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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2015

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Minutes from October OK.

1. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Trauma – 12:01am Natividad Medical Center (NMC) officially designated as a Level II Trauma Center! Overtriage 50%, under triage 2.5%, NMC has a transfer center with one stop shopping! There is also a phone number for medics to call for follow-up on patients. October 43 trauma patients with 6 more taken out of county. November 79, no taken out of county. December 40 as of 12/17. May have neuro busy and might EMS to know in order to make good destination decision. Celia will change access for EMS system for Chris Jones to allow view for Monterey for NMC. Maybe continue to use the same catchment area for NMC that is Watsonville Hospital's. Trauma Subcommittee will meet and discuss changes to Santa Cruz County policies and protocols in response to NMC designation. Already changed destination for auto-aid for patients in Monterey County who have AMR from Santa Cruz respond. Some patients arrive at hospital and are so critical that they need immediate response to TC. May go through 911. Another issue to discuss besides catchment area is 911 for critical patient transports.
- B. Workplan for 2015 – work group for catchment areas for NMC for ground. Training, policies, protocols, is there an area that could use improvement? Do the policies/protocols once a year. Annual calendar for review all policies/protocols. Need EMS office to shoulder more of reaching out to ER groups and other players on such changes as C-spine. Make changes by end of April and implement by end of January 2016. Re-do of MCI plan EMS Section is working on this! Bundling Tactical medicine and MCI. EMS office needs to be more involved. Image Trend reporting and CARES. Deployment, resources, frequent users – all big issues. RFP. Want to see data reports for the “7 things

that matter” – pain management, intubation, etc. Tactical side – Marc want EMS administration to put on agenda to discuss system-wide. Dave – legal issues using medics, etc. Training the public for tourniquets. Hospitals need to be involved in tactical medicine. Public information/education – when to call 911, what role is hospital ER, etc. How are systems going to change because of payor changes.

2. OLD BUSINESS

3. ROUNDTABLE

Marc Yellin is now the AMR Medical Director for Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito

Need DH to send someone to represent DH for PAC.

EDAP

Brenda – AMR just interviewed many candidates, start training in next week or so. Fire departments are doing additional hiring, WTS is doing ALS suburban resource. WTS doing lots of hiring.

Next meeting is February 2nd, 2015, Central Fire