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Emergency Medical Care Committee**

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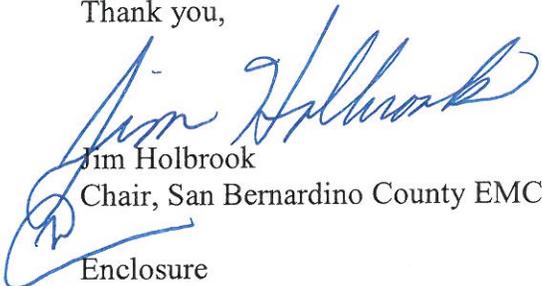
Dear Members of the Board:

RE: EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE - 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

Enclosed for your review is the 2010 Annual Report for the San Bernardino County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC).

Please contact me electronically at jholbrook@craftonhills.edu or by telephone at (909) 389-3251 if I can assist you.

Thank you,


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2010 ANNUAL REPORT



The purpose of this writing is to document the San Bernardino County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) processes for 2010. The EMCC provides a platform for the diverse groups and individuals which form the Emergency Medical Services System in San Bernardino County, and also in the official capacity as an advisory group to the Board of Directors for Inland Counties Emergency Medical Agency (ICEMA).

The 2010 EMCC membership consisted of eleven professionals representing the overall system.

- (1) Accredited Paramedic - Art Andres
- (2) Emergency Dispatch or Communication Center - Rick Britt
- (3) EMS Nurse - Allen Francis
- (4) EMS Training Institution - Jim Holbrook
- (5) Hospital Administrator - Jim Holmes
- (6) ER Physician - Pranav Kachhi, MD
- (7) Private Ambulance Provider - Diana McCafferty
- (8) Law Enforcement - Steve Miller
- (9) Physician - Troy Pennington, MD
- (10) Air Ambulance Provider - Marie Podboy (Resigned November 2010)
- (11) Fire Chief - Mike Smith

The EMCC positions representing City Manager and Consumer Advocate continued to be unfilled during the 2010 sessions. These vacancies originated during the 2009 sessions, and the liaison agency has been working to fill these positions. EMS nurse Allen Francis and emergency room physician Pranav Kachhi replaced Kelly Bernatene and Chad Clark.

All but one EMCC members were in compliance with the requirements for Ethic training as defined by Article 2.4 of Chapter 2 of Title 5 of the Government code (AB 1234).

During the July meeting, the EMCC approved the amended Bylaws to forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The EMCC requested the liaison agency to begin the process of ordinance change to add an additional paramedic to the EMCC. This proposed membership change will result in two accredited field paramedics, one representing public and one representing private agencies, on the EMCC.

The medical control protocols and system processes continue to assure overall medical control of system. Sixteen (16) protocols, both regular updates and new protocols, were discussed during the 2010 EMCC sessions. The protocol changes were stimulated by changes in scientific or local system needs. The system continues through local provider and hospital based agency processes to forward the educational, training, and personnel needs of the basic and advanced life support personnel system wide.

The EMCC received standing emergency medical services system management reports at each of the scheduled meetings. These standing reports included quarterly reports for Trauma systems and base hospital statistics and the monthly reports of electronic patient care reports, hospital bed delays, medication / procedures / and type of patient summary reports, and hospital surveillance reports. These standing reports assist the overall system as it continues to explore and advance in communication and systems knowledge between all groups.

There were discussions on transportation issues during the 2010 sessions. These committee deliberations were for new permit requests for both air ambulance provider and special permits. The full implementation of Upland Air Ambulance and ICEMA Ambulance Rate Setting Policy were the essential transportation discussions. Continued funding from the performance-based contract fines was added to other funding sources to augment the system needs of the region.

Our system continues to meet requirements confirmed by the Trauma System assessment and full implementation of the STEMI system processes. The EMCC conducted a public hearing for the Colorado River Medical Center ER licensing changes. Fort Irwin - Weed Army Hospital was upgraded to include advanced life support.

Medical control continues to be provided through protocols and system review. During the 2010 EMCC sessions medical control systems realized a new airway device, continued refinement of the specialization process for STEMI and exploration of Stroke Centers. The medical director is part of a state-wide task force to develop engineering controls necessary for reliable and consistent data. Local system issues have surfaced regarding documentation. The EMCC has established a sub-committee to explore the issues surrounding documentation.

Our system continued to document progress in data collection and analysis during the 2010 sessions. Substantial agency(s) and personnel time were required to accurately collect, review, analyze, and compile reports for various discussions and decision making loops. Continuing efforts have been made toward fully implementing electronic collection system wide.

The following San Bernardino County providers are sending data to the ICEMA server on a daily basis:

- 1) American Medical Response (AMR) Rancho
- 2) AMR Redlands
- 3) AMR Victorville
- 4) Baker EMS - Baker
- 5) Baker EMS - Needles
- 6) Barstow Fire Department
- 7) Big Bear City Fire Department
- 8) Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District
- 9) Desert Ambulance
- 10) Fort Irwin Fire Department
- 11) Mercy Air
- 12) Morongo Basin Ambulance Association
- 13) Morongo Valley Fire Department
- 14) Running Springs Fire Department
- 15) San Bernardino City Fire Department
- 16) San Bernardino County Sheriff's Aviation
- 17) San Manuel Fire Department
- 18) Upland Fire Department - Air
- 19) Upland Fire Department - Ground

The following providers began sending data to ICEMA as part of Confire:

- 1) Colton Fire Department
- 2) Loma Linda Fire Department
- 3) Redlands Fire Department
- 4) Rialto Fire Department
- 5) San Bernardino County Fire Department

Data validation is currently underway between the Confire providers and ICEMA.

The following fire departments remain outside of the ICEMA Management Information and Surveillance System (MISS):

- 1) Apple Valley Fire Department
- 2) CAL FIRE - City of Highland Fire Department
- 3) CAL FIRE - City of Yucaipa Fire Department
- 4) Chino Fire Department
- 5) Combat Center Fire Department - Twentynine Palms
- 6) Crest Forest Fire Department
- 7) Marine Corp Logistics Base - Barstow
- 8) Montclair Fire Department
- 9) Ontario Fire Department
- 10) Rancho Cucamonga Fire Department

Due to changes in the administrative and structural process of the American Heart Association and other large network training agencies, an accurate number of individuals trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid are not and will not be available.

It has been the goal of the EMCC to allow broad-based system participation and discussions. It is our sense that these activities have advanced the local system. The EMCC applauds our system and the participants as an amazing collection of the best and brightest in California.