



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes
December 14, 2022

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p>Executive Committee: Chair: James Lambert Hospital Council Bay Area Division Vice Chair: Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</p> <p>Jonas Aguiar <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i> Marshall Bennett <i>EMS Agency Director</i> Ezequiel Blanco <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i> Archie Bowles <i>District II</i> Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i> Nicholas Fajardo <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i> Gary Giusti <i>EMS Training Institution</i> Jose Gomez <i>District I</i> Shawni Goudzari <i>American Heart Association</i> Ari Kestler <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i> Senai Kidane <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Kristin Santos <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i> Michael Schlemmer <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i> Scott Wannamaker <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u> Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Aaron Doyle <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Marcy Dixon <i>John Muir Health</i> Joseph Greaves <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Kim Jackson <i>American Medical Response</i> Robert Kiefer <i>Falcon Critical Care Transport</i> Bhavin Mehta <i>Falcon Critical Care Transport</i> Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i> Scott Newlin <i>American Medical Response</i> Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p>

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<p><i>Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2022 meeting</i> Member Giusti motioned to approve the minutes from September 14, 2022. Member Bowles seconded the motion. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote of only the members who were present at the September 2022 meeting because it was a different membership term. The roll call vote was done by EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris. Voting members Bowles, Drago, Lambert, Leng, and Vorhauer voted aye; no voting members opposed; voting member King was absent; motion passed. September 2022 minutes are approved.</p>
3.	<p><i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments</p>
4.	<p><i>Chair's Report</i> EMCC Chair Lambert reported that Kaiser Antioch and Kaiser Walnut Creek are seeing a continuous uptick in numbers and seeing record volume (281 compared to previous high of 274 in 24-hour period). Covid numbers are trending down, but influenza numbers are trending up.</p>
5.	<p><i>Members' Reports</i> No Report</p>
6.	<p><i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report</p>
7.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report</p>
8.	<p><i>Staff Report: EMCC Annual (Draft) Report Action: Review/Approve for Submission to the Board of Supervisors – Rachel Morris, Contra Costa EMS Agency</i> The 2022 EMCC Annual Report draft was motioned to be approved. There was no discussion. Member Leng motioned for the report to be accepted; seconded by Member Tobias. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote, which was done by EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris. Voting members Blanco, Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Gomez, Goudzari, Kestler, Lambert,</p>

	Leng, Santos, Schlemmer, Tobas, Vorhauer, and Wannamaker voted aye; no voting members opposed; voting members Aguiar and King were absent at the time of the vote; motion passed
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <p>The EMS system in general is seeing significant challenges, and that includes ambulance services. Responses have been delayed and transport volumes are at record highs. Alliance staffing continues to be a challenge as well as ambulance patient offload times (APOT). The Alliance has been working with the LEMSA to alleviate some of the challenges, including sending BLS only to code 2 5150s (approved), BLS ambulances to larger subset of alpha and bravo call determinants (in progress), expanded use of treat and refer (in progress), implementation of a transfer of care policy (in progress). Group discussion on transfer of care policy: what it is and what other sites are trying such as triage. Member Bennett added that quarterly meetings are continuing with hospital leadership and CCCFPD on the topic of APOT. Group discussion on use of transfer of care policy in Alameda County.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>-The EMS system is significantly encumbered so the LEMSA is evaluating an updated treat and refer policy. The system medical directors believe the benefits of implementing this type of policy outweighs any potential risks to any individual patient. The policy will include safety parameters.</p> <p>- After review of the eighteen-month update on the buprenorphine trial submitted to the EMS Commission, the EMS Commission decided to move Buprenorphine in the field to LOSOP status. Eight counties have since applied and were approved to begin administering Buprenorphine in the field. Huge victory for the system.</p> <p>- Annual training continues; most system providers have received and completed the training. The LEMSA continues to work with individual agencies to make sure all providers complete the training.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <p>- Starting work on a tiered system deployment. Overview: when a 911 call comes in, it goes to a secondary PSAP that performs EMD triage which yields a determinant that is reconciled with a minimum response policy. Now that CCCFPD's comms center is accredited, policy can be built off third party accreditation. Meaning that through policy, BLS responses can be dispatched to a subset of non-acute patients. This has been an ongoing effort that will continue with future meetings, focus groups, etc. The LEMSA has the data to support this effort and can present it at a future meeting. This is confined to the Exclusive Emergency Ambulance Contract.</p>
13.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for March 8, 2023</i></p> <p>Tiered Response Presentation</p>
14.	<i>Adjournment at 4:40 pm</i>