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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Members Present

Davis, M.D., Dan – Mercy Air
Dunford, M.D., Jim – City of San Diego
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar
Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar/Pomerado
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
MacPherson, Gary – Co. Paramedics Agencies' Comm.
Madati, M.D., Jamil – Children's
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

Anderson, R.N., Marilyn – Vista Fire
Barnes, R.N., Melanie – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy
Brown, Mark – National Polytechnic Coll./Science
Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Buckley, M.D., Kevin – Naval Med. Ctr. S.D.
Buono, M.D., Colleen – UCSD
Conover, Bill – Camp Pendleton Fire
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Eldridge, R.N., Leslie – Sharp Memorial
Howard, R.N., LuAnn – Scripps La Jolla
Hudnet, Carlen – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Johnson, Wayne – S.D. Med. Serv. Enterprise
Majerczak, R.N., Karen – Tri-City
Moran, Dennis – UCSD
Mottet, R.N., Mary – S.D. Med. Serv. Ent./CSA-17
Pringle, John – San Diego Fire Rescue
Ross, Alyssa – City of San Diego
Scott, R.N., Chris – San Diego Fire Rescue
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Serra, John – UCSD
Tadros, Anthony – UCSD
Trayers, Fred – Naval Medical Center San Diego
Vivieros, R.N., Dinarte – Children's
Vogt, Chief Rick – San Marcos Fire

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ian Reilly, M.D., substituting for 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 Michele Grad, M.D., to approve the Minutes of June 16, 2009 as submitted. MOTION carried.

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

New Military Representative: Dr. Haynes introduced Kevin Buckley, M.D., the new Naval Medical Center Medical Director who replaces Don Sallee, M.D., who has been deployed.

Paramedic/EMT Programs: Dr. Haynes announced that a new paramedic training program was approved in the county. It is the National Polytechnic College of Science. Their application was reviewed and it met the State and local requirements. In particular, they had provisions for clinical and field internship. The county cannot determine if there is need for a new program, but whether the applicant meets the requirements.

Mark Brown introduced himself as the Director of a new training program and stated that he began his career as an Oceanside lifeguard and became a paramedic in 1979 and worked for various companies including Hartson's and AMR. He has now worked for the College for eight years and the College is a subset of National University. Concerns have been expressed by some that it is already difficult for agencies to place interns with the current number of training programs, with some students having to travel to Arizona to complete their internship. **ACTION: Wayne Johnson, San Diego Medical Services Enterprise, suggested that the Emergency Medical Care Committee, Education and Research Subcommittee meet and review this situation.**

Flu Update: In the most recent set of isolates from the State Lab, 98% were confirmed to be H1N1. Public Health conducted a large meeting recently including law enforcement, hospitals and EMS regarding dealing with the flu in the fall. Procedures remain in place and recommendations for dispatch notification have been disseminated. It is anticipated that there will be two different shots for H1N1 in the fall and an additional shot for the seasonal flu.

Capacity Plan: The Capacity Plan group met and is looking at the First Watch data. The updated Capacity Plan will be released later this summer or fall, 2009.

Stroke System Update: The Stroke System started on July 1, 2009 with fifteen hospitals. Naval Medical Center San Diego is expected to join the system at some point. The "Other 1" category is being utilized on the QCS exclusively for stroke receiving status. If unable to accept a stroke patient, "NO NEURO" should be entered in the "Other 1" column, including if down for CT.

Protocol Updates: The protocol updates went into effect July 1, 2009. Clarifications have gone out regarding questions that have come up.

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

The BHNC's will be presenting "Multi-Patient Incident Audit" this date at the PAC meeting to follow this meeting.

The data will be compiled for an "Interfacility Audit" in September, 2009. The BHNC's are also working on "I.O.'s." Other audits that will be completed in the near future are "CPR" and "CPAP."

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

In the non-city of San Diego agencies that are ROC Prime trial locations, the ITD valves are off the rigs temporarily in response to the Study Monitoring Committee. A ROC internal group identified that the reported rate of cardiac arrest had dropped substantially in the non-city agencies based on what had been reported in the larger data base in previous years.

In the future, ROC patients may be tagged and ROC staff can query the data base for ROC patients to be more efficient. In the meantime, the agencies are providing early versus later data analysis. ROC goes out and retrieves the files of those patients and enters those into the registry data base.

The trauma trials ceased in the spring. The goal was to come up with some observational trauma studies to better identify patients who are in traumatic shock and those could be done potentially with waivers of informed consent.

A resuscitation trauma study will be moving forward and this study is going on in Dallas right now.

**VI. SART (Sexual Assault Response Team) PRESENTATION
(Sue Dickinson R.N., B.S.N., Palomar/Pomerado Forensic)**

Ms. Dickinson explained there are two SART facilities in the North County; those being Palomar and Pomerado for people 14 years and older. In addition, Independent Forensic Services in San Diego will see those age 14 and older and Rady Children's Hospital from birth to 17 years of age. The following are other comments:

- Independent Forensic Services is privately owned.
- SART grew out of the name to serve assault victims in a more humane and timely manner and to assist the judicial process.
- SART recognizes the chain of custody and recognizes this is a public health safety issue.
- In the early days, there was use of the emergency department, and the detailed examination was not ideal in the ED setting. Also, staff were not fully trained to complete the evidentiary examination.
- Exams were done in the emergency department and long waits experienced due to the triage process and sometimes evidence was lost.
- The initial component of SART is law enforcement and a SART medical provider along with a victim advocate.

- Now examiners must complete a training course, work as per diem staff and must continually update their knowledge through continuing education classes, readings and professional organizations.
- Sexual assault is a reportable crime by law.
- Evidence samples used in cases include hair, nails, urine, blood, and victim's clothing, etc.
- SART does not test adults for sexually transmitted diseases but does test for pregnancy. SART does test children for STD's.
- DNA is a wonderful tool that is now standard in sexual cases.
- 96% of victims are females, 4% males.
- Hospitals are encouraged to report potential sexual assaults that occurred outside the U.S. or state borders, even if police decline to follow up.
- Urine specimens should always be given to the police and labeled appropriately. The patient should not wipe themselves, or bathe.
- It is important to collect clothing if it needs to be removed for treatment.
- Clothing should be placed in a paper bag (preferred unless soaked with blood or other fluids) and should be labeled and given directly to the police.
- Any swabs that are used should be retained for the SART team.
- For hepatitis testing, refer to Public Health or other provider of choice.
- The Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- SART is authorized and paid for by law enforcement.

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

(Reported by Leslie Eldridge, R.N.): The County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is planning on distributing wildfire information house-to-house County-wide to areas that have wildland-interface on July 25 and August 1, 2009 as part of their public awareness campaign. DVD's will be included.

The Hospital Coordinators of the California Health Alert Network (CAHAN) are meeting on August 4, 2009 to review the roles of the HICS (Hospital Incident Command System) system and further enhance and/or develop a computerized system.

The Golden Guardian drill is scheduled for May, 2010 but no November, 2009 drill this year. Naval Medical Center San Diego is going to conduct a surge drill and hospitals are invited to participate in November, 2009.

The HPP (Hospital Preparedness Program) Year Eight application has been sent to the State and then goes to the federal government for review. The County is awaiting approval on that. San Diego County should receive approximately a half million dollars for pandemic flu assistance.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

None.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 11:00 a.m. at Sharp Spectrum, 8695 Spectrum Center Court, Kearny Mesa, San Diego, California.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary,
County EMS