



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2023

Members Present Representing

Executive Committee:

Chair: James Lambert Hospital Council Bay Area Division

Vice Chair: Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ZOOM)

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

Mark Greenwood Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office

Ari Kestler Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)

Senai Kidane EMS Agency Medical Director

Natalie Manier American Red Cross

Lance Maples Public Provider Field Paramedic

Kristin Santos Trauma Center (CC Contract)

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

Manuel Gomez District I (ZOOM)

Shawni Goudarzi American Heart Association

Jon King Police Chiefs' Association

Joshua McMurray Public Managers' Association

Michael Schlemmer Communications Center Managers' Assoc.

STAFF PRESENT

Rachel Morris Contra Costa County EMS

OTHERS PRESENT

Marcy Dixon John Muir Health

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2023 meeting</i> Member Tobias motioned to approve the minutes from September 13, 2023. Member Bowles 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, Greenwood, Kestler, Leng, Manier, Maples, Santos, and Wannamaker voted aye; voting member Tobias voted no; voting member Lambert abstained; voting members Aguiar, Blanco, Gomez, Goudarzi, King, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent; motion passed. September 2023 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report – James Lambert</i> - The 2024 meeting dates are March 13, June 12, September 11, and December 11. Calendar invites will be sent to Committee members. - The County is changing the computer program that all official meeting bodies are required to use for generating meeting agendas and minutes. The program is called Legistar. These future documents for EMCC starting in 2024 will look different than previous versions. - Hospitals are extremely busy; Kaiser Antioch average daily census is up 10 percent.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For firefighters and paramedics on ambulances, there is a masking requirement when in hospitals, SNFs, etc., but it has been determined that not all prehospital personnel are compliant with the requirement. Messaging will go out to reinforce the requirement. - Asked member Lance Maples to report on the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District's (SRVFPD) behavioral health program. Maples reported it started as a pilot program that originally received funding from Measure X, to do behavioral health response training with SRVFPD personnel and San Ramon Valley Police Department personnel. The pilot was completed last January/February, and protocols were set for dispatch center where they could evaluate the callers needs and if no medical component to the call, assist the person to get transferred over to the Contra Costa Crisis Center. The program went live in October and has been effective. Will continue to evaluate the program as they receive feedback. County BOS granted 18 million to the ConFire district for a new training center for behavioral health, mobile crisis, fire and police for the entire county.
7.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i></p> <p>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 County EMS Agency</i></p> <p>Member Tobias motioned to approve the 2023 EMCC Annual Report draft. Member Greenwood 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 Morris. Voting members Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Greenwood, Kestler, Lambert, Leng, Manier, Maples, Santos, Tobias and Wannamaker voted aye; no voting member voted no; voting members Aguiar, Blanco, Gomez, Goudarzi, King, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent; motion passed. The 2023 EMCC Annual Report is approved.</p>
9.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As part of the EMS System Evaluation Report, Fitch came up with recommendations for the ambulance system, including a health information exchange. The Alliance has hired a consultant who is looking at a different way to view compliance. Hoping to pair with the LEMSA on Card 38 (SEND protocol) in 2024. Continue to memorialize the Offload policy and share with hospital providers.
10.	<p><i>Re-Vote for New Slate of Officers for EMCC Executive Committee</i></p> <p>The Committee voted on a new Executive Committee at the September meeting; however, that vote was deemed not valid as it was not conducted via Roll Call. The Committee must re-vote. All candidates nominated at the September meeting are still being considered during this voting process. The nominations include member Lamber for Chair, member Maples for Vice Chair, and members Drago, Fajardo, and Gomez for the two non-officer positions. Member Maples motioned to conduct a roll call vote for the new 2023-2025 EMCC Executive Committee. Member Fajardo seconded the motion. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote. The roll call votes were done by EMCC Staff Support person Morris. For the Chair position (nominee James Lambert), voting members Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Greenwood, Lambert, Leng, Manier, Maples, Santos, Tobias and Wannamaker voted aye; no voting member voted no; voting members Aguiar, Blanco, Gomez, Goudarzi, Kestler, King, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent. For the Vice Chair position (nominee Lance Maples), voting members Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Greenwood, Lambert, Leng, Manier, Maples, Santos, Tobias and Wannamaker voted aye; no voting member voted no; voting members Aguiar, Blanco, Gomez, Goudarzi, Kestler, King, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent. For the two (2) non-officer positions (nominees Drago, Fajardo, Gomez), the roll call vote was as follows: Bowles: Drago, Fajardo; Drago: Drago, Fajardo; Fajardo: Drago, Fajardo; Giusti: Drago, Fajardo; Greenwood: Drago, Fajardo; Lambert: Drago, Fajardo; Leng: Drago, Fajardo; Manier: Drago, Fajardo; Maples: Drago, Fajardo; Santos: Drago, Fajardo; Tobias: Present; Wannamaker: Drago, Fajardo; voting members Aguiar, Blanco, Gomez, Goudarzi, Kestler, King, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On behalf of member Kidane, CCEMSA annual training for 2024 activity continues to be monitored, and soliciting feedback for 2024 field treatment guidelines and policies. - The EMS System Evaluation Report commissioned from FITCH and Associates intended to inform the next RFP for ambulance response in service areas 1, 2, and 5, currently contracted to and serviced by CCCFPD, subcontracted to AMR, was published a couple weeks ago, and went to Board of Supervisors yesterday was approved, so it will be moving forward to the next phase. The current contract is set to expire December 31, 2025, with the new contract beginning January 1, 2026. Additional details can be found on the home page of the CCEMSA webpage. - For Tiered Response, average response times have been reduced, as well as Level5 and below events have been reduced and sustained. Not aware of any sentinel events. - Asked the EMCC members to review the vacancies on the Committee (in materials packet), review the Brown Act, look at Bylaws to review the scope of what the EMCC is designated to do by statute, and contemplate those items as we move into a new membership term (2024-2026) and the working through the new member nomination process. Identified the meeting agenda item "Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services", stating it is the only system Provider on the agenda given to opportunity to give a report at the meeting, and asked that the members take that into consideration. Chair Lambert responded there is value to the Alliance report, followed by group discussion on the initial placing of the Alliance Update

	<p>report item on the agenda, and how other provider agencies could also be given the opportunity to report out at the meetings. Group discussion on previous member attendance and engagement, and how to best move forward with the Committee. Recommendation that the quarterly report out could include updates from all providers (Alliance, Moraga-Orinda Fire, and SRVFPD). Group discussion on reviewing the bylaws to see if the Committee can work with the current version to achieve wanted outcome, or if a change to the bylaws would be needed.</p> <p>- Chair Lambert asked about the current scheduled dates and times of the quarterly meetings, and recommended staff Morris send out an email proposing other day and time of day options to the Committee members to make it more feasible for members to attend.</p> <p>- Recognized and thanked member Tobias on twenty years of service to EMCC and other facets of the EMS system, as Member Tobias submitted his resignation to the Committee and this will be his last meeting.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>Report included in EMS Director's Report</p>
13.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for next meeting:</i></p> <p>No Items</p>
14.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:17 pm</i></p>