



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Zoom Virtual Meeting

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Agenda

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| 4:00 p.m. | 1. Introduction of Members and Guests |
| 4:03 | 2. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2022 meeting |
| 4:05 | 3. Comments from the Public
Members of the public may speak up to 3 minutes each on matters either on or not on this agenda. |
| 4:08 | 4. Chair's Report
James Lambert, EMCC Chair |
| 4:13 | 5. Members' Reports |
| 4:18 | 6. Fire Chiefs' Report
Fire Executive Chief Representative |
| 4:28 | 7. EMCC Legislative Report
Emergency Nurses Association Representative |
| 4:38 | 8. Staff Report: EMCC Annual (Draft) Report Action: Review/Approve for
Submission to the Board of Supervisors
Rachel Morris, Staff to EMCC, Contra Costa EMS Agency |
| 4:45 | 9. Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services
Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District |
| 4:55 | 10. EMS Medical Director's Report
Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director |
| 5:10 | 11. EMS Director's Report
Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Director |
| 5:25 | 12. Agenda Items for next meeting: March 8, 2023 |
| 5:30 | 13. Adjournment |

*(I)-Informational / *(A)-Action

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2022

Members Present Representing

Executive Committee:

Chair: James Lambert *Hospital Council Bay Area Division*
Vice Chair: Ellen Leng *Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association*
David Lilienstein *Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)*

Marshall Bennett *EMS Agency Director*
Archie Bowles *District II*
Terence Carey *Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association*
Jack Clapp *Public Provider Field Paramedic*
Joseph Drago *Air Medical Transportation Provider*
Senai Kidane *EMS Agency Medical Director*
Jon King *Police Chiefs' Association*
Denise Pangelinan *Communications Center Managers' Assoc.*
Karin Schnaider *District III*
Jim Selover *Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*
Jason Vorhauer *Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff*

Members Absent Representing

Executive Committee:

Kacey Hansen *Trauma Center (CC Contract)*

Rea Anne Arcangel *American Heart Association*
Joseph Gorton *Public Managers' Association*
Angie Linsangan *District V*
Michael Lyons *Private Provider Field Paramedic*
CJ Price *Emergency Nurses Association*
Allan Tobias *District IV*

STAFF PRESENT

Aaron Doyle *Contra Costa County EMS*
Ben Keizer *Contra Costa County EMS*
Shamim Mohamed *Contra Costa County EMS*
Rachel Morris *Contra Costa County EMS*
Brandon Rowley *Contra Costa County EMS*

OTHERS PRESENT

Jonas Aguiar *San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District*
Marcy Dixon *John Muir Health*
William Francis Sutter *Delta Medical Center*
Gary Giusti *Mt. Diablo Adult Education*
Ari Kestler *John Muir Health*
Lance Maples *San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District*
Chad Newland *American Medical Response*
Scott Newlin *American Medical Response*
Jill Ray *District 2*
Rebecca Rozen *Hospital Council of Northern and Central California*
Kristin Santos *John Muir Health*
Troy Vincent *American Medical Response*

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2022 meeting</i> Member Schnaider motioned to approve the minutes from June 8, 2022. Member King seconded the motion. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote, which was done by EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris. Voting members Bowles, Carey, Clapp, Drago, King, Lambert, Leng, Lilienstein, Pangelinan, Schnaider, and Selover voted aye; no voting members opposed; voting members Arcangel, Gorton, Hansen, Linsangan, Lyons, Price, and Tobias were absent; motion passed. June 2022 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> EMCC Chair Lambert reported that Kaiser Antioch and Kaiser Walnut Creek are seeing a downtrend in patient volume which is typical for this time of year; although, numbers this year have not decreased as much as in years past. Currently both Kaisers are seeing around 200 patients per day.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Report
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report

7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report
8.	<i>Presentation: Education for EMS Providers on Victims of Intimate Partner Violence – William Francis, MD</i> Dr. Francis works with the Family Justice Center and gave a presentation on specialized telehealth care for survivors of interpersonal violence. The goal is to provide survivors of interpersonal violence with equal access to services, and the ask is to partner with county stakeholders to allow survivors of interpersonal violence to receive the county standard discharge instructions/access. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, along with the Alliance, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, and the LEMSA agreed to participate in future exploratory discussions.
9.	<i>Update on 2022-2024 Membership Term Appointments</i> Staff Support Morris provided an update on the membership appointments for the new 2022-2024 membership term. The current membership term (2020-2022) ends on September 30, 2022, and the new term begins October 1, 2022. Membership of the EMCC consists of twenty-four (24) members and two (2) ex officio (non-voting) members. Current responses include ten (10) confirmed seat nominations, three (3) seat nominations pending clarification, two (2) seats actively working on submitting a nomination, and nine (9) seats with no response to date. Appointments and Reappointments will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to the December EMCC meeting.
10.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report
11.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> - The LEMSA is in the final phases of development of annual training that gets rolled out to field providers during the fourth quarter. The format is new this year and will be presented by video. - Previously reported in March, the LEMSA submitted its eighteen month update on the buprenorphine trial to the EMS Authority Medical Director, and next week that report will be presented to the State EMS Commission where the Commission will make a recommendation on adding buprenorphine to local optional scope, and that recommendation will get forwarded back to the EMS Authority Medical Director who will have the final decision. Will report more at the next meeting.
12.	<i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> -The ambulance ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022, so the LEMSA is working to create internal systems to support the new ordinance deliverables (i.e. fee schedules, special event standby, DOJ background access). - As an update to previous March meeting report on the Omicron surge, five (5) of eight (8) months so far in 2022 have involved system allowances for ambulances to promote standard of care and sustainability for the EMS system. This has given the LEMSA the opportunity to assess patient safety of the practice of pending non-medical 5150 calls for service for thirty (30) minutes when at a level 5 or below. Additionally, during last five (5) of eight (8) months, there have been BLS units in the 911 system which provides opportunity to prepare the EMS system and stakeholders to get experience with BLS units; for paramedics to downgrade from ALS to BLS, and for EMT workforce to get experience in the 911 system with EMT partners instead of paramedic partners. The LEMSA has been working in partnership with Contra Costa County Fire Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) center on EMD accreditation status. -As an update to previous June meeting report on RFP for EMS System Evaluation – FITCH has been selected to conduct an EMS system evaluation for ERAs I, II, and V. That evaluation will inform an RFP process for the next competitively bid Exclusive Operating Area cycle.
13.	<i>Proposed agenda item(s) for December 14, 2022</i> No items
14.	<i>Adjournment at 4:51 pm</i>

EMCC Attendance 2020-2022

Seats	EMCC Members	12/9/2020	3/10/2021	6/9/2021	9/8/2021	10/6/2021*	12/8/2021	3/9/2022	6/8/2022	9/14/2022
B 1 Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association	Ellen Leng	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present
B 2 American Heart Associaton	Rae Anne Arcangel	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
B 3 American Red Cross	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
B 4 California Highway Patrol	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
B 5 Communications Center Managers' Association	Denise Pangelinan	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present
B 6 Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association	Terence Carey	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
B 7 Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association	Jon King	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
B 8 Emergency Nurses Association	CJ Price	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent
B 9 Hospital Council, Bay Area Division	James Lambert	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
B 10 Public Managers' Association	Joseph Gorton	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent
B 11 Trauma Center (Contra Costa Contract)	Kacey Hansen	Absent	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
B 12 Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff	Jason Vorhauer	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present
B 13 Contra Costa Health Services - Behavioral Health	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
C 1 Ambulance Providers (Contra Costa 9-1-1 Service Contract)	Jim Selover	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present
Air Medical Transportation Provider (Contra Costa Authorized)	Joseph Drago	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Present
C 3 EMS Training Institution	Vacant (Prev. Cameron Metzger)	Present	Present	Present	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
C 4 Private Provider Field Paramedic	Michael Lyons	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
C 5 Public Provider Field Paramedic	Jack Clapp	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
C 6 Emergency Department Physicians	David Lilienstein	Present	Absent	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District I (Gioia)	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant
District II (Andersen)	Archie Bowles	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District III (Burgis)	Karin Schnaider	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
District IV (Mitchoff)	Allan Tobias	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent
District V (Glover)	Angie Linsangan	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent
E 1 Ex Officio	Marshall Bennett	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
E 2 Ex Officio	Senai Kidane	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present
	Quorum									

*Special Meeting

Advisory Body + Brown Act done

Meeting Attendance Requirements per the Bylaws:

- EMCC members shall attend EMCC meetings.
- A member who cannot attend a meeting must notify the Chair and may have one excused absence in a twelve month period.
- Whenever a member does not attend two regularly scheduled meetings, within a rolling twelve month period, complete their Brown Act requirements or fails to meet the criteria for sitting on the advisory body the EMS Agency shall notify the nominating agency/organization of the absences and request appropriate action.
- Members must complete the required Ethics and Brown Act training provided by the County within three months of appointment and submit the "Training Certification for Member of County Advisory Body" form to EMS staff prior to participating at any meeting.
- Members who do not complete the Ethics and Brown Act training within 3 months may not further participate until the requirement is fulfilled.
- Ethics and Brown Act training is recommended to be completed every two years while serving on a County Advisory Committee.

Annual Report for 2022

Advisory Body Name: Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, unless otherwise noted. All meetings have been held virtually via Zoom.

Chair: James Lambert (December 2021 – Present)

Staff Person: Rachel Morris (January 2017 – Present), Health Services, Emergency Medical Services

Reporting Period: January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

I. Activities:

The EMCC, over four (4) regular meetings in the past year, was involved in or kept its membership informed about the following:

- Continued discussion on the update to the county ambulance ordinance. The new ambulance ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors; the LEMSA is working to create internal systems to support the new ordinance deliverables (i.e. fee schedules, special event standby, DOJ background access).
- The Board of Supervisors recognized May 15-21st as National EMS Week, and May 18th as EMS for Children Day.
- Treatment guidelines and policies updated for 2023 are finalized. Implementation is January 1st, 2023.
- Continued discussion on adverse impacts on 9-1-1 ambulance providers and patient care associated with prolonged ambulance patient offload delays (APOT).
- Hiring of Christy Hollis as a new LEMSA Prehospital Care Coordinator, and Shamim Mohamed as a new Secretary-Advanced Level.
- The LEMSA is conducting an EMS System evaluation to inform the next RFP for ambulance services. Fitch & Associates has been selected to conduct the EMS system evaluation for ERAs I, II, and V. That evaluation will inform an RFP process for the next competitively bid Exclusive Operating Area cycle.
- In light of the success of the LEMSA Buprenorphine trial, the EMS Commission and the EMSA Medical Director have transitioned prehospital Buprenorphine administration to Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) status, paving the way for multiple LEMSAs across the state to apply for participation in this LOSOP. LEMSA submitted the LOSOP application December 2022.

II. Accomplishments

- Approval of EMCC 2021 Annual Report.
- Successful nominations and establishing of new EMCC membership for the 2022-2024 term.
- Successful Buprenorphine trial allowed for transition of prehospital Buprenorphine administration to Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) status.
- New ambulance ordinance, "Ordinance No. 2022-21", approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022.

III. Attendance/Representation

The EMCC is a multidisciplinary committee with membership consisting of representation of specific EMS stakeholder groups and organizations plus one (1) consumer member nominated by each Board of Supervisor member. There are twenty-four (24) authorized, voting seats, and two (2) non-voting, ex-officio seats on the advisory body. At the end of the 2020-2022 term, on September 30, 2022, there were nineteen (19) voting member seats and two (2) ex-officio seats filled; five (5) seats were unfilled. So far for the 2022-2024 term, beginning on October 1, 2022, seventeen (17) voting member seats and two (2) ex-officio seats are filled; seven (7) seats are unfilled. A quorum was achieved at four (4) of the four (4) regular EMCC meetings in 2022.

IV. Training/Certification

Each new EMCC representative was given a copy of the Advisory Body Handbook and copies of the "The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance Training Video" and "Ethics Orientation for County Officials" video (updated to "Ethics for Local Government Officials" video offered by the Fair Political Practices Commission) during their two (2) year term. Responsibilities of County Boards were discussed including the responsibility to view the videos and submit signed certifications. For the 2020-2022 term, certification forms were received from 14 of the 19 representatives. For the 2022-2024 term, certification forms have been received from 7 of the 17 representatives so far. The one (1) certificate received

this year is attached to this report.

V. Focused Objectives for Next Year

- Continue to refine EMS Emergency Quality Improvement Plan (EQIP) and support stakeholder processes related to Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement:
 - Stakeholder Education
 - Stakeholder support in building relevant, achievable, and sustainable Quality Improvement Plans that align with CA Regulation and State 'core' deliverables.
- Support opportunities for more efficient response and transport model to include:
 - Alternate destination
 - Tiered response
 - Supporting behavioral health models that shunt non-medical calls away from EMS system
 - Shunting non-emergent 911 calls to RN advice line.
- Support emergency ambulance provider and community hospitals efforts to reduce patient transfer of care extended delays that impact the availability of ambulances for the next 9-1-1 call.
- Resolve outstanding 2017 EMS Plan appeal with EMSA; submit subsequent EMS Plans to bring Contra Costa current.

VI. Expected 2023 Reports, updates, and continued support items

- Continue to support stakeholder opportunities and efforts to procure sustainable funding for EMS System emergency communications, dispatch and data infrastructure enhancements to optimize patient care in day-to-day and disaster conditions.
- Support Public Health Medical Health Disaster Coalition preparedness and engagement as it pertains to the EMS System. Continue to monitor and report on EMS System impacts due to changing economics and health care reform.
- Support EMS System program (STEMI, Stroke, Cardiac Arrest, EMSC, Quality/Patient Safety and Trauma) initiatives.
- Support and sustain community education and outreach, e.g. *HeartSafe*, Child Injury Prevention.
- Update Public Safety First Aid program and policy to support Law Enforcement AED and Narcan programs and to support volunteer agency personnel who are integrated into EMS system.
- Support appropriate use of 9-1-1, CPR Anytime, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) programs through partnerships with Law Enforcement, CERT, fire first responders, and community coalitions.
- Receive updates on the Contra Costa Med/Health Coalition.
- Receive updates on treatment guidelines and policies for 2023.