



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2019

| <u>Members Present Representing</u> | |
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| <p>Vice Chair: Gary Napper <i>Public Managers' Association</i> Executive Committee: Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i> Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></p> <p>Michele Bell <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i> Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i> Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i> John Duggan <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i> Mark Forrette <i>District II</i> Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director</i> David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i> James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i> David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i> Jennifer Lucas <i>American Red Cross</i> Cameron Metzger <i>EMS Training Institution</i> Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i> David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i> Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i></p> <p>Members Absent Representing Chair: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i></p> <p>Ara Gregorian <i>California Highway Patrol</i> Kelley Stieler <i>District I</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p> | <p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Marshall Bennett <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Gia Prado <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Joanny All <i>American Medical Response</i> Michael Johnson <i>American Medical Response</i> David Lopez <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i> Jill Ray <i>District II</i> Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p> |

Vice Chair Napper called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

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| 1. | <i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> |
| 2. | <i>Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2018</i> Member King motioned to approve the Minutes from June 13, 2018. Member Leng seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. June 2018 minutes are approved. |
| 3. | <i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments |
| 4. | <i>Chair's Report - Kacey Hansen, EMCC Chair</i> No Report |
| 5. | <i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports |
| 6. | <i>Recognition for Disaster Response: American Medical Response (AMR) Contra Costa Team</i> Member Frost recognized Chad Newland, Michael Johnson and the AMR Contra Costa Team for their response to disasters during the past five (5) years. Newland and the team had been recognized by Kelly Coleman from EMSA and Member Frost wanted to share that recognition with the Committee. Newland thanked the group and commented that the recognition is a product of everyone in the room and credited the relationship with Fire and other partners. |
| 7. | <i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> Member Samuelson reported that Emergency Nurses Associations (ENA) is currently keeping options open on proposed legislation being tracked. AB238 Rodriguez - requires emergency response kits to be kept in buildings that have AEDs. There are questions on who would stock, track expiration dates, etc. AB477 Cervantes – emergency preparedness: vulnerable populations - would increase availability of transportation resources during crisis. AB1168 Mullin would require statewide implementation of Text to 9-1-1 so the deaf |

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| | population and those hard of hearing have equal access to emergency services but could also benefit in an active shooter situation. |
| 8. | <p><i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs Association has an EMS subcommittee; it was reformed at beginning of the year. Chad Newland is the Chair of the committee, which presents a good opportunity for all county fire agencies to work with AMR. - There will be a large Multi-Casualty Incident I drill in April. - Two upcoming retirements: CCCFFPD Fire Chief Jeff Carman is retiring effective March 29. Lewis Broschard will be new Fire Chief for CCCFFPD. Deputy Chief Lon Phares with San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District is also retiring at the end of March. |
| 9. | <p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alliance Annual Report was given to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) yesterday by Fire Chief Carman and Member Frost. - LEMSA has recommended to elected officials to extend Alliance contract for another five (5) years. The LEMSA will be making that recommendation to the Board to extend at an April BOS meeting. - CCCFFPD has reached an agreement with REACH to partner on air ambulance services. There will be a helicopter branded with CCCFFPD logo. - Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue from Oregon coming down next week to meet with CCCFFPD. Member Carey is set to meet with them on March 18 and mentioned it may be an opportunity for AMR and the Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) to meet with them also. |
| 10. | <p><i>EMCC 2018 Annual (Draft) Report Action: Review/Approve for Submission to the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)</i></p> <p>The EMCC Annual Report 2018 draft was motioned to be approved. There was no discussion. Member King moved for the report to be accepted; seconded by member Leng; none opposed. Motion passed. Annual EMCC draft report approved and will be submitted to the BOS in early April as a consent item.</p> |
| 11. | <p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>Member Goldstein reported on starting the process for revision of 2020 prehospital protocols. Changes may include broadening choice of pain medicines; changing of invasive airway devices. On the legislative front, paying attention to AB 2593 Grayson – would require a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended or renewed on or after 1/1/19 to provide that if an enrolled patient receives covered services from a noncontracting air ambulance provider, the patient shall pay no more than the same cost sharing that the enrollee, insured, or subscriber would pay for the same covered services received from a contracting air ambulance provider. The bill would specify that a patient would not owe the noncontracting provider more than the in-network cost-sharing amount for services subject to the bill. Also following AB 1795 Gipson – would allow paramedics to bring patients to mental health urgent care centers and sobering centers</p> |
| 12. | <p><i>Approval of 2018 EMS System Plan Objectives (Action Item) - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <p>The objectives are an annual action item submitted to the EMCC and are a part of the annual system plan which is submitted to the state. The objectives lay out what we accomplish regarding our regulatory compliance. Member Frost requested a motion to approve. Member Leng motioned to approve, Member Forrette seconded; none opposed. 2018 System Plan Objectives approved.</p> |
| 13. | <p><i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alliance annual report was given on March 12th with discussion at the BOS on Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) impact on EMS system providers. BOS directed Alliance and EMS to form a workgroup and bring back a report about hospital factors and efforts and APOT fiscal costs associated with delays. - Recent program staff vacancies have been recruited Joanny All and Ben Keizer of AMR will be joining the EMS Agency team and we welcome their expertise in supporting our clinical and professional standards programs. - San Ramon RFP – the Board of Supervisors (BOS) approved a one-year non-exclusive area contract extension to allow SRVFPD further exploration of 224 rights. LEMSA will bring issue back to BOS for further direction. - Ambulance Ordinance – final draft released from County Counsel. EMS staff continues to refine the document with a plan to bring it to the EMCC in a special called meeting by the end of 2019. - EMS Authority (EMSA) Updates – LEMSA still waiting for EMSA response regarding an appeal hearing date. LEMSA not applying for CMS HIE grant; grant requirements evaluated by IT steering committee as biased towards larger systems with pre-established HIE. - ePOLST (electronic Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) Update – Participating in ePOLST registry pilot evaluation process and will be part of a panel April 9th at the Coalition for Compassionate Care summit in SF to discuss experience. - EMS System Funding - Working with Supervisor Gioia and Mitchoff chairs of the Finance Committee to explore timing for future EMS ballot measure. Next report to the finance committee will be in June. Member Napper wants to make sure EMCC members have opportunity to provide input on any potential ballot measures. - Local Concerns - APOT times continue to be a problem with increases in extended delays greater than sixty (60) minutes which have the greatest impact on the availability of ambulances. |
| 14. | <i>Proposed agenda item(s) for June 12, 2019: Ambulance provider offload times report (suggested by M. Forrette)</i> |
| 15. | <i>Adjournment at 5:25pm</i> |