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Irma Castaneda	LAC-Dept. of Mental Health	Kathy Torres	LLU-EMC
Eli Quintanilla	Loma Linda University		

Exc = excused

CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman, Ray Mosack, at 1:12 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:

Vice Chairman Mosack introduced Mr. Daryl Parrish who was attending his first meeting of the EMS Commission. Mr. Parrish is the City Manager for the City of West Covina and represents the League of California Cities/Los Angeles County Division.

Mr. Jamie Garcia, Vice President of the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) introduced Mr. Gerald Clute, recently appointed by the Board of Supervisors to replace Mr. Dennis Lee, as the hospital representative. Mr. Lee will be retiring as the CEO of Methodist Hospital of Arcadia later this year.

Ms. Cathy Chidester, Executive Director, EMS Commission, acknowledged Mr. Lee's years of service on the EMS Commission. Mr. Lee was presented with a certificate of acknowledgement and a \$50 gift card in appreciation of his service.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

All items listed on the Consent Calendar were approved except item 4.10 which was held for discussion at the request of Commissioner Ramirez.

M/S/C: Commissioner Luo/Flashman to approve all items on the Consent Calendar excluding item 4.10.

Commissioner Ramirez requested clarification regarding action plans referred to in 4.10, Reference 842-Mass Gathering Interface With Emergency Medical Services. Commissioner Ramirez was particularly interested in who was responsible for preparing action plans and how it is distributed.

M/S/C: Commissioner Margulies/Flashman to approve item 4.10 on the Consent Calendar.

5. BUSINESS (Old Business)

5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives

- *Improving Transportation Mechanism of 5150 Detainees by Law Enforcement*
Ms. Chidester reported that Mr. Mark Delgado presented a draft report to the CEO's office and is currently working with that office on finalizing recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. There were questions regarding cost for initiating a pilot project.
- *Augmenting EMS Commission Membership*
Ms. Chidester reported that the draft ordinance has been completed and is still moving through the process. It is expected to be completed in time for the July EMSC meeting.
- *Physician Services for Indigent Patients (PSIP) Auditor-Controller Draft Report*
Ms. Chidester reported that the Auditor-Controller's was presented to the Board of Supervisors with recommended changes. The identified action items have been implemented. By request of Commissioner Binch, this item will remain on the agenda until the first update to the Board of Supervisors is distributed to the EMSC.

5.2 Pediatric Advisory Committee

The EMSC discussed the draft Bylaws for the Pediatric Advisory Committee which was included in the package. Richard Tadeo reported that the Committee would meet quarterly with a schedule similar to the Trauma Hospital Advisory Committee (THAC). The first meeting will be held on June 11 at 11:00 AM at the EMS Agency. The membership composition of the Committee is still being developed.

5.3 Maddy Fund

Ms. Chidester reported that the trailer bills to support the State taking \$55 million from the Maddy Fund haven't gone anywhere. The sponsoring groups have come to the realization the complexity of the Physician reimbursement piece. The Governor's May revise budget leaves the Maddy Fund intact, therefore not impacting this stream of revenue for the local EMS agencies.

5.4 Chapter 13 Task Force/AB210

The State EMS Authority has convened a task force to review Chapter 13 of the Health and Safety Code and develop regulations through consensus to clarify sections of the code. The meetings have been going well and there has been extensive dialogue on issues related to this Chapter. Major topics being discussed are city rights to provide EMS and ambulance transport, "Grandfathering", Exclusive Operating Areas and the counties authority to create the areas in their EMS plan. The Chapter 13 task force is continuing to meet while at the same time AB 210 (Solorio) moving through the legislature. AB 210 is intended to clarify issues related to 1797.201 and 1797.224. Both the task force and the bill are being closely watched.

(New Business)

5.5 Department of Mental Health/Psychiatric Mobile Response Team-Response to Hospital Emergency Rooms

Cathy Chidester advised the Commission that the Department of Mental Health's plan to reduce the number of Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) and their response criteria may be changed in the future. This would impact emergency departments who have patients that are being recommended for a 5150 hold. Ms. Chidester felt that it was important for EMS to become acquainted with the changes as it would affect emergency departments significantly. Mr. Tony Beliz, Deputy Director Emergency Outreach Bureau of the Department of Mental Health was present to give an overview of the services provided by PMRTs. Mr. Beliz reported that because there are not enough resources and money to manage the growing Los Angeles County mental health population, these actions are necessary. Private hospitals need to look at alternative options for meeting the needs of the 5150 population for example:

- For DMH-PMRT not to respond to requests from hospital ERs. Since the patient is already in a hospital environment, there are things that can be done by hospital staff to stabilize the patient.
- Encouraged private partners to develop contracts with private hospital psychiatric teams that can respond so the patient may be admitted to the hospital on whatever financial arrangement they can make
- Encourage hospitals to consider other alternatives.

Commissioner Binch inquired about alternative plans due to lack of resources available in order to handle the growing population and requested a follow up report from DMH-PMRT.

Action: Provide a status report and some data for review.

Responsibility: DMH-PMRT

6. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS/REQUESTS

Commissioner Flashman inquired about the electronic patient care record and exchange of electronic data. Ms. Chidester reported that electronic data capturing is not going well. L.A. City's pilot program using their electronic patient care record is going well; however the EMS Agency has not had of these records downloaded into TEMIS as they have been unable to interface with the County's system. A policy has been developed that delineates the requirements for electronic patient care records and sharing of data with the EMS Agency. The EMS Agency is working with

Long Beach and Alhambra Fire departments and will fund pilot projects with these two entities once the contracts are finalized in July or August 2011.

7. LEGISLATION

Cathy Chidester reported on the following Legislation of interest to EMSAAC:

- AB 74, Public events: Raves: prohibitions; EMSAAC-Watch
- AB 210, Emergency medical services; EMSAAC-Watch
- AB 215, Emergency services: Emergency Medical Air Transportation Act; EMSAAC-Watch
- AB 449, Telecommunications: mobile telephony service: emergency contact information; EMSAAC-Strong Support
- AB 731, Firefighting; EMSAAC-Watch
- AB 770, Emergency telephone systems; EMSAAC-Support if Amended
- AB 861, California Stroke Registry; EMSAAC-Support if Amended
- SB 359, Medi-Cal: ground ambulance rates; EMSAAC-Soft Support

8. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Cathy Chidester reported that the EMS Agency's QI Plan was approved by the State. The first Technical Advisory Group meeting was held at the EMS Agency. The STEMI Receiving Report and the Quality Indicator Summary Report was distributed for information. Ms. Chidester explained that the Quality Indicator Summary Report reflects the areas identified by the State EMS Authority that must be part of the monitoring. The actual indicators that were chosen were what the Agency felt was important to cover. Dr. William Koenig, Medical Director, EMS Agency, presented an overview and explanation of the STEMI Receiving Report.
- Cathy Chidester reported that the Ambulance Ordinance will go to the Board of Supervisors next Tuesday for the first reading and then a second reading in about 30 days.
- Dr. Koenig reported that the EMS Agency is the first system in the country to integrate EMS stroke data with the American Heart Association's data base.

9. ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C: Commissioners Washburn/Luo to adjourn to the meeting of July 20, 2011.

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm to the meeting of July 20, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

**Next Meeting: July 20, 2011
EMS Commission Hearing Room (1st Floor)
EMS Agency
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Recorded by;
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