



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2023

Members Present Representing

Executive Committee:

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

Jonas Aguiar *Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*
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 (ZOOM)*
Shawni Goudarzi *American Heart Association*
Mark Greenwood *Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office*
Ari Kestler *Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)*
Senai Kidane *EMS Agency Medical Director*
Jon King *Police Chiefs' Association (ZOOM)*
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

Chair: James Lambert *Hospital Council Bay Area Division*

Marshall Bennett *EMS Agency Director*
Ezequiel Blanco *Emergency Nurses Association*
Joshua McMurray *Public Managers' Association*
Michael Schlemmer *Communications Center Managers' Assoc.*

STAFF PRESENT

Aaron Doyle *Contra Costa County EMS*
Geoff Martin *Contra Costa County EMS*
Rachel Morris *Contra Costa County EMS*

OTHERS PRESENT

Marcy Dixon *John Muir Health*
Chad Newland *American Medical Response*
Scott Newlin *American Medical Response*
Jill Ray *BOS District 2*

Committee Vice Chair Leng called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

1. *Introduction of Members and Guests*
2. *Approval of Minutes from June 14, 2023 meeting*
Member Tobias motioned to approve the minutes from June 14, 2023. Member Santos seconded the motion. Vice Chair Leng 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 Aguiar, Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Gomez, Goudarzi, Greenwood, Kestler, King, Leng, Manier, Maples, Santos, and Wannamaker voted aye; member Tobias voted no; voting members Blanco, Lambert, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent; motion passed. June 2023 minutes are approved.
3. *Comments from the Public*
No Comments
4. *Chair's Report*
Vice Chair Leng reported that there are extra variants of COVID around and new COVID vaccinations should be out later this week. Encouraged all to plan accordingly and stay safe.
5. *Members' Reports*
For the Executive Committee election for the 2023-2025 term, Member Wannamaker presented the nominated ballot as follows: Chair – James Lambert; Vice Chair – Lance Maples and Manuel Gomez; Non-Officer (2) – Lance Maples, Nick Fajardo, Joseph Drago, and Manuel Gomez. For the Vice Chair position, Members Gomez and Maples were each given the opportunity to state what interests them in being the Vice Chair. Member Gomez withdrew his nomination for Vice Chair, but would still like to be considered for a non-officer position. Member Maples stated why he is interested in the Vice Chair position and is the sole candidate for Vice Chair. Vice Chair Leng asked members Fajardo, Drago and Gomez to state why they are interested

	<p>in being non-officers. Each gave a response. The Committee discussed how to conduct the vote to capture the Chair, Vice Chair, and two non-officer positions. Member King motioned to conduct the vote via paper ballot. Member Tobias seconded the motion. Vice Chair Leng called for a roll call vote for approval of the motion. The roll call vote was done by Vice Chair Leng. Voting members Aguiar, Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Giusti, Gomez, Goudarzi, Greenwood, Kestler, King, Leng, Manier, Maples, Santos, Tobias, and Wannamaker voted aye; no members voted no; voting members Blanco, Lambert, McMurray, and Schlemmer were absent; motion passed. All eligible voting in-person members completed the vote by paper ballot; all eligible voting Zoom members completed the vote by Zoom chat. The results were counted and the following slate was announced: Chair – James Lambert; Vice Chair – Lance Maples; Non-Officer (2) – Joseph Drago and Nick Fajardo.</p>
6.	<p><i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCYPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - With the addition of BLS tiered response there will be a chance that FF/medics will be primary medic transferring care to ED staff. They will have the ability to print PCR's at ED. - Communications center is being remodeled over the next year and one modification is going to be Auto Verbal dispatching to reduce overall time to dispatch. - Preparing MCI drills. One is scheduled at CCCRMC Nov. 15th. - Created the Quality Steering Committee and all stakeholders will be invited to participate. - Con Fire and AMR paramedic school students are doing well going into their second month of training. - Chief Officer series being offered starting in October at SRVFPD, CCCYPD and Oakland by Sterling Fire Training. - Flu season and vaccinations are just around the corner.
7.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i></p> <p>No Report</p>
8.	<p><i>Staff Report: Required Training Update – Rachel Morris, Contra Costa County EMS Agency</i></p> <p>EMCC members are now required to complete mandatory Implicit Bias training, in addition to Brown Act training and Ethics training. The County Board of Supervisors added the new bias training on July 11, 2023. Staff Morris presented a slide showing members where they can find the training resources on the County website. New members have three months from appointment to complete the training; existing members have three months from the adoption of the requirement. Once the training has been completed, members are required to submit the executed Updated Training Certification Form, as well as a screen shot of the training completion page. Documents should be emailed to Staff Morris.</p>
9.	<p><i>Staff Report: Agency Staffing – EMS Specialist – Aaron Doyle, Contra Costa County EMS Agency</i></p> <p>The new Ambulance Ordinance that went into effect June 2022 brought new responsibilities. The Agency hired Anna Cleese as an EMS Specialist contract employee through Heluna Health. She has been with the Agency since January 2023 starting as a part time employee and has transitioned to full time. Responsibilities are assisting with ambulance inspections and ambulance compliance. It is more than a full-time job for one person, so the Agency has a new part time contract position for a second EMS Specialist. Once a new person is hired, Anna will transition to assisting with other provisions of the Ordinance, such as special event medical stand by provision.</p>
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCYPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - BLS tiered response to start Sept. 19th. Anticipating 20-45 BLS calls per day. Asking to receive any feedback during pilot of new model. - Recognized Sutter Delta for the steps they've taken to reduce APOT including adding a Pre-Hospital Care RN to monitor patients on the wall. - Recently a patient was transported and upon arrival a snake was discovered in her purse.
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"> - The Agency is in the final stages of editing the Annual Training. The training will be in video format, available online. - The Agency is endeavoring to expand the Buprenorphine LOSOP. Parts of the County are not currently participating, so for equity of the System, the goal is to expand to all transporting providers. Conversations are being had with San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, and Moraga-Orinda Fire District to bring the LOSOP to their districts. - Member Bennett, who is out on paternity leave, asked Member Kidane to mention that late last month the Agency published Policy 3003, Dispatch Requirements for 911 Resources, effective September 19, 2023. The policy supports the data driven 911 tiered response. As a reminder, BLS transports for medical requests for currently are confined to Central and East County. The Agency is working with provider agencies and the Alliance to ensure BLS expansion is supported by a robust quality assurance plan to ensure the safety of the program. The policy also includes a provision for the use of Card 38, also known as the SEND Protocol with law enforcement, which hopes to address appropriate triage of requests for 911 medical resources for law enforcement, which currently can be seen as a gap in our System.
12.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for December 13, 2023</i></p> <p>No Items</p>
13.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:22 pm</i></p>