



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes  
September 9, 2020

<p><u>Members Present Representing</u></p> <p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Chair: Jon King Police Chiefs' Association</b>  <b>Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</b>  <b>James Lambert Hospital Council Bay Area Division</b></p> <p>Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>          Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>          David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Interim Director</i>          Senai Kidane <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>          David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i>          Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i>          Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i>          Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i>          Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i>          Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u></p> <p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract)</b></p> <p>Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>          John Duggan <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>          Mark Forrette <i>District II</i>          Joseph Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i>          Ara Gregorian <i>California Highway Patrol</i>          Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i>          Jennifer Lucas <i>American Red Cross</i>          Cameron Metzger <i>EMS Training Institution</i>          David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u>          Marshall Bennett <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>          Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>          Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>          Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i>          Scott Newlin <i>American Medical Response</i>          JoAnne Pineda <i>American Heart Association</i>          Jill Ray <i>District II</i>          Hannah Robbins <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i>          Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p>
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**Committee Chair King** called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2020</i> A quorum was not achieved at this meeting; minutes could not be approved for the previous meeting. <i>Update (Dec 2020) – a quorum was achieved at this meeting retrospectively; June minutes approved at December 2020 meeting.</i>
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> Chair King asked for an update on wildfire activity. See item 6.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> - Fire Executive Chiefs and County Chiefs met. Member Carey gave a brief overview of the current wildfire situation. Much of the activity can be attributed to lightning strikes. Locally, the Deer Zone fire in the Marsh Creek area is active. Significant resources are at the SCU, LNU, and CZU complex fires. Member Carey took a strike team to the LNU complex fire in August and the team was able to save a lot of structures. The main goal of the team was protection of citizens. Other strike teams and air resources helped the effort. At base camps, a good job is being done keeping COVID-19 out of camps, but not as much once outside of camps. Statewide numbers of resources being used are staggering and resources are being stretched to the limit. Law enforcement has a good presence at the fires, and it is a statewide effort.
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i>

	No Update
8.	<p><i>Update on 2020-2022 Membership Term Appointments</i></p> <p>EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris provided an update on the membership appointments for the new 2020-2022 membership term. The current membership term (2018-2020) ends on September 30, 2020, and the new term begins October 1, 2020. Membership of the EMCC consists of twenty-four (24) members and two (2) ex officio (non-voting) members. Current responses include 20 confirmed seat nominations, one (1) seat pending clarification on selecting one representative rather than two (2) representatives, and three (3) 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.</p>
9.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- COVID-19 update – Covid numbers are down to 4-5 percent. Call volume on the ambulance side has started to increase, which is indicative that people may not be as afraid to visit hospitals now.</li> <li>- Discussion on dispatch and COVID-19 screening questions. Sometimes there is a delay in information being placed in call notes, or sometimes callers not being forthcoming on their answers, making it tough for crews arriving on scene.</li> </ul> <p>Recommendation to work with supervisors on specific incidents.</p>
10.	<p><i>EMS Interim Director's Report – David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Interim Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EMS Agency is moving into Fourth Quarter Training. A lot of focus is being spent on making the overall process smoother for people receiving the training.</li> <li>- The County and EMS Agency are currently in the middle of a recruitment process for a new EMS Director. There were approximately 30 applicants. Nine (9) applicants were selected for first round interviews, and four (4) applicants have moved on to the second round of interviews which are currently being scheduled. The expectation is to know the selected candidate in a few weeks, ideally by October 1, 2020.</li> <li>- Senai Kidane, MD is the new EMS Medical Director as of September 1, 2020. Dr. Kidane joined the EMS Agency as Assistant Medical Director in the Spring. Dr. Kidane comes to the Agency with a lot of experience.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The EMS Agency is preparing to complete the annual Fourth Quarter Training. There are two (2) Train-the-Trainers scheduled for September.</li> <li>- The County is planning to start a Buprenorphine trial by the end of September 2020. There are four (4) criteria: 1 is to designate CCRMC as the destination for bridge program. 2 is leave at scene Narcan, which has been in place for several months. Medics can leave Narcan at the scene where people may need it. It has been used to resuscitate people (2 cases). 3 is that for all patients who would be candidates for outpatient Buprenorphine treatment, they are receiving outreach. 4 is medics are administering Narcan with oversight from doctors. East County is doing a trial, but the goal is to generalize in all of AMR's operating areas. Dr. Gene Hern, AMR Medical Director, is leading the trial.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for December 9, 2020</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No items proposed.</li> </ul>
13.	<i>Adjournment at 4:40 pm</i>