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Kevin Costa	Pasadena Fire Department		

Exc = excused

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Jeff Eastman, at 1:13 p.m. in the EMS Commission Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. With a quorum being declared, self introductions were made starting the EMSC members, EMS Agency Staff, and members of the audience.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Self introductions were made starting the EMSC members, EMS Agency Staff, and members of the audience.
- Chairman Eastman introduced Police Chief, Robert Barnes, from Bell Gardens Police Department who was representing the L.A. Area Police Chiefs Association. He also introduced Fire Chief, Jon Thompson, from Compton Fire who will replace him as the L.A. Area Fire Chiefs Association's representative.
- Chairman Eastman announced that this would be his last meeting.
- Cathy Chidester, Executive Director, EMSC, requested that all EMSC members present review the contact roster and advise Marilyn Rideaux of any changes or corrections.
- Ms. Chidester requested that all Commissioners complete the biographical sketch before leaving for the day, if possible, or send the updated information to Marilyn by email.
- Ms. Chidester announced that the Form 700, Statement of Economic Interests filing period was coming up and urged members to complete the form timely and return to the Board of Supervisors to avoid any penalties.

CONSENT CALENDAR

All items listed on the Consent Calendar were approved with the exception of Item 3.2 which was held for discussion at the request of Commissioner Frank Binch. Commissioner Binch reported that the Data Advisory Committee has been making progress after more than a year's work on the issue of data quality and how to address it as an organizational matter. These activities dovetail with the quality assurance/improvement function that is being developed by the EMS Agency. The Data Advisory Committee expects to present a policy to the EMS Commission in the near future.

MSC: Commissioner Austin/Flashman to approve all items on the Consent Calendar.

5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*
Commissioner Ramirez reported that he met with Mark Delgado from the CCJC sometime ago who advised him that the report is still being worked on and there's no specific date currently for completion of the report.
- *Augmenting EMS Commission Membership*
Ms. Chidester reported that the EMS Agency has completed the draft ordinance change to reflect inclusion of the Southern California Public Health Association and the Los Angeles Area Police Chiefs Association and this is being reviewed by the County Counsel's office. Once the draft ordinance is approved by County Counsel, a Board letter will be drafted to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.
- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*
Ms. Chidester reported that the Auditor-Controller's report has been completed and is ready to go to the Board of Supervisors. There was also a DHS response to the report which is not currently available to EMS. The EMS Agency will make every effort to have a copy of the final Auditor-Controller's report as well as DHS's response to the report and any response from the Board of Supervisors to DHS at the next EMSC meeting.

Commissioner Binch inquired about some of the recommendations in the Auditor-Controller's report that were fast tracked. Ms. Chidester responded that one of the recommendations which have been implemented was to extend the application to a three year period with the physician just submitting an acknowledgement for continued enrollment each year during the three year agreement period. The other recommendation was to require the physician to agree to bill at a lower rate for the second billing to the patient. By doing this there is potential to receive funding through the billing process as opposed to tapping into the PSIP program.

5.2 Request from the LAC-Pediatric Liaison Nurses to Expand Committee Make-up

The EMSC received a letter a few months ago from the LAC-Pediatric Liaison Nurses requesting to have connection with the EMSC and a request to have separate advisory committee to the EMSC. At the last EMSC meeting, the EMS Agency was requested to bring back to the EMSC three possible recommendations for discussion.

The three (3) options presented to the EMSC for consideration are outlined in the following table:

Los Angeles County EMS Agency

Recommendations for the EMS Commission to increase the representation of Pediatric Liaisons/Advocates at the Committees

Committee Membership*	Appointed by	Current Base Hospital Advisory Committee	Facilities Advisory Committee		
			Option 1	Option 2	Option 3
Chair: EMS Commissioner	EMSC	1	1	1	1
Vice Chair: EMS Commissioner	EMSC	1	1	1	1
EMS Commissioner	EMSC	1	1	1	1
Provider Agency Advisory Committee (PAAC)	PAAC	1	1	1	1
Education Advisory Committee (EAC)	EAC	1	1	1	1
Data Advisory Committee (DAC)	DAC	0	1	1	1
Base Hospital Medical Director	Medical Council	1	1	1	1
Base Hospital Northern Region	Association of Prehospital Care Coordinators (APCC)	2	2	1	2
Base Hospital Southern Region	APCC	2	2	1	2
Base Hospital Western Region	APCC	2	2	1	2
Base Hospital Eastern Region	APCC	2	2	1	2
Base Hospital County Region	APCC	1	1	1	1
Mobile Intensive Care Nurse (MICN)	APCC	1	1	1	1
Emergency Department Approved for Pediatrics (EDAP)	Pediatric Liaison Nurses of Los Angeles County (PdLN)	0	1	1	1
Pediatric Medical Center (PMC)	PdLN	0	1	1	0
Pediatric Trauma Center (PTC)	Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee (THAC)	0	1	1	0
Trauma Hospitals (TH)	THAC	0	1	1	0
STEMI Receiving Center (SRC)	SRC Advisory Committee	0	1	1	0
Approved Stroke Center (ASC)	ASC Advisory Committee	0	1	1	0
ED Director	Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC)	0	1	1	0
TOTAL Members	-	16	24	20	18

* Each member will have 1 alternate representative (except for EMS Commissioners).

Note: The three options were presented to the Base Hospital Advisory Committee at their December 8, 2010 meeting. The following comments were received:

1. Members oppose Option 1 and 2 as it will dilute the membership and will change the focus of the Committee. The specialty care centers already have forums to discuss program specific issues (except for the pediatric liaisons) and have an avenue to advise the EMS Agency and the EMS Commission.
2. Option 3 is viable and will provide a venue for the pediatric liaisons to discuss pediatric issues.
3. Members recommend the formulation of an independent Pediatric Advisory Committee similar to THAC and SRC Advisory Committee.

Cathy Chidester presented the following options for the Commission's consideration:

- 1) Create a Pediatric Advisory Committee similar to THAC and SRC that would be linked to the EMS Agency
- 2) An advisory committee of PdLNs with one representative on the Base Hospital Advisory Committee
- 3) Have an advisory committee directly linked to the EMS Commission with an EMS Commission member serving on the committee
- 4) Amend the structure of the Base Hospital Advisor Committee

MOTION by Commissioner Snyder/Luo that an independent Pediatric Advisory Committee be established similar to THAC and SRC advisory committees reporting to the EMS Agency, and that the Base Hospital Advisory Committee's Membership be amended to include a Pediatric Liaison Nurse (PdLN) representative that will be appointed by the newly developed Pediatric Advisory Committee.

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION by Commissioner Austin/Flashman that the bylaws, guidelines and reporting structure of the Pediatric Advisory Committee be outlined prior to implementation. Amendment/Motion carried.

Action: Amend the Base Hospital Advisory Committee's Membership to include a PdLN representative and outline prior to implementation the bylaws, guidelines, and reporting structure of the Pediatric Advisory Committee.

Responsibility: EMS Agency

(New Business)

5.3 Nomination/Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman - 2011

Nominating Committee Chair, Commissioner Snyder, reported that the Committee's recommendations for 2011 were Commissioner Dave Austin as Chairman and Commissioner Ray Mosack as Vice Chairman. The other members of the Committee were Commissioner Flashman and Commissioner Mosack.

MSC: Commissioner Snyder/Washburn to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

The meeting was turned over to newly elected Chairman, Dave Austin. Chairman Austin stated that he looked forward to the EMSC challenges of the year, keeping focus on the patient first. He also thanked Commissioner Pratt and Eastman for their mentorship and past leadership.

5.4 EMS Agency QI Plan

The EMS QI Plan was included in the meeting package. Ms. Chidester stated that the EMS Agency followed the State of California EMS Authority's format in developing the LAC-EMS Agency QI Plan for 2011. The Plan includes a description of the structure and organization, LAC EMS Technical Advisory Group (TAG), data collection and reporting, and quality indicators. Ms. Chidester advised the EMSC that reports would be provided as the Plan develops.

6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

None

7. LEGISLATION – Cathy Chidester

None

8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Chidester thanked Kay Fruhwirth and Richard Tadeo for hanging the scrolls and photos in the EMSC Hearing Room.
- DHS has a new Department head, Dr. Mitchell Katz, who comes from the San Francisco Department of Public Health. He has been invited to attend a future EMSC meeting
- The CFED Conference will be held from May 31 – June 3 in Ontario.
- The annual EMS Update is almost completed. Train the Trainer sessions will be conducted on February 24 and March 3.
- 10-4 Magazine did an article on the 'Truck Driving Nurses' who drive the MoMs. The article will be forwarded to the EMSC by email.
- The proposed State Budget does not have funds in the EMSA budget to maintain the State's mobile assets including 3 200 bed tent facilities. The estimated annual cost for maintenance is \$1.7 million and the funding for this is currently not part of EMSA's budget proposed by Governor Jerry Brown. EMSA is working with Counties to try to find a solution to maintaining this disaster response asset.
- The State has developed a task force on .201 Rights. EMS has been working with the L.A. Area Fire Chiefs to ensure good representation on the task force. Chairman Austin reported that he is a member of the task force and that the first meeting would be held at the EMS Authority in Sacramento on Tuesday, January 25, from 10 AM to 3 PM. Chairman Austin will report back to the EMSC.
- The last hour of the March 16 EMSC meeting will be used to orient new EMSC members or anyone who would like to participate on the history of the EMS System and the role of the EMS Agency.
- The Coliseum administration has expressed a desire to partner with local hospital and provide financial support to those who treat patients transported from events such as the RAVE parties that are held at this venue.
- The EMSAAC conference this year will be June 7 and 8 at the Newport Beach Radisson.

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C: Commissioners Washburn/Ramirez to adjourn to the meeting of March 16, 2011.

The Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm to the meeting of March 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: March 16, 2011
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor)
EMS Agency
10100 Pioneer Blvd.
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Recorded by;
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Commission Liaison

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