



# County of San Diego

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## BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING

### Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

#### Members Present

Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego  
Glasser, M.D., Judd – Tri-City  
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomeroado  
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar  
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont  
MacPherson, Gary – Co. Paramedics Agencies Comm.  
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's  
Marugg, Jim – S.D. Co. Paramedics' Association  
Reilly, M.D., Ian – Scripps La Jolla  
Zahller, M.D., Steve – Scripps Mercy

#### County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce  
Pate, R.N., Rebecca  
Smith, R.N., Susan  
Stepanski, Barbara

#### Recorder

Rupp, Merle

#### Guests Present

Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire  
Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire  
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Serv. Enter.  
Bei, Robert – Alvarado  
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy  
Broyles, R.N., Linda – RCCP/AMR  
Bryant, Tim – Palomar College  
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD  
Conover, Bill – Camp Pendleton Fire  
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD  
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College  
Harmon, Joe – Palomar College  
Hinton, William – Mercy Air  
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla  
Hudnet, Carlen – S.D. Med. Services Enterprise  
Hunt, Bryan – Palomar College  
Kelly, Kevin – Alvarado  
Love, Julie – Palomar College  
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City  
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont  
Mottet, R.N., Mary – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise  
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17  
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – San Diego Fire Rescue  
Ordman, David – Palomar College  
Osterberg, Ian – Palomar College  
Pham, M.D., Angela – UCSD  
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial  
Roy, Michael – Palomar College  
Sallee, M.D., Don – Naval Med. Ctr. San Diego  
Scott, R.N., Chris – San Diego Fire Rescue  
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire  
Valenta, Andy – Palomar College  
Vivieros, R.N., Dinarte – Children's  
Vogt, Rick – San Marcos Fire

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

Judd Glasser, M.D., Chairperson, brought the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION made by Jamil Madati, M.D., Seconded by Steve Zahller, M.D., to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2009 as submitted. MOTION carried.**

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

Privacy Laws Impacting Patient Follow-up: Two new California laws, AB 211 and SB 541 that took effect January 1, 2009, strictly limit what information about a patient can be released. Penalties for violating the provisions of these laws are severe with potentially substantial monetary fines up to \$250,000 and referral to a licensing agency for action against one's health provider license. Fire EMS and CPAC Committees have reviewed this issue and are formulating plans to respond. EMS is working with the Hospital Association on this.

Sexual Assault Evidence: The County's Sexual Assault Response Team wants to improve the preservation of evidence in sexual assault victims before they arrive for the forensic examination. Sexual assault should be reported as soon as possible to the police agency where the crime is alleged to have occurred. HIPAA concerns are not an issue when a crime is being reported. Please call Ruth Duke, R.N., EMS, for questions or information at (619) 285-6410.

Flu Season: The flu season continues to be very mild this year, and isolates of true influenza have dropped dramatically. The amount of influenza-like illness reported from emergency departments is the lowest in several years. Despite this, the system reports being quite busy the last few weeks. Hospitals are encouraged to continue to enter their admission hold report data twice a day.

**IV. BASE HOSPITAL NURSE COORDINATOR'S REPORT (Cheryl Graydon, R.N.)**

The results of two audits will be presented at PAC this date.

**V. ROC (Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium) UPDATE (Dan Davis, M.D.)**

(Jim Dunford, M.D.): The City of San Diego has been enrolling patients aggressively. Gary Vilke, M.D., is in charge of working with the outlying agencies and working with those who are not yet enrolled.

**VI. COUNTY EMS/PDA PRINTER COMMITTEE (Rick Vogt, San Marcos Fire)**

The Committee has developed a potential solution to the prehospital provider's ability to provide documentation to the hospital. Recommendations will be presented at next month's BSPC meeting of May 19, 2009. The recommendations will involve a small investment on the part of the providers which should benefit all.

**VII. AMIODARONE IN THE PREHOSPITAL ARENA (Judd Glasser, M.D.)**

Discussion ensued on the use of Amiodarone and Lidocaine. New preparations have come out recently that may have increased the cost. It was suggested to wait and see how ROC reviews it. Amiodarone is rarely given to pediatric patients and would only be given in consultation with cardiologists. Some pharmacies that have been contacted have shown Amiodarone being considerably more expensive than Lidocaine.

**VIII. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)**

The Disaster Council is currently in HPP Year Seven grant mode. Work invoices and deliverables can be submitted to the County in advance instead of all at once to keep the workload for the County more manageable. Ms. Rosenberg volunteered to send out a list of all County drills if anyone is interested. Sharon Carlson, R.N., is now the new Director of Disaster Services for Sharp Healthcare. She was the clinical lead nurse at Sharp Grossmont prior to that. The next drill is scheduled for June 18, 2009 and will be a pandemic influenza drill. Most of the hospitals are participating with most conducting a table top exercise.

EMAN will be switching over to the state-wide network CAHAN (California Health Alert Network) in a few months. For further information, contact Ms. Rosenberg. Web EOC is also used for communicating between hospitals during drills.

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION (Judd Glasser, M.D.)**

There is an interest in developing receiving centers for cardiac arrest patients.

The possibility of resurrecting the EMS Games.

A review of the results of CPAP for the first six months.

A review of STEMI data.

(Other): San Diego is one of four cities selected to participate in a site review for CPR with the new guidelines to be announced for 2010-11. Some of the criteria that will be considered is “how safe are you as a community,” “do you have public access to a defibrillator program,” “are you training children in CPR and AED’s,” etc.

**X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Tri-City Medical Center, 4002 Vista Way, Oceanside, California.

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,  
County EMS