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<http://ems.dhs.lacounty.gov/>

DATE: September 19, 2018

TIME: 1:00 – 3:00 PM

LOCATION: Los Angeles County Emergency Medical Services Agency
10100 Pioneer Boulevard, EMSC Hearing Room – 1st Floor
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

The Commission meetings are open to the public. You may address the Commission on any agenda item before or during consideration of that item, and on other items of interest which are not on the agenda, but which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. Public comment is limited to three (3) minutes and may be extended by Commission Chair as time permits.

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AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER – Erick Cheung, M.D., Chairman

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS
Provider Impression Pilot Program – Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill

III. CONSENT AGENDA (Commissioners/Public may request that an item be held for discussion. All matters are approved by one motion unless held.)

1. MINUTES

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2. CORRESPONDENCE

- 2.1 (07-02-2018) Distribution: California EMS for Children Assessment
- 2.2 (07-19-2018) Distribution: Ref. No. 503.1, Diversion Request Requirements for Emergency Department Saturation
- 2.3 (08-01-2018) Distribution: Agreement – Data Use

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 3.1 Base Hospital Advisory Committee – Cancelled
- 3.2 Data Advisory Committee – Cancelled
- 3.3 Education Advisory Committee – Cancelled
- 3.4 Provider Agency Advisory Committee

4. POLICIES

- 4.1 Policy No. 1006: Paramedic Accreditation

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

IV. BUSINESS

BUSINESS (OLD)

- 5.1 Prehospital Care of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Emergencies Report
- 5.2 Ad Hoc Committee (Wall Time/Diversion)
- 5.3 Updates from Physio-Control/Stryker on the ePCR for the Los Angeles County Fire Department

BUSINESS (NEW)

- 5.7 EMS Commission Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018
- 5.8 EMS Commission Meeting for November 21, 2018 – Reschedule/Cancel Due to Holiday
- 5.9 Measure B Funding
- 5.10 Nominating Committee

V. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/REQUESTS

VI. LEGISLATION

VII. EMS DIRECTOR'S REPORT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

(To the meeting of November 21, 2018)

Lobbyist Registration: Any person or entity who seeks support or endorsement from the EMS Commission on official action must certify that they are familiar with the requirements of Ordinance No. 93-0031. Persons not in compliance with the requirements of the Ordinance shall be denied the right to address the Commission for such period of time as the noncompliance exists.



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I. CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the EMSC Hearing Room, 10100 Pioneer Boulevard, Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m. by Chairman Erick Cheung, M.D. A quorum was present with 13 commissioners in attendance.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Cheung opened the meeting with self-introductions starting with EMSC members followed by Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency staff and guests.

Dr. Marianne Gausche-Hill, EMS Agency Medical Director, introduced Dr. Denise Whitfield as the newest full-time physician member of the EMS Agency staff as Director of Education and Innovation. She also introduced the new EMS Fellow, Dr. Puneet Gupta.

Chairman Cheung called attention to a recent incident in Long Beach where Fire Captain Dave Rosa was killed, and one firefighter, Ernesto Torres, was injured by gunshots while responding to a fire at an 11-story retirement facility. He acknowledged the efforts and loss experienced by Long Beach firefighters, everyone who was impacted by the shooting incident and the family of the 17-year veteran fire captain. Chairman Cheung asked for a moment of silence in honor of Long Beach Fire Captain Dave Rosa.

"Moment of Silence Observed"

Commissioner Paul Rodriguez spoke on behalf of the Long Beach firefighters and the family of Fire Captain Dave Rosa, expressing appreciation for the many words of support from everyone.

Cathy Chidester, EMS Agency Director and EMSC Executive Director, introduced Scott Martin of the Redondo Beach Police Department to give a presentation on Assembly Bill (AB) 1776, the emergency medical transport of police dogs by ambulance, and expressed the potential need for additions to our County policy on tactical emergency medical services that addresses this issue.

Officer Scott Martin, Redondo Beach Canine Division and Detective Bureau, provided background on AB 1776. The greatest risks in searches, serving warrants etc., is to the canines because they go in first and ensure safety for the police officers. Although Canine Division police cars have been modified to be mobile kennels, it is extremely difficult to administer first aid to a canine when they require emergency medical care as these cars are not conducive to having an officer ride in the back with the injured canine while their partner drives quickly to the nearest emergency veterinary facility. He feels that it makes sense to have their injured canines transported in an ambulance when there is no human need for transport and the police dog is critically injured given that EMS units are present on a lot of their calls.

Officer Martin stated that he introduced this concept to Assemblyman Steinorth who moved forward to introduce the bill to the legislative process. He stated that having been in the Canine Division for seven years and seeing the challenges the canine and handler face when a canine is injured in the line of duty, he was motivated to do something to look for transportation solutions. Officer Martin is seeking EMSC support of this bill as a transport-only bill and possibly a local policy that would allow injured canines to be transported by ambulance to a veterinary hospital.

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

Chairman Cheung called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion by Commissioners Eckstein/Hisserich to approve the Consent Agenda was carried unanimously.

1. MINUTES:

May 16, 2018 Minutes were approved.

2. CORRESPONDENCE:

2.1 Healthcare Coalition Surge Exercise: After-Action Evaluation Meeting

2.2 Arrive Alive ePCR Pilot/Lucas™ – Beverly Hills Fire Department

Dr. Gausche-Hill explained the Arrive Alive ePCR Pilot program as utilization of the Lucas™ device to treat patients in cardiac arrest. This allows for no interruption of CPR during transitions of care from the field to the ambulance to the emergency department to the catheterization lab. This pilot was rolled out in June 2018 with Beverly Hills Fire and select stations within Los Angeles County Fire who have trained their staff on mechanical CPR and utilizing the Lucas™ device which performs CPR as the patient is transported to Cedars-Sinai to see if they qualify to receive this type of extracorporeal membrane oxygenation (ECMO). This is for patients most likely to survive their cardiac arrest, who are neurologically intact and of a certain age.

2.3 Arrive Alive ePCR Pilot/Lucas™ – Los Angeles County Fire Department

2.4 Public Safety Naloxone Program Approval – Manhattan Beach Police Department

2.5 Public Safety Naloxone Program Approval – South Gate Police Department

2.6 Emergency Department Status of Community Medical Center Long Beach

Ms. Chidester announced that the closure and stopping of emergency medical services traffic was completed as of July 3, 2018.

2.7 Revised Prehospital Treatment Protocols and Medical Control Guidelines

2.8 Emergency Medical Services Authority's Approval of L.A. County's 2017 Trauma System Status Report

3. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

3.1 Base Hospital Advisory Committee

3.2 Data Advisory Committee

3.3 Education Advisory Committee

3.4 Provider Agency Advisory Committee

4. POLICIES:

4.1 Policy No. 503.1: Diversion Request Requirements for Emergency Department Saturation

Attachment A: Policy Review Summary by Committee

Attachment B: Summary of Comments Received

Ms. Chidester announced that since Policy No. 503.1 is now approved, the EMS Agency will roll it out with education that needs to be done with the Medical Alert

Center (MAC) and hospital staff, and the EMS Agency will monitor the performance and update the EMS Commission on its progress.

IV. BUSINESS:
BUSINESS (OLD)

5.1 Ad Hoc Committee on Prehospital Care of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Emergencies

Chairman Cheung introduced Dr. Isabella Morton, PG3 Psychiatry Resident at UCLA, who provided a summary of the results from the law enforcement survey related to dispatch and field response to mental health emergencies. He stated this survey was developed as a result of the Ad Hoc Committee's work and recommendations, which was done two to three years ago, as part of the EMSC's efforts to understand response to behavioral and substance abuse emergencies.

It was noted that law enforcement is responding to mental health related calls more than 90% of the time, and that there is a need to improve dispatch protocols. The people answering the dispatch survey suggested this could be achieved through training for dispatchers, having full-time clinicians and officers on first response calls and proper coding to determine if the call is a mental health emergency or not.

Dr. Morton noted that on the field response survey the majority of the mental health calls received were categorized as suicide attempts – with intent and without. She stated that on 50% of these type calls a mental health trained officer or clinician is responding. The majority of these calls are transported to an urgent care or hospital. The challenges law enforcement reported in dealing with mental health emergencies were a lack of resources. The overall observations were more training, more resources and more specialty mental health clinicians embedded with police officers are needed.

Chairman Cheung observed that roughly one-third of the calls relate to suicidal thoughts but no attempt and may not be in direct eminent harm. He noted there could be an opportunity to pair dispatch with suicide crisis hotline to handle some of those calls to do very careful triage to figure out what the response should be before sending sirens and law enforcement to the scene.

Commissioner Ower observed that 24 out of 46 law enforcement agencies responded, and those who did not respond may not have mental health trained staff working with them, which could represent an opportunity to get resources into those agencies who do not have anything and start the education process there.

Police Chief Eugene Harris (pending appointment to EMSC representing L.A. County Police Chiefs' Association) commented that portions of the percentage mentioned in the data is going to be impacted by those that are not law enforcement related calls where law enforcement does not respond, but medical or fire does. Then, there are those fire agencies that use a unified dispatch. For instance, the area of Verdugo uses Verdugo Dispatch for seven (7) to nine (9) different cities. Those numbers are going to be important to factor in because even though the call comes into your local law enforcement, once they determine it is a fire call and not a police call, those numbers are going to be significant at some point in this process.

There was further discussion on possible response biases given there was no data from the sheriffs, how they process their data, and consideration of data results based

on actual survey responses. Of note is 20% of law enforcement transports are estimated to be going to psychiatric urgent care centers (UCCs), which perhaps demonstrates the value of these facilities as a resource and demonstrates the safety of being able to get patients to those settings. This supports the concept of alternative destinations for mental health transport for EMS. The rate of UCCs having to send a person from their facility to an emergency department is overall very low.

Ms. Chidester stated that once the report is finalized, we need to get back to the Police Chiefs' Association on how we present it to them. It will be valuable for the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Commission to be provided the results because some things are specific to DMH and they can act on them. The survey results should also be shared with District Attorney Jackie Lacey's committee.

Chairman Cheung agreed that DMH should see the final report, referencing wraparound services and full service partnerships utilized through DMH, and stated that taking advantage of these services by emergency departments will be beneficial. This will be helpful in establishing a comprehensive care plan even for law enforcement who may encounter the same person multiple times.

Commissioner Eckstein stated the goal should be to minimize interaction between patrol officers and patients with mental health issues, avoid having paramedics and fire companies respond, re-evaluate policy mandating paramedics to transport to non-LPS certified facilities and come up with a system where we do not have paramedics, physicians and law enforcement officers waiting to get care for patients in mental health crisis.

5.2 Ad Hoc Committee (Wall Time/Diversion) – Draft: Reference No. 503.1

Richard Tadeo, EMS Assistant Director, explained the handout which provided clarification for Policy No. 503.1. Mr. Tadeo stated that on implementation we will work with Hospital Association to have this diversion status added to ReddiNet. It would be a separate column and would not be merged with hospital diversion for ED Saturation so that we can track how often hospitals are placed on diversion by the request of a provider agency. Processes will have to be developed for the MAC, and we will track and evaluate the effectiveness of this policy change. We will provide Commission updates at future meetings.

5.3 Updates from Physio-Control/Stryker on the ePCR for the Los Angeles County Fire Department

Mr. Tadeo stated that Los Angeles County Fire has transmitted all of their records associated with Version 6 of the transmission that covers Fiscal Year 2016-17, and this data will be incorporated into the Annual Report which is in the process of being developed.

BUSINESS (NEW)

V. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS/REQUESTS:

None

VI. LEGISLATION:

Ms. Chidester stated AB 1795, the Gibson Bill, the ability for paramedics to transport to psychiatric and sobering centers, was put on suspense file.

Ms. Chidester referenced AB 1776, and the presentation given by Officer Martin, which allows ambulances to transport injured police canines.

Ms. Chidester stated SB 944 Hertzberg Bill, community paramedic bill, also has triage to alternate destinations added to its language. The EMSAAC, EMDAAC and Ambulance Association are opposed to the bill because it layers on many requirements that are deemed not necessary for community paramedicine, and that it lumps in alternate destination to psychiatric or the sobering center with community paramedicine. There are also requirements that if you did one of these programs, it would require adding eight (8) members to the Commission, including Dr. Gausche-Hill who is the Medical Director. It removes medical control from the local EMS agencies and adds layers of oversight that are deemed not needed and adds a new commission to the state commission to oversee these programs, which is not necessary. Any of these programs, including alternate destination, would require every single paramedic to have 120 hours of training to make a triage decision. There are discussions with Supervisor Janice Hahn's office to see if anything can be revised in order for Los Angeles County to support this bill.

Proposition 11 will be on the November 2018 ballot, which resulted from a lawsuit that was against a security company about giving breaks and their employees having to be totally unencumbered on their breaks with no radios. Proposition 11 allows ambulance companies to have their employees agree that while on their break they still carry a radio and can still be dispatched, which is how it is now. It is almost impossible to have ambulance personnel unencumbered for break time if in the middle of a transport they missed their break because they are at the hospital. The Proposition also includes provisions for additional education and psychiatric counseling for ambulance company employees.

VII. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Ms. Chidester gave coasters to the commissioners that were distributed to EMS Agency employees during EMS Week in May.

Ms. Chidester reported that the EMS 50th Anniversary Celebration on March 21, 2019, is being planned by a committee and will be held at the Los Angeles County Fire Museum. She stated that Dr. Gausche-Hill is chairing the program work group that is putting the program together, and referenced the save the date cards given to each commissioner and guest.

Ms. Chidester announced that the closure of Community Medical Center Long Beach on July 3, 2018, went very smoothly, and they did a good job downsizing and moving patients out. MemorialCare put the hospital license in suspense, and there are plans in process to upgrade the facility if possible, and there are considerations on whether or not they can build a new facility.

Ms. Chidester announced that the EMSC Annual Report will be presented at the next Commission meeting. She participated on a panel at the Commissioner Networking Forum held by the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors on July 12, 2018, where the Annual Report process was outlined and general guidelines were distributed. She noted there are around 120 commissions in the County, and about 30 like the EMS Commission that do Annual Reports.

Ms. Chidester recognized and commended Dr. Gausche-Hill, Susan Mori and Vanessa Gonzalez who did the majority of the work for the Sidewalk CPR event held on June 5, 2018, at Universal CityWalk in Hollywood. She stated it was a very successful event and wants

everyone involved in Sidewalk CPR as there were really good outcomes. She noted there were approximately 5,000 people trained in Los Angeles County, and then played a video of this event at the meeting.

"Want to save lives? It's in your hands"

<https://vimeo.com/274775682>

Dr. Gausche-Hill is featured on the video and she highlighted the importance of the public learning CPR and provided instructions for bystander CPR. Commissioner Eckstein also is featured and he stated, "Doing something as performing CPR on another human being, and perhaps saving that individual's life, gives everybody the opportunity to truly be a hero."

Dr. Gausche-Hill thanked Susan Mori for all her efforts with tracking, and reported approximately 11,000 people were trained across the state. There was discussion about CPR for infants and a possible training for pediatric CPR.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Erick Cheung at 2:35 p.m. The next meeting will be held on September 19, 2018.

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VIA E-MAIL

TO: Emergency Department Directors

FROM: Cathy Chidester
Director

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA EMS FOR CHILDREN ASSESSMENT

On behalf of the California and National Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Program, we are requesting your help for an important survey. We are reaching out to hospitals to learn more about inter-facility transfer guidelines and agreements in order to better support the delivery of care to children in California. The best person to complete this survey is the individual who is in charge of or coordinates the inter-facility transfers for your hospital.

The survey is short and will only take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete. A copy of the questions is attached for your review; however, **please complete the survey on-line. Simply click on the following link and follow the on-screen instructions:**

<https://www.emscsurveys.org>

The information you provide will be kept confidential, and your responses will be combined with those of other hospitals in any reports of the results.

If you are not the person in charge of inter-facility transfers for your hospital, please forward to the correct staff and copy Christine Clare so that we can follow-up with them if necessary. We greatly appreciate your time and effort in completing this survey. Your responses are critical to help us better serve your hospital and identify ways we can work to improve the care of children across California.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please call me or Christine Clare, Chief, Hospital Programs at (562) 378-1661 or **cclare@dhs.lacounty.gov**.

CC:cac
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July 19, 2018

TO: CEO, Each 9-1-1 Receiving Hospital
ED Director, Each 9-1-1 Receiving Hospital
Fire Chief, Each Fire Department
CEO, Each LA County Licensed Ambulance Operator

FROM: Cathy Chidester, Director

**SUBJECT: REF. NO. 503.1, DIVERSION REQUEST REQUIREMENTS FOR
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT SATURATION**

This is to provide you an advanced copy of the above referenced prehospital care policy that becomes effective September 1, 2018. The major change in the policy is allowing EMS provider agencies to make a request to place a hospital on diversion due to ED saturation; thereby, 9-1-1 ambulances may bypass a facility that is on diversion.

This new diversion policy will only apply to patients requiring advanced life support (ALS) level of care. The diversion period will be for a maximum of two hours per incident. Diversion activity will be captured via ReddiNet and diversion data will be analyzed to evaluate this new policy.

The policy was revised to address prolonged ambulance patient offload times (APOT) at our emergency departments. The policy change was made with the recommendations from the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Commission's APOT AdHoc Workgroup. The Workgroup was comprised of representatives from the EMS Commission, hospitals, EMS provider agencies, Hospital Association of Southern California and the EMS Agency.

The diversion threshold and APOT standard were consensus recommendations. Multiple suggestions were made; however, validated data to support the various recommendations were not available. The Workgroup recommended to adopt the threshold definition and APOT standard as a starting point. This will allow data collection and measurable evaluation.

Please ensure that your staff are made aware of this change in the diversion policy. If you or your staff have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me or Richard Tadeo, Assistant Director at (562) 378-1610 or rtadeo@dhs.lacounty.gov.

CC:rt

Attachment

- c. Medical Director, EMS Agency
- Hospital Association of Southern California
- EMS Commission
- Prehospital Care Coordinator, Each Paramedic Base Hospital
- Paramedic Coordinator, Each Fire Department/Ambulance Company



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August 1, 2018

Dr. Howard Backer, Director
State of California
Emergency Medical Services Authority
10901 Gold Center Drive, Suite 400
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6073

Dear Dr. Backer:

AGREEMENT – DATA USE

Enclosed is the original subject Agreement and three (3) separate signature pages, along with the Business Associate Agreement, to memorialize the Emergency Medical Services Authority and the Emergency Medical Services Agency of Los Angeles County's agreement to share data for purposes of quality assessment and patient outcome and performance quality improvement.

Please sign the three (3) separate signature pages with an original signature, and return the Agreement to the following address:

County of Los Angeles – DHS
EMS Agency
10100 Pioneer Blvd., Suite 248
Santa Fe Springs, California 90670
Attention: Angelica Maldonado

Following receipt of this Agreement in our office, a copy of the fully executed Agreement will be mailed to your office.

If you have any questions please call me at (562) 378-1604, or your staff may contact Angelica Maldonado at (562) 378-1593.

Sincerely,

Cathy Chidester, Director
Emergency Medical Services Agency

CC:am

Enclosures



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES
BASE HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**



MEETING NOTICE

Date: August 8, 2018
Time: 1:00 P.M.
Location: EMS Headquarters
EMS Commission Hearing Room 1st Floor
10100 Pioneer Blvd.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670

**BASE HOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DARK FOR August 8, 2018**



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION
DATA ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

MEETING NOTICE

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Date & Time: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 10:00 A.M.
Location: EMS Agency, First Floor Hearing Room
10100 Pioneer Boulevard
Santa Fe Springs, 90670-3736

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EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING CANCELTION NOTICE

DATE: August 2, 2018

TO: Education Advisory Committee Members

SUBJECT: CANCELTION OF MEETING

Due to a lack of agenda items, the Education Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for August 15, 2018 has been canceled.

INFORMATION IN LIEU OF MEETING:

1. EMS Update 2018 training for Base Hospital and Provider Agency personnel is underway. The focus of this year's training is the system-wide implementation of the provider impression treatment protocols and medical control guidelines.

NEXT MEETING:

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2018
Time: 10:00 am
Location: EMS Agency Headquarters
EMS Commission Hearing Room
10100 Pioneer Blvd, Room 128
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670



County of Los Angeles
Department of Health Services



**EMERGENCY MEDICAL
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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMISSION

PROVIDER AGENCY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

MEMBERSHIP / ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

- ☒ Dave White, Chair
- ☒ Robert Ower, Vice-Chair
- ☒ Paul Rodriguez
- ☐ Brian Bixler
- ☐ Jodi Nevandro
 - ☒ Sean Stokes
- ☒ Nick Berkuta
 - ☒ Clayton Kazan, MD
 - ☒ Victoria Hernandez
- ☐ Ken Leasure
 - ☐ Susan Hayward
- ☒ Ivan Orloff
 - ☐ Mike Beeghly
- ☐ James Flint
 - ☒ Joanne Dolan
- ☐ Alec Miller
 - ☐ Michael Murrey
- ☐ Corey Rose
 - ☐ Ellsworth Fortman
 - ☐ Doug Zabalski
- ☒ Luis Vazquez
 - ☒ Tisha Hamilton
- ☒ Rachel Caffey
 - ☐ Jenny Van Slyke
- ☐ Andrew Respicio
 - ☒ Andrew Gano
- ☒ Maurice Guillen
 - ☐ Scott Buck
- ☐ Marc Eckstein, MD
 - ☐ Stephen Shea, MD
- ☒ Ian Wilson
 - ☐ Vacant

ORGANIZATION

EMSC, Commissioner
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Area A, Alt. *(Rep to Med Council, Alt)*
Area B
Area B, Alt.
Area B, Alt. *(Rep to Med Council)*
Area C
Area C, Alt.
Area E
Area E, Alt.
Area F
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Area G *(Rep to BHAC)*
Area G, Alt. *(Rep to BHAC, Alt.)*
Area H *(Rep to DAC)*
Area H, Alt.
Area H, Alt.
Employed Paramedic Coordinator
Employed Paramedic Coordinator, Alt.
Prehospital Care Coordinator
Prehospital Care Coordinator, Alt.
Public Sector Paramedic
Public Sector Paramedic, Alt.
Private Sector Paramedic
Private Sector Paramedic, Alt.
Provider Agency Medical Director
Provider Agency Medical Director, Alt.
Private Sector Nurse Staffed Ambulance Program
Private Sector Nurse Staffed Ambulance Program, Alt.

EMS AGENCY STAFF PRESENT

Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD Nichole Bosson, MD
Dorothy Habrat, MD Denise Whitfield, MD
Richard Tadeo Jennifer Calderon
Christina Eclarino Cathlyn Jennings
Susan Mori Nnabuike Nwanonyeni
Christy Preston Sara Rasnake
Phillip Santos John Telmos
Gary Watson David Wells
Christine Zaiser Jacqui Rifenburg

OTHER ATTENDIES

Paula LaForge LACoFD
Terrence McGregor LACoFD
Matt Conroy Los Angeles FD
Bryan Wells LACoFD
Ashley Sanello, MD Compton FD
Tiffany Abramian LAFD
Nicole Steeneken LACoFD
Humberto Ramirez West Coast Ambulance
Nanci Medina LAFD
Randy Howard Ambulnz Ambulance
Danny Santillian Ambulnz Ambulance
Micah Bivens LACo Lake Lifeguard
Dave Rindels Culver City FD
Richard Roman Compton FD
Desire Stewart Cal-Med Ambulance
Jeff Twycross Cal-Med Ambulance
Sam Chao W.A.T.E.R.
Shane Cook LACoFD
Kristina Hong Downey FD
Jun Son Kim LACoFD
Marc Cohen, MD Torrance FD
Manhattan Beach FD
El Segundo FD

LACAA – Los Angeles County Ambulance Association LAAFA – Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association BHAC – Base Hospital Advisory Committee DAC – Data Advisory Committee

CALL TO ORDER: Committee Chair, Commissioner David White called meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Berkuta/Rodriguez) June 20, 2018 minutes were approved as written.

2. INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

2.1 Committee Membership Change (David White)

Area E Representative: Ivan Orloff (Downey FD) replacing Richard Roman (Compton FD).

2.2 EMS Agency Medical Staff (Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD)

Former EMS Fellow, Denise Whitfield, MD, has accepted a position at the EMS Agency as the Director of Education and Innovation.

2.3 Drug Shortage Survey (Denise Whitfield, MD)

During the months May-July 2018 the EMS Agency conducted a drug shortage survey to quantify the impact of the drug shortages on all providers within Los Angeles County. The results are as follows:

- Providers utilized multiple mitigation strategies to ensure emergency medications were available
- There were no reported adverse events due to drug shortage
- There is County-wide provider interest in using *Ketamine* and/or *Ketorolac* as another option in treating patients in pain.

Dr. Whitfield informed this Committee that the EMS Agency is looking into publishing these survey results so the drug shortage concerns can be made visible at the State and Federal levels in efforts to encourage support of production and overall stock maintenance of emergency medications. The hope would be to eventually decrease any future drug shortages.

2.4 Color Code Mobile Application (Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD)

Currently, the EMS Agency is working with a vendor to create a mobile application for Reference No. 1309, Medical Control Guideline: Color Code Drug Doses – LA County Kids.

- This mobile application is expected to be piloted in October 2018.
- Future applications may include other Prehospital Care Manual documents.

3. REPORTS & UPDATES

3.1 Disaster Section Update (Christina Eclarino)

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health in conjunction with the EMS Agency will be hosting train-the-trainer sessions on infection control prevention for both public and private EMS provider agencies.

- Training is free and participants will receive 1.5 hours of continuation education credit.
- Training will be offered on two dates (please register for only one date):
 - September 12, 2018 from 1:00 – 2:30 pm
 - September 19, 2018 from 10:00 -11:30 am.
- Location: EMS Agency Commission Hearing Room
- Registration: <https://emsinfectioncontroltraining2018.eventbrite.com>
- For more information, contact: Christina Eclarino, ceclarino@ph.lacounty.gov or (213) 288-8586

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 EMS Update 2018 (Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD and Richard Tadeo)

- Train-the-Trainer classes are complete.
- Reference No. 1373, Treatment Protocol QI Fallout Data Dictionary, is available for providers as a tool to evaluate the use of individual treatment protocols.
- Providers are to implement the new treatment protocols, department-wide; all at the same time. (Exceptions are allowed for larger departments)
- EMS Agency is reviewing the possibility of providers having access to TEMIS for outcome data.

(This topic remains on PAAC Agenda until project is complete)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1 Reference No. 506, Trauma Triage Destination (Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD)

Policy reviewed as information only.

5.2 Reference No. 521, Stroke Patient Destination (Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD)

Policy reviewed as information only.

5.3 Reference No. 1006, Paramedic Accreditation (David Wells)

Policy reviewed as information only.

5.4 Reference No. 1200.4, BLS Upgrade to ALS Assessment (Marianne Gausche-Hill, MD)

Policy reviewed as information only.

6. OPEN DISCUSSION:

6.1 EMS Agency Newsletter (Denise Whitfield, MD)

The EMS Agency proposed the development of a newsletter that would be available on the EMS Agency's webpage. Recommendations from Committee included:

- Los Angeles County-specific education
- Provide continue education credit
- A new newsletter each month
- Include topics on current technology

7. NEXT MEETING: October 17, 2018

**8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m. in memory of LEE JAMES CHIDESTER
(Brother to Cathy Chidester) who passed away suddenly on August 4, 2018.**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SUBJECT: **PARAMEDIC ACCREDITATION**

REFERENCE NO. 1006

PURPOSE: To define the requirements for Los Angeles County paramedic accreditation.

AUTHORITY: California Health and Safety Code, Division 2.5, Section 1797-1799
California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 4

DEFINITIONS:

Accreditation: Authorization by the EMS Agency Medical Director to practice as a paramedic within Los Angeles County.

Continuous Accreditation: Accreditation shall be continuous as long as licensure is maintained and the local EMS agency requirements are met.

Reaccreditation: Renewal of accreditation when there has been a lapse in California State licensure and/or local EMS agency accreditation.

PRINCIPLES:

1. A paramedic accredited by Los Angeles County may practice as a paramedic while employed, on-duty, and sponsored by an agency approved to utilize paramedics in Los Angeles County.
2. Accredited paramedics shall adhere to the current EMS Agency prehospital care policies, procedures, protocols, and medical guidelines.
3. Accredited paramedics shall notify the EMS Agency, in writing, of personal information changes within 30 days.
4. Approved agencies shall notify the EMS Agency, in writing, of all sponsorship changes by submitting required data on the Change of Status/Data Update Form or a letter on official provider agency letterhead signed by the Paramedic Coordinator or Chief. In the event that a paramedic is employed by more than one approved agency, a primary sponsor shall be designated. All other agencies shall be designated as secondary sponsors.
5. Upon receipt of all application requirements and verification of current California paramedic licensure, the individual may begin working for the employing agency within the California Paramedic Basic Scope of Practice if accompanied by a Los Angeles County Accredited Paramedic until the applicant takes the scheduled accreditation examination.
6. All communication related to requirements, application, scheduling, and results will be coordinated through the paramedic coordinator or the program director of the paramedic training program. All requirements shall be met a minimum of one week prior to the scheduled Paramedic Accreditation examination.

EFFECTIVE: 04-01-99
REVISED: XX-XX-18
SUPERSEDES: 03-01-14

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APPROVED: _____
Director, EMS Agency

Medical Director, EMS Agency

7. Upon successful completion of accreditation requirements, the EMS Agency shall issue paramedic accreditation that coincides with the same expiration date as the California paramedic license.

POLICY:

I. Eligibility Requirements

A. California Licensed Paramedic

To apply for accreditation, a paramedic shall:

1. Be currently employed and sponsored by one of the following agencies approved to utilize paramedics in Los Angeles County:
 - a. EMS Agency
 - b. Paramedic provider agency
 - c. Paramedic training program
2. Possess a valid State of California paramedic license.
3. Complete all mandatory EMS Agency programs, to include, but not limited to the current EMS Update training.

B. Paramedic Intern

1. Be enrolled in and have successfully completed the didactic and clinical portions of an approved paramedic training program in Los Angeles County.
2. Possess a current basic life support certification for Healthcare Provider (AHA) or Professional Rescuer (ARC) which meets the current American Heart Association Guidelines for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Cardiovascular Care and remain current during the entire internship.
3. Be currently certified in California and remain current during the entire internship as one of the following:
 - a. EMT
 - b. AEMT
4. Complete all mandatory EMS Agency programs, to include, but not limited to the current EMS Update training through a Los Angeles County approved paramedic training program, or Los Angeles County EMS continuing education program approved to provide the update.

II. Application Requirements**A. Licensed Paramedic**

The accreditation applicant shall submit, a minimum of one week prior to the Accreditation examination, the following:

1. A complete Los Angeles County EMS Agency Paramedic Accreditation Application.
2. Payment of the established fee.
3. A signed letter of sponsorship on official provider agency letterhead or complete the sponsoring agency approval section of the application form signed by the Paramedic Coordinator or Chief of an approved paramedic provider agency.
4. Proof of completion of the current EMS Update training.
5. A copy of the current California State Paramedic license.

B. Paramedic Intern

The paramedic training program shall submit for each intern, a minimum of one month prior to the Accreditation examination, the following:

1. A complete Los Angeles County EMS Agency Paramedic Accreditation Application.
2. A copy of the current California EMT/AEMT certification.
3. A copy of the current basic life support certification.
4. Proof of completion of the current EMS Update training.

III. Examination**A. Licensed Paramedic**

1. Applicant must pass the written examination.
2. An applicant who fails the written examination may reapply per the requirements outlined in Section II. A. of this reference.

B. Paramedic Intern

1. Applicant must pass the written examination.
2. An applicant who fails the written examination may retake the examination one time as scheduled by the Agency in conjunction with the Paramedic Training Program.

3. After two unsuccessful attempts, prior to the scheduling of a final attempt, complete remediation through the approved paramedic training program or ALS provider agency and submit documentation of remediation.

IV. Issuance of Accreditation

- A. Upon completion of the requirements in Sections I.–III. of this reference, the EMS Agency shall issue Los Angeles County Accreditation card and letter with the following information:
 1. Name of accredited paramedic
 2. Los Angeles County EMS Agency accreditation number
 3. Accreditation effective and expiration dates
 4. Logo for Los Angeles County and the EMS Agency
- B. Accreditation shall remain valid through the expiration date if all mandatory EMS Agency training programs are completed and documentation is submitted within the required time frames to include, but not be limited to EMS Update training.
- C. Paramedic students shall be issued accreditation as identified in Sections IV. of this reference, if within one year of passing the accreditation examination they submit the following:
 1. Proof of completion of mandatory EMS Agency training programs
 2. Proof of current California paramedic licensure
 3. Payment of the established fee

V. Continuous Accreditation

A. Eligibility Requirements

To maintain continuous accreditation, a paramedic shall:

1. Maintain continuous California Paramedic state licensure.
2. Be currently employed and sponsored by an agency approved to utilize paramedics in Los Angeles County.
3. Complete all mandatory EMS Agency training programs.
4. Submit the following prior to Accreditation expiration:
 - a. A complete Paramedic Accreditation Application
 - b. Proof of continuous California Paramedic licensure

B. Issuance of Accreditation

Upon completion of the requirements in Section V. A. of this reference, the EMS Agency shall issue Los Angeles County Accreditation renewal card as per Section IV. of this reference.

VI. Reaccreditation Following a Lapse**A. Eligibility Requirements With a Lapse of Less Than Six (6) Months**

To be eligible for reaccreditation, a paramedic shall:

1. Possess a valid State of California paramedic license.
2. Be currently employed and sponsored by an agency approved to utilize paramedics in Los Angeles County.
3. Complete mandatory EMS Agency programs.
4. Submit the following:
 - a. A complete Paramedic Accreditation Application
 - b. Payment of the established fee
 - c. Proof of current California Paramedic licensure

B. Eligibility Requirements With a Lapse of Six (6) Months or More

To be eligible for reaccreditation, a paramedic shall:

1. Possess a valid State of California paramedic license.
2. Be currently employed and sponsored by an agency approved to utilize paramedics in Los Angeles County.
3. Complete mandatory EMS Agency training programs.
4. Complete the Accreditation Process per the requirements in Sections I.-III. of this reference.

C. Issuance of Accreditation

Upon completion of the applicable requirements in Section VI. of this reference, the EMS Agency shall issue Los Angeles County Accreditation renewal card as per Section IV. of this reference.

CROSS REFERENCES:

Prehospital Care Manual:

Ref. No. 802,	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Scope of Practice
Ref. No. 802.1,	Los Angeles County EMT Scope of Practice - Field Reference
Ref. No. 803,	Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice
Ref. No. 803.1,	Los Angeles County Paramedic Scope of Practice - Field Reference
Ref. No. 901,	Paramedic Training Program Approval

Paramedic Accreditation Application



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ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
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JULY 1, 2017 – JUNE 30, 2018

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Los Angeles County Police
Chiefs' Association

MISSION STATEMENT

To support and guide the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency activities to ensure timely, compassionate and quality emergency and disaster medical services. The Emergency Medical Services Commission's (EMSC) mission complements the County's mission through improving the quality of life for the people and community of Los Angeles County (LA County).

REGULATORY FOUNDATION

State of California, Health and Safety Code Division 2.5, 1797.270 Emergency Medical Care Committee Formation

"An emergency medical care committee may be established in each county in the state"

1797.272, Emergency Medical Care Committee Membership

"The county board of supervisors shall prescribe the membership, and appoint the members, of the emergency medical care committee."

1797.274, Emergency Medical Care Committee Duties

1797.276, Emergency Medical Care Committee Annual Report

Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 12,332 – Chapter 3.20, EMS Commission

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Commission performs the functions defined in the California Health and Safety Code § 1797.274, Division 2.5, and Los Angeles County Ordinance No. 12,332 – Chapter 3.20, EMS Commission Act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors (Board) and the Director of Health Services (DHS) regarding County policies, programs, and standards for emergency medical care services throughout the County, including paramedic services.

- Establish appropriate criteria for evaluation and conduct continuous evaluations on the basis of these criteria of the impact and quality of emergency medical care services throughout LA County.
- Conduct studies of particular elements of the emergency medical care system as requested by the Board, the Director of DHS or on its own initiative; delineate problems and deficiencies and recommend appropriate solutions.
- Acquire and analyze the information necessary for measuring the impact and the quality of emergency medical care services.
- Report its findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Board at least every twelve months.
- Review and comment on plans and proposals for emergency medical care services prepared by LA County departments.



- Recommend, when the need arises, that LA County engages independent contractors for the performance of specialized, temporary, or occasional services to the EMSC, which cannot be performed by members of the classified service, and for which the LA County otherwise has the authority to contract.
- Advise the Director and the DHS on the policies, procedures, and standards to control the certification of mobile intensive care nurses and paramedics. Proposals of any public or private organization to initiate or modify a program of paramedic services or training.
- To arbitrate differences in the field of paramedic services and training between all sectors of the community, including, but not limited to, county agencies, municipalities, public safety agencies, community colleges, hospitals, private companies, and physicians.



HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The EMSC was established by the Board in October 1979 and on April 7, 1981, your Board approved and adopted Ordinance No. 12332, of Title 3 – Advisory Commissions and Committees, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 3.20, Emergency Medical Services Commission, to establish the Commission in accordance with California H&S Code Sections 1797.270, 1797.272, 1797.274, and 1797.276 was approved and adopted.

On January 29, 2008, the Board approved amending the subject ordinance to revise the selection of the licensed paramedic representative previously nominated by the California Rescue and Paramedic Association and Paramedic Association be made by the California State Firefighters Association, Emergency Medical Services Committee, as the previous entity had ceased to operate.

On November 1, 2011, EMSC, in consultation with DHS, amended the ordinance to add two Commission seats for the members nominated by the Los Angeles County Police Chiefs' Association (LACPCA) and Southern California Public Health Association (SCPHA) would be beneficial to the EMSC and the LA County and would allow for insightful law enforcement and public health expert input.

FOCUS IN PAST YEARS

- Community Paramedicine Pilot Project in the County
- Physician Services for Indigent Program (PSIP) – Proposed reimbursement rates
- Pre-hospital care of behavioral emergencies: The EMSC recommended that an Ad Hoc committee be identified to develop a blueprint for addressing behavioral emergencies in the pre-hospital setting
- Monitor legislation of interest to emergency medical services
- Long Beach Fire Department's two-year Rapid Medical Deployment (RMD) pilot project – 1+1 Paramedic staffing
- Implementation of electronic data using electronic Patient Care Record (ePCR) systems by all fire department 911 providers
- Bystander CPR training (Sidewalk CPR)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES 2017/2018

- Approved the 2015/2016 EMS Annual Report at the November 15, 2017 meeting
- Recognized the members of the Hospital Emergency Response Team (HERT) and Alhambra Fire Department who responded to a horrific industrial injury requiring the bilateral leg amputation on scene
- The Chair and Executive Director represented the EMS Commission at the District Attorney's Committee on Mental Health Issues, and presented the ***"Ad Hoc Committee on Prehospital Care of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Emergencies' Final Report"***
- Developed and administered a survey on law enforcement dispatch and field response to mental health emergencies and issued report of findings
- Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) Ad Hoc Workgroup recommended changes to the current Ref. 503.1 Request for Diversion
- Reviewed and recommended thirty-nine (39) policies for adoption by the EMS Agency
- Recommended approval of Ref. 817, Regional Mobile Response Team to allow for the use of the Mobile Stroke Unit



ANNUAL WORK PLAN

UPCOMING GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Monitor legislation affecting the EMS system
- Educate stakeholders on EMS issues
- Review, provide feedback and support the ***"Ad Hoc Committee on Prehospital Care of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Emergencies' Final Report"*** recommendations
- Finalize the results of the law enforcement dispatch survey and review results with pertinent stakeholders
- Monitor implementation of the amended Ref. 503, Requests for Diversion, and the effect on the EMS System
- Continue to monitor progress of APOT data and recommend the best practice related to the data for optimum results
- Continue engagement with County committees that have similar missions and interests
- Continue engagement with Department of Mental Health on issues related to assessment, treatment and transport of patients in mental health crisis
- Continue to engage with law enforcement to support similar or overlapping response protocols, i.e., Tactical EMS, use of Narcan, transport of injured canine teams
- Ensure timely and complete data submission from all EMS providers by monitoring the progress of Stryker data system and Los Angeles County and City Fire Departments

ONGOING LONG-TERM PROJECTS

- Review and approve EMS Agency Policies
- The implementation of the recommendations found in ***“Ad Hoc Committee on Prehospital Care of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Emergencies’ Final Report”***
- Finalize the dispatch survey results, share with stakeholders and encourage implementation of recommendations
- Ensure that individuals seen and assessed within the 9-1-1 system are transported to the appropriate destination that is best suited to meet their needs, i.e., sobering centers and psychiatric urgent care centers
- Decrease ambulance patient offload times by monitoring Ref. 503 Diversion Requests and APOT data
- Support education efforts for bystander Hands-Only CPR (Sidewalk CPR)



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MEETING DATES

July 19, 2017
September 20, 2017
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January 17, 2018
March 21, 2018
May 16, 2018

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April 11, 2018 - Public Hearing for the pending closure of Community Medical Center Long Beach

