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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Members Present

Carlisle, Allen – Santee School District
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Comm. Planning Grp.
Coyle, Ken – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School Dist.
Voepel, Mayor Randy – City of Santee

County Staff Present

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

Recorder

Rupp, Merle

Members Absent

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont
Savage, Warren – City of Santee

Guests Present

Baker, Chief Mark – Lakeside Fire
Larkin, Brent – Lakeside Fire Protection Dist.
Mattick, Richard – Santee Fire
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire
Rottenberg, Chief Mike – Santee Fire
Smith, Rick – Lakeside Comm. Planning Group

I. INTRODUCTION/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Coyle, Vice-Chair, brought the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Chairperson Warren Savage was out of town on business.

Vice-Chair Coyle called for a moment of silence to remember this date in 2001 when over 2,900 people lost their lives and also to remember those who have given their lives in defense of freedom and all the rescue workers who helped (moment observed).

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Allen Carlisle, to approve the Minutes of May 8, 2008 as submitted. MOTION carried.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

None.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Saman Yaghmaee, County EMS)

For Fiscal Year 2007-08, a balanced budget was achieved by approximately \$4,800. The current Year-to-Date total is \$4,603,458. With a more aggressive approach towards the billing company, revenues were increased by approximately \$100,000.

Discussion ensued on the need for a discussion on increasing CSA-69 revenue, with recommendations that were developed from a special meeting that was held on May 29, 2008. From that meeting a number of recommendations were made to make changes to increase the revenue in the CSA-69.

Vice-Chair Coyle stated that the transport rate be adjusted to \$1,050 for all ALS, BLS, Non-Resident and Resident Transports. Mr. Yaghmaee added that 42% of revenue comes from ambulance services with the remaining 58% coming from the interest. No changes are to be made to the night charge or oxygen charge.

The mileage charge is to be increased to \$20 per mile from \$14 and a TNT (Treatment with no Transport) charge of \$150 imposed on all patients not transported, but who did receive an ALS assessment and two of the following:

1. An IV was attempted.
2. A 12 Lead EKG is performed.
3. Any medication is given either IV, IM or via inhalation.
4. Any CPR is performed (manual or mechanical).
5. An advanced airway adjunct is inserted (ET, Combitube, EOA).
6. The CPAP device is used.
7. Base Hospital contact is established.

Discussion ensued on whether or not to not include the TNT item. It was also recommended to include a cost-of-living allowance (COLA) in the changes.

MOTION made by Kevin Howe, Seconded by Robin Clegg, to approve the adjustment in the transport fee, mileage and COLA and forward this information to the County Board of Supervisors for approval. MOTION carried.

B. Administrative Report (Marcy Metz, R.N., Chief, County EMS)

1. Sunset Review Form

A Sunset Review form for CSA-69 was sent out in the packets to members this time, which is a requirement from the County Board of Supervisors for advisory bodies, every four years. The form reviews the committee and its purpose, membership and if the group recommends to continue or dissolve. **MOTION made by Kevin Howe to approve the Sunset Review form as submitted and Robin Clegg Seconded it. MOTION carried.**

Ms. Metz announced that County EMS and the Medical Operations Center (MOC) received the Southern California Emergency Services Silver Award for its activation and performance during the October, 2007 wildfires. The award was a result of the excellent working relationships between private and public entities.

The State-wide Golden Guardian exercise is scheduled for November 13-14 and 17-18, 2008 with an earthquake scenario planned. There will be a mobile hospital set up at March Air Force Base in Riverside, California and the County EMS MOC will be activated. Communication and transportation routes will be tested. Santee will open their Emergency Operations Center.

C. Agency Reports

Lakeside Fire: Andy Parr reported that he and Mr. Yaghmaee have been working together over the last two to three months with the billing company to obtain more revenue.

Call volume remains about the same but offload delays at hospitals are still a problem at the emergency room.

Santee Fire: Richard Mattick thanked Mr. Parr for all the work he did on the financial material for CSA-69.

A re-chassis was recently completed on a Ford F-450.

D. Medical Director's Report (Bruce Haynes, M.D., County EMS)

A new breathing device, Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP), that assists people who are having difficulty breathing appears to be successful so far. It prevents people from going on a respirator and field personnel are excited about using it.

Meetings will be held in October, 2008 to further review changes to treatment protocols that would go into effect in the summer of 2009.

The cardiac system continues to run well and the timelines and outcomes very good.

V. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next CSA-69 Advisory Committee was scheduled for November 6, 2008 at 4:00 p.m., but was changed later to Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Fire Department Administrative Office, 12365 Parkside Street, Lakeside, CA.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Merle Rupp, Board Secretary
County EMS