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EMS Accepts LA County EMS/UCLA Pilot for Community Paramedicine

The California State EMS Authority has approved both community paramedicine pilot projects (AITrans and COMPARE) submitted by the Los Angeles County EMS Agency and developed by the UCLA Center for Prehospital Care. These proposals specifically focus on alternative patient destination and congestive heart failure – 30-day readmissions. All projects must be locally financed.

Community paramedic medicine seeks to expand the scope of practice for paramedics who undergo enhanced training through a new and evolving model of community-based health care. The goal is to facilitate more appropriate use of

emergency care resources and enhance access to primary care. There is growing interest in this model of care given the potential to improve access and quality.

The EMS Authority will now forward the approved projects to OSHPD for final approval, which is expected in April 2014. OSHPD will conduct hearings and accept public comment in February 2014.

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Hospitals and Orange County Convene to Discuss Mental Health System Improvements

Orange County hospitals, emergency room physicians and Orange County Behavioral Health have teamed up to discuss improvements that could be made in Orange County’s mental health delivery system, with the goal of preparing a collaboratively developed grant application in the SB 82 grant program authored by Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg and approved by the legislature this year.

The primary objective of the effort is to rapidly transition patients experiencing psychiatric emergencies into the most appropriate treatment setting, expanding capacity within the county as

necessary to achieve this goal. The strong potential for public/private partnerships is a cornerstone of the discussion.

The grant proposals would seek to expedite care for all patients experiencing psychiatric emergencies, and bypass hospital emergency departments in favor of more appropriate care settings (mental health clinics, crisis stabilization units and psychiatric emergency services facilities) when possible, as well as reduce the need for involuntary patient treatment.

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HASC Region Currently at 75% of 2013 CHPAC Goal

HASC thanks the following member hospitals that have reached their 2013 CHPAC campaign goal:

- Ballard Rehabilitation Hospital
- Catalina Island Medical Center

- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center
- Children’s Hospital of Orange County
- College Hospital Costa Mesa
- Community Memorial Hospital

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HASC, CHA, Regional Associations and HQI Will Collaborate to Present Statewide Conference

HASC has previously hosted a Patient Safety Colloquium each January. This year, HASC is joining forces with the other Regional Hospital Associations, CHA and the Hospital Quality Institute (HQI) to present the First Annual Statewide HQI Conference, combining the learning from our Patient Safety First Collaborative, the Cal

HEN, and CHPSO, and offering new strategies and resources to health care professionals across the continuum.

This conference will be presented in both Northern and Southern California, in the fall of 2014. Please stay tuned for a Save the Date message.

Please also consider becoming a Pa-

tient Safety First Collaborative hospital to enjoy several educational and interactive meetings throughout the year. The next one is scheduled for March 11, 2014.

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HASC/LA County to Offer Hospital Disaster Management Training Dec. 3-4

The next quarterly session of Hospital Disaster Management Training provided by Los Angeles County's Department of Health Services/Emergency Medical Services Agency's Disaster Resource Center Program is scheduled for Dec. 3-4 at LAC+USC Medical Center.

The in-depth training on hospital surge capacity management for natural disasters and CBRNE incidents will leave participants with knowledge of how to:

- Describe Southern California's disas-

ter capabilities.

- Identify triage priorities in disaster patients.
- Perform a role in the hospital command center and emergency department during a disaster drill.
- Describe health care facilities' role in a disaster.

Featuring lectures, skill sessions, tabletop and functional exercises, as well as immediate feedback and evaluation, the course costs \$150 per student. Con-

tinuing education credits are available.

HASC is providing educational and administrative support for this event. For a complete informational brochure, visit http://www.hasc.org/sites/main/files/file-attachments/hdmt_info_packet2013.pdf. To register online, go to <https://www.signup4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=HDMT15E>.

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HASC Names New Santa Barbara/Ventura County RVP

Audra Strickland has joined HASC as Regional Vice President of Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties as of Nov. 1. She will be responsible for managing the local and regional legislative and regulatory issues affecting the health care delivery system in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, as identified by the hospitals located in that region.

In her previous role as Assemblywoman for the 37th Assembly District, Strickland represented 450,000 people in Ventura, Los Angeles and Kern counties; served as Vice Chair of Assembly Accountability and Administrative Review Committee; and was a senior member of the Assembly Health Committee. Successful in her appointment, Strickland authored, introduced and passed legislation in multiple policy areas.

"We are happy and fortunate to have someone of Audra's caliber representing and advocating for our members in Santa Barbara and Ventura," said Marty Gallegos, Senior Vice President of Health Policy and Communications for HASC.

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- Desert Valley Hospital
- Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital
- Kindred Hospital – Brea
- Kindred Hospital – Westminster
- Menifee Valley Medical Center
- Miller Children's Hospital of Long Beach
- Olympia Medical Center
- Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center
- Pacific Alliance Medical Center
- Saddleback Memorial Medical Center
- San Bernardino Mountains Community Hospital
- San Geronio Memorial Hospital
- Santa Ynez Valley Cottage Hospital
- St. Francis Medical Center

The HASC region is currently at 75% of its goal, having raised \$221,500.

Participate in the 2013 CHPAC Corporate Presidents' Club by referring a company you do business with that shares likeminded values in ensuring a healthy business climate for hospitals. New and renewing corporate partners are credited to your hospital's annual goal. Contribute online at www.calhospital.org/political-action-committee.

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