



San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments

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Emergency Medical Facilities and Services Ad Hoc Committee

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MINUTES

Thursday, October 28th, 2009
1:00 pm

West Covina City Hall
MRC Room 314 (3rdFloor)
1444 West Garvey Avenue
West Covina, CA 91790

1.0 Preliminary Business

1.1 Meeting was called to order at 1:06pm

1.2 Self-Introductions

Jim Rudroff (West Covina)
Guillermo Arreola (La Puente)
Richard Tadeo (LA County EMS Agency)
Cathy Chidester (LA County EMS Agency)
John Telmos (LA County EMS Agency)
Deidre Gorospe (LA County EMS Agency)
Erica Santos (LA County Supervisor Molina)
Freddie Rodriguez (Pomona)
Nick Conway (SGVCOG)
Osvaldo Pena (SGVCOG)

2.0 Public Communications

None.

3.0 Discussion Items

3.1 Updates from the LA County Department of Health Services

3.1.1 Updated Air Transport Data

John Telmos began the discussion by reviewing the data on trauma patient helicopter transports for the San Gabriel Valley based on cities where patients were picked up. Mr. Telmos mentioned that there were 64 air medical transports from the San Gabriel Valley. Pomona was an outlier accounting for

29 of the 64 transports for the SGV which was due to increased trauma related events such as shootings and stabbings.

Several questions were asked including if the LA County EMS Agency had data as to which hospital the patient was transported to and the total number of trauma patients from the San Gabriel Valley. John Telmos stated that the information would be available from helicopter transportations would have information with regard to the hospital that patients were taken. The committee was provided the total number of trauma patients in the SGV during the last meeting.

3.1.2 Hospital Questionnaire Data

Richard Tadeo was able to obtain data from the hospitals in the region regarding different variables including boarding time, waiting time, and patients that were left without being seen. He noted that the data was not uniform because hospitals report numbers differently.

Cathy Chidester clarified that hospitals or hospital associations would have more accurate information on time and use of emergency departments.

Nick Conway noted that the committee is interested in looking to address future services which may involve looking at the community clinics in the SGV and the services they offer. East of the 605 freeway there is a disproportionately lower number of clinics. Cathy Chidester would provide the SGVCOG with a contact person to help obtain the required information.

The committee is interested in continued data from the LA County EMS Agency on air transportation times as it will continue to be of importance to the committee and communities of the SGV.

4.0 Items for Future Meetings

Revisit and collect information on community clinics.
Obtain more data on hospital emergency rooms in the SGV.

5.0 Set next meeting date

Meeting will take place next month. Date and location TBD.

6.0 Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm