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GUESTS			
Sean English	Pasadena Fire Department	David Ybarra	
Brian Ranger	MEDLIFE	Samantha Verga-Gates	Long Beach Memorial Med. Cntr.
Matt Armstrong	MedCoast-LACAA	Jamie Garcia	HASC

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairman, David Austin. A quorum of the appointed members was declared.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chairman Austin announced that the voting members would include only the eight (8) appointed members for the new term. With 19 positions to be filled, there is a lot of work to be done.
- Each attendee introduced him/herself.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C: Commissioner Clute/Ramirez to approve all items on the Consent Calendar except the Minutes of the 7/20/2011 meeting to be held for discussion at the request of Commissioner Ramirez.

Commissioner Ramirez inquired regarding the status of Business item 5.4, Department of Mental Health/Psychiatric Mobile Response Team-Response to Hospital Emergency Rooms. The Minutes stated that new procedural guidelines had been established. Commissioner Ramirez confirmed that the statement was not true and there had been no action taken and no guidelines in place.

M/S/C: Commissioner Ramirez/Clute to place item 5.4 of the 7/20/2011 Minutes on the Consent agenda.

Cathy Chidester, Director, EMS Agency, commented on Correspondence items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*

The EMS Agency was requested to draft a letter to the CEO's office requesting a status report on the 5150 detainees by law enforcement policy. Ms. Chidester reported that she had spoken with the CEO's staff who advised her that the County Commission on Criminal Justice, the group that is working on this issue had been overwhelmed recently monitoring County jail activity. The CEO's office requested a 30 day extension until January 20, 2012 from the Board of Supervisors. The EMSC directed that if no report is received from the CEO's after January 20 to proceed with the letter.

ACTION: Forward letter for Chairman Austin to the CEO's office requesting a status report on the 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement Policy if no report is received after the January 20, 2012 extension date.

Responsibility: EMS Agency

Commissioner Ramirez requested that a start date be included with on-going agenda items.

- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*

A report is due to the Board of Supervisors in March. The report will be provided to the EMSC in March.

5.2 EMS Plan for Improvement Update

Ms. Chidester gave an overview on how the EMS Plan for Improvement evolved. The objectives of the Plan are divided into five categories, Admin/Gov, Clinical Care, Equipment, Education/Training Provider, and Public Education. Ms. Chidester noted that there were no objectives listed under Equipment as all requirements have been met.

5.3 Pediatric Advisory Committee

Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director, EMS Agency reported that the Pediatric Advisory Committee met in December and approved the Bylaws as well as procedures for amending the Bylaws. Currently there is one vacancy. The Committee meets quarterly and the next meeting will be held in March.

5.3 Chapter 13 Task Force/AB210 (Solorio)

No report. Chapter 13 Task Force meeting was cancelled.

5.4 Flu Season

No report. Cathy Chidester commented that this flu season is not an aggressive one. The CDC FluView and Public Health Influenza Watch were distributed as information.

(New Business)

5.8 State Parolee Program – Department of Mental Health's Role and Implications on the L.A. County Health Care System

Mary Marx, Department of Mental Health (DMH), reported on its role in the State Parolee's Program. Under the AB109 program parolees qualify within two components: those who will be housed in local county jails and those who will be

released into the community under post release supervision by the Probation Department, the lead agency. DMH negotiates contracts for 14 outpatient programs which have experience with forensics, and works with 33 State facilities and DHS to transfer 5150 patients to a State hospital or mental health facility. Approximately 9,000 parolees are expected to be released to L.A. County by June 30, 2012. DMH anticipates that 30 percent will require some mental health service.

5.6 Nominating Committee Recommendations

The Nominating Committee, Commissioners Carole Snyder, Andy Ramirez, and Daryl Parrish, met prior to the meeting to discuss recommendations for EMSC Chair/Vice Chair. The recommendations were:

Chairman: David Austin
Vice Chair: Ray Mosack

The Floor was opened for additional nominations.

M/S/C: Commissioner Clute/Snyder to accept the recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

5.7 Approval of Standing Committee Appointments

No discussion.

M/S/C: Commissioner Mosack/Clute to accept the recommendations presented by the EMS Agency regarding sub-Committee assignments for 2012.

5.9 Sidewalk CPR

Cathy Chidester briefed the Commission on the concept of a Countywide Sidewalk CPR day focusing on training the public on rapid chest compressions. The idea was obtained from Marin County which conducted a successful training day last year. June 7, 2012, will be designated as Sidewalk CPR in Los Angeles County and managed by the EMS Agency. Letters and registration forms will be going out to hospitals and all Provider Agencies inviting them to participate. Ms. Chidester stated that surrounding counties plan to participate on June 7 as well. She also stated that this training would support the Public Education objective of the Plan for Improvement.

5.10 EMSC 2012 Meeting Dates

Chairman Austin advised the Commissioners that three scheduled meeting dates in 2012 pose a possible conflict: March 21, which will be the same date as the State EMSC meeting in Los Angeles, September 19, State EMSC meeting in San Diego, and November 21, the day before Thanksgiving. It was suggested that these meetings be scheduled one week before or after the regularly scheduled date. Marilyn Rideaux will poll the Commissioners to determine the best date to re-schedule each meeting.

5.11 EMS Agency Accomplishments

A memo from the EMS Agency regarding accomplishments in 2011 was included in the package for information.

6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

- Commissioner Binch requested that Commissioners review the document included in the package regarding Data Quality Improvement and that it be placed on the March 21, 2012 agenda for discussion/action.

- Chairman Austin reminded the EMSC that the CFED conference is coming up this spring in Palm Springs.

7. LEGISLATION

Ms. Chidester reported that there is nothing significant going on legislatively except for AB 1387 which is still being discussed. Chairman Austin reported that all two-year bills are now active bills and that the deadline to introduce new legislation is January 27, 2012.

8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cathy Chidester announced that the annual EMSAAC conference will be held in Long Beach, aboard the Queen Mary on June 5 -6. Save-the-Date cards are available and registration information is available on the EMSAAC website.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:28 PM to the meeting of March 2012. Commissioners will be polled via Email to determine best possible date.

**Next Meeting: March 2012 (specific date TBA)
 EMS Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor)
 EMS Agency
 10100 Pioneer Blvd.
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Recorded by:
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Commission Liaison