



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023

Members Present Representing

Executive Committee:

Chair: James Lambert *Hospital Council Bay Area Division*

Vice Chair: Ellen Leng *Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association*

Marshall Bennett *EMS Agency Director*

Archie Bowles *District II*

Joseph Drago *Air Medical Transportation Provider*

Nicholas Fajardo *Private Provider Field Paramedic*

Gary Giusti *EMS Training Institution*

Manuel Gomez *District I*

Senai Kidane *EMS Agency Medical Director*

Lance Maples *Public Provider Field Paramedic*

Joshua McMurray *Public Managers' Association*

Kristin Santos *Trauma Center (CC Contract)*

Michael Schlemmer *Communications Center Managers' Assoc.*

Allan Tobias *District IV*

Scott Wannamaker *Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association*

Members Absent Representing

Jonas Aguiar *Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*

Ezequiel Blanco *Emergency Nurses Association*

Shawni Goudzari *American Heart Association*

Ari Kestler *Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)*

Jon King *Police Chiefs' Association*

Natalie Manier *American Red Cross*

Lance Maples *Public Provider Field Paramedic*

STAFF PRESENT

Joanny All *Contra Costa County EMS*

Christy Hollis *Contra Costa County EMS*

Rachel Morris *Contra Costa County EMS*

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Greenwood *Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office*

Jill Ray *BOS District 2*

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:12 p.m.

1. *Introduction of Members and Guests*
2. *Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2023 meeting*
Member McMurray motioned to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022. Member Santos seconded the motion. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote for approval of the motion. The roll call vote was done by EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris. Voting members Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Gomez, Lambert, Leng, McMurray, Santos, Schlemmer, Tobias, and Wannamaker voted aye; no voting members opposed; voting members Aguiar, Goudzari, Kestler, King, Manier, and Maples were absent; motion passed. March 2023 minutes are approved.
3. *Comments from the Public*
No Comments
4. *Chair's Report*
EMCC Chair Lambert reported that for hospitals, especially in East County areas, typically this is a slow time of year but there is no slowdown occurring this year. Currently at about 30 patients above average for this time over last year.
5. *Members' Reports*
No Report
6. *Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)*
-On June 21 MOTCO (Military Ocean Terminal Concord) is hosting Coyote Shield; this is an active shooter MCI drill. It is a large, once a year drill. If you see increased activity in the area, it is only a drill.
-Partnering with Contra Costa College, they are now offering Paramedic school on a firefighter shift schedule. It is open to the public. 12 people from CCCFPD, and at least 6 people from the public are attending. If anyone is interested in going to

	<p>paramedic school on a firefighter's schedule, there are opportunities available.</p> <p>-Getting a late start to fire season.</p>
7.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i></p> <p>No Report</p>
8.	<p>EMCC Officer Nominating Committee</p> <p>Per the Bylaws, it is time to identify EMCC members who are willing to participate on the EMCC Officer Nominating Committee. Staff Morris gave an overview of the bylaws pertaining to the Executive Committee. Chair Lambert asked if anyone is interested in participating. Members Wannamaker and Santos both volunteered. Member King was also nominated. Staff Morris will work with the nominating committee.</p>
9.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <p>-For expanded BLS deployment, the start date is getting closer to July 1. Discussion on having a meeting before actual deployment. The expanded BLS deployment will only occur in central and east county, will not initially occur in the West.</p> <p>-Broke a record for most transports in one day at 276 transports. Overall, may be seeing reduced transport volume, but not consistent.</p> <p>-APOT is staying the same. It is still present but trending up and down.</p> <p>-Some law enforcement (LE) officers have been calling for non-medical 5150s. LE personnel are adding in a medical component to try to avoid transport delays. Member Wannamaker reached out to several agencies and has not received any feedback on if those types of calls are still occurring.</p>
10.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>Field Treatment Guideline updates for 2024 are nearly complete; the public comment period is closed with some of the recommendations in those comments being incorporated into the training. The most significant update is the update to field trauma triage criteria which determines which patients should be considered for specialty care at the trauma center. These revisions were informed by the National Trauma Triage Criteria that came out in 2021. These criteria get updated approximately every ten years. The LEMSA reviewed the changes with the trauma center and incorporated some of their feedback. The next stage is to development of the annual training that accompanies these changes.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <p>- Adding to the tiered response item reported by member Wannamaker and the topic of the LE 5150 calls, the LEMSA did a data assessment to support tiered response, and identified roughly 30 percent of PD request calls are not being effectively dispatched. This issue will be looked at system wide with the hope to gain traction with Chief Wannamaker's work and the ongoing A3 project, trying to intercept Behavioral Health calls before they go into the medical system without having a medical component. There are broader initiatives going on to try to relive that strain from the EMS system. Group discussion on history and current practices in the field related to the issue. The issue is ongoing, and A3 and EMS are working to proactively identify and mitigate any mission creep of A3 into EMS. Want to partner and support while still maintaining effective boundaries so we can support our provider agencies. Group discussion on interaction of A3 and EMS system during these types of calls.</p>
12.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for September 14, 2023</i></p> <p>No Items</p>
13.	<p><i>Adjournment at 4:53 pm</i></p>