Source Selection Committee for the trauma care funds distribution this year. Ms. Angelo stated that appointees could not be affiliated with any hospital and suggested two or three names be submitted to her. For the first time this year, the trauma care fund distribution is a competitive process. Proposals will be submitted from each trauma center hospital and that will be a determinant in how the money will be distributed. The hospitals then in turn will need to spend their allocation by June 3, 2006.

**MOTION made by Bruce Fried, Seconded by Dan Graham to direct the Chair of EMCC to submit two to three names to the County EMS office on recommended participants for the Source Selection Committee pertaining to the distribution of trauma care funds. MOTION carried.**

**VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
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Green, R.N., Katy – First District  
Jobs, Chief Darrell – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Richardson, Sgt. Todd – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Scott, Chief Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association

#### County Staff Present

Angelo, Carmel  
Gardina, R.N., Les  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Norris, R.N., Monica – Base Hospital Nurse Coordinators  
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District  
Skoglund, R.N., Patty – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Counties

#### Guests Present

Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross  
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Assoc.  
Lee, James – American Medical Response  
Wolman, Amy – Pacific Ambulance

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## I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION made by Chief Darrell Jobs, Seconded by Bruce Fried, to approve the Minutes of February 23, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried. (One abstention: Travis Beeson, American Red Cross)**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

**IV. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Prehospital/Hospital**

An overview was presented on the development of policies S-019 (Cardiovascular Advisory Committee, CAC), S-020 (Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center), and S-021 (De-Designation of a Cardiovascular “STEMI” Receiving Center) by Bruce Haynes, M.D., and Les Gardina, R.N., County EMS.

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried, to approve Policy S-019 as submitted. MOTION carried. (One abstention: Sgt. Todd Richardson, Law Enforcement Agencies)**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Chief Darrell Jobes, to approve Policy S-020 as submitted. MOTION carried. (One abstention: Sgt. Todd Richardson, Law Enforcement Agencies)**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried, to approve Policy S-021 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

**V. EMS STAFF REPORT (Carmel Angelo, Acting EMS Director)**

Ms. Angelo will be pulling the interview panel together in the near future and making a decision on how to proceed in interviewing for a permanent EMS Medical Director. Ms. Angelo thanked Dr. Haynes for accepting the position for the last few months and continuing to serve as EMS Interim Medical Director. She also welcomed the opportunity for either the Chair or Co-Chair of EMCC to be a member of that panel and this could be discussed following this meeting.

Ms. Angelo plans to take action within the next couple of months on the EMS Chief position. She would also like to add a R.N. Quality Assurance Specialist to work with the cardiac and stroke systems in the near future.

The County has a contract with TREF (Trauma Research and Education Foundation) to provide trauma services and the CIREN project on highway safety. Notice was received by the County in April, 2006, that the TREF Board of Directors would be terminating that contract with the County. Currently of approximately 14 TREF employees, only two or three are at risk of losing their employment at this time.

**VI. EMS MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

An annual inservice is going on at this time with many changes the American Heart Association has made with the ACLS (Advanced Cardiac Life Support) guidelines, particularly in the area of CPR chest compressions and ventilations. The other major change in the treatment guidelines pertains to high-dose nitroglycerine.

County EMS conducted a survey of San Diego County hospitals to ascertain their stroke capacity and the majority of them have policies and procedures in place to be a primary stroke center.

The Off-Load Study continues regarding the amount of time it takes for patients to be off-loaded at hospital emergency rooms. In cooperation with EMOC (Emergency Medical Oversight Committee), a survey has gone out during the last couple of weeks to determine for each individual hospital, how long that turnover of care is taking. The survey will have a total of three weeks of data. Chief Jobs added that there had been meetings between the County, fire chiefs, fire districts and the fire groups are also collecting data. He encouraged Dr. Haynes to call a meeting between EMS and the fire folks to really get a clear picture of the data out there in the community once all data is collected.

Another study being conducted is a Capacity Study to show the number of patients held in the emergency room after they have been admitted. Data has been coming back slowly.

The Institute of Medicine conducted a study on medical errors which led to different changes around the country in the EMS arena. Their report was just released. On the Base Station Physicians' Committee Medical Director's Report for June, there is a web-site listed where you can obtain a free download of the summary of the report along with a fact sheet. They also offer three books which you can purchase on line which summarize hospital-based emergency care, pediatric emergency care and more.

Discussions are continuing regarding the funding and disciplines with EMS licensures at the State level.

In an agreement with the federal government, Tenet Health, who owns Alvarado Hospital, has agreed to divest itself from Alvarado, probably by February, 2007. It is hoped that Tenet will attempt to sell Alvarado Hospital as a general acute care facility. There are apparently a number of interested parties in purchasing Alvarado. Dr. Haynes and Marcy Metz, R.N., County EMS have met with Alvarado Hospital Administration and will continue to meet as deemed necessary. County EMS has done some contingency planning in the event Alvarado does close as a hospital and will continue refining that plan.

**VII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2006 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

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### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

### IV. EMS STAFF REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes announced that his official appointment date as EMS Medical Director was August 15, 2006. He has enjoyed meeting people, hospital personnel and provider staff and will continue to do that.

The position of EMS Administrator is still being evaluated.

Rebecca Pate, R.N., has been hired with County EMS as a Quality Assurance Specialist, taking over the position Marcy Metz, R.N., was doing working with the base and satellite hospitals. Ms. Pate comes with an extensive amount of nursing background, particularly in emergency rooms, including the most recent at Sharp Memorial.

The TREF (Trauma Research Education Foundation) contract with the County has been transferred to UCSD.

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

A handout was distributed titled "Paramedic Offload Study, June, 2006." There has been much discussion over the last few years regarding the time it takes paramedics and EMT's to offload patients to hospital emergency rooms personnel. In cooperation with EMOC (Emergency Medical Oversight Committee) data was collected from June 5, 2006 through June 26, 2006 with nineteen hospitals participating. Overall, 45% of patients with a QCS record received at participating hospitals during study dates had a form completed and returned (2,670 forms/5,917 patients). The range for percent of forms returned from individual hospitals was between 16 and 98%. Results indicated that 88% of the reported offloads occurred within ten minutes or less.

A second study will be conducted during the flu season.

The question was raised if the County could use a program called First Watch and CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) times and go back through the Quality Assurance Collector (QCS) system and pull these times out as another method of evaluating offload times. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will follow-up on that.**

The County Board of Supervisors recently authorized the County to move forward with the STEMI system, so that Memorandum of Agreements (MOA's) could be completed with participating hospitals to operate cardiac receiving centers. Thirteen hospitals have been approved including Balboa Naval Medical Center.

The ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) study with two parts continues with the County participating with UCSD Medical Center. The study is a national and Canadian funded study looking at resuscitation issues. The City of San Diego will not be participating. The hypertonic saline study should begin within a month or

two.

The cardiac arrest (second study) portion of the ROC looks at alternating the amount of CPR before delivering a shock to people in defibrillation or in the same group of patients also using a valve that increases pressure in the chest which may improve CPR.

The Abaris Study, precipitated by UCSD Medical Center moving some of its hospital services from Hillcrest to the La Jolla area, reviewed the County's safety net including clinics. The review was presented recently at a County Board of Supervisors meeting. The report is approximately 250 pages and is available on-line.

The twenty year projection was for increases in clinic and emergency department visits as well as an increase in hospital discharges. The report also stated that the number of emergency room visits in San Diego is smaller than the rest of California and nationwide. The report also added that UCSD moving some of its services to the La Jolla area should not be a problem for the community.

A hospital capacity study is on-going looking at admitted patients waiting for beds. The study will continue through the flu season.

County EMS staff has been meeting with representatives from the field providers regarding the Pandemic flu in planning how to deal with a pandemic flu situation. Modified screening questions have been created for dispatchers. The group will continue to meet and refine questions and procedures more.

The Overcrowding Summit is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2006 from 8:00 a.m. to noon at Sharp Spectrum in Kearny Mesa. This EMOC event will include presentations by hospitals with idea sharing on solutions.

The protocol revision task force will be meeting soon. **ACTION: If anyone has revisions or suggestions, please send them to Rebecca Pate, R.N., County EMS.**

No new information on the status of the sale of Alvarado Hospital.

An unanticipated legislative bill passed the State legislature recently from the California Professional Firefighters which would affect EMT licensure and limit the power of the County EMS Medical Director on disciplinary actions. The Governor will soon decide on whether or not to veto or approve the bill.

Discussion ensued on a West Nile mosquito case in San Diego County. Dr. Haynes recommended providers wear protective clothing, particularly when on duty at dawn or dusk hours. Stationary water should be removed from areas where mosquitoes can breed. West Nile is not transmissible from person to person except by needlestick. **ACTION: Dr. Haynes will check on this case with Epidemiology.**

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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"As advisors to the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, the mission of the Emergency Medical Care Committee is to be an advocate for the community through the development of strategies for continuous improvement of the emergency medical services system."*

## EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

### Thursday, November 16, 2006

#### Members Present

Broyles, R.N., Linda – Emergency Nurses' Association  
Bull, R.N., Pat – American Red Cross  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – Base Hosp. Nurse Coordinators  
Forman, R.N., Kelly – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.  
Fried, Bruce – Fifth District  
Graham, Dan – S.D. Co. Ambulance Association  
Green, R.N., Katy – First District  
Haworth, Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Districts' Association  
Outlaw, Liz – Hosp. Assoc. S.D./Imperial Counties  
Sarro, Lt. Sherri – Law Enforcement Agencies  
Scott, Chief Mike – S.D. Co. Fire Chiefs' Association

#### County Staff Present

Bonesteele, R.N., Jeri  
Haynes, M.D., Bruce

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Members Absent

Fisher, Roger – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Second District  
Schroeder, Dave – Fourth District

#### Guests Present

Steen, R.N., Pam – Mercy Air  
Ybarra, Marcos – Pacific Ambulance

#### Vacant

Binational EMCC  
Emergency Physicians' Society  
League of California Cities  
Military Agencies  
S.D. Co. Medical Society  
Third District

## I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kelly Forman, R.N., Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried, to approve the Minutes of September 28, 2006 as submitted. MOTION carried. (One abstention, Chief Mike Scott, not in attendance at last meeting.)**

**III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS**

None.

**IV. EMS STAFF REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)**

Nancy Bowen, M.D., Public Health Officer, has announced her retirement from San Diego County, effective in May, 2007 if not sooner.

No search is being conducted at this time for an EMS Director.

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

Alvarado Hospital has been sold to two physician brothers from Los Angeles. They have not operated a hospital before but do own and manage a health-related type of business.

Paradise Valley Hospital has been sold to a Dr. Prem Reddy with Prime Healthcare. At this time, the new owners of both Alvarado and Paradise Valley have stated they intend to continue to operate both hospitals as general acute care hospitals with emergency departments.

Three contracts have been received back from hospitals for STEMI services, but still awaiting nine others. The system should be up and running in the next few weeks.

A Stroke Task Force group met on November 15, 2006 looking at evaluating the questionnaire that was sent to hospitals. A follow-up will probably occur with some hospitals who don't intend on seeking primary stroke accreditation to review their care. Currently four hospitals in San Diego County have stroke accreditation from JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations) while another nine stated they were planning to seek it.

The State-wide drill occurred on November 15, 2006 and County EMS played a large role at the MOC (Medical Operations Center). There will be a critique conducted and suggestions will come forward from that on how to improve some things.

New protocols for adult and pediatrics are being worked on by committees and will be reviewed in early 2007 by the Base Station Physicians' Committee.

The ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) Study was planning on starting their first phase of the Hypertonic Saline, however some concerns were voiced by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) regarding inpatient standardization of care after the patient was admitted.

Also with ROC, the Cardiac Medical Arrest Study may begin in February or March, 2007.

The Health and Human Services Capacity Task Force met recently and reviewed

the annual health plan relating to influenza. There will be some minor changes.

The emergency services transporting contract for County Service Area 17 in the North County will be going out to bid in spring, 2007. The services are currently provided by San Diego Medical Services Enterprise (SDMSE).

From the previous EMCC meeting, Chief Darrell Jobes had inquired about a program called First Watch. Dr. Haynes looked into that and discovered it comes from CAD data and it doesn't appear that the First Watch program would help in the review of offloading.

Also from the previous EMCC meeting, a West Nile virus case was discussed. Dr. Haynes reviewed the case with County Epidemiology and it involved a person who had a history of gardening and hiking outdoors who had a potential exposure and was quite ill at the time of review.

**VI. ELECTIONS FOR 2007 (Chair and Vice-Chair)**

**MOTION made by Dan Graham, Seconded by Mike Haworth, to elect Chief Darrell Jobes as EMCC Chair for 2007. MOTION carried.**

**MOTION made by Linda Broyles, R.N., Seconded by Bruce Fried, to elect Dan Graham as EMCC Vice-Chair for 2007. MOTION carried.**

**VII. NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2007 at 9:00 a.m., Health Services Complex, Executive Conference Room, 3851 Rosecrans Street, San Diego.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
County EMS