



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p>Executive Committee: Chair: Jon King Police Chiefs' Association Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association James Lambert Hospital Council Bay Area Division</p> <p>Rea Anne Arcangel American Heart Association Marshall Bennett EMS Agency Director Archie Bowles District II Terence Carey Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association Jack Clapp Public Provider Field Paramedic Joseph Drago Air Medical Transportation Provider Joseph Gorton Public Managers' Association Senai Kidane EMS Agency Medical Director David Lilienstein Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital) Cameron Metzger EMS Training Institution Denise Pangelinan Communications Center Managers' Assoc. CJ Price Emergency Nurses Association Karin Schnaider District III Jim Selover Ambulance Providers (CC Contract) Allan Tobias District IV Jason Vorhauer Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</p> <p>Members Absent Representing Executive Committee: Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract)</p> <p>Michael Lyons Private Provider Field Paramedic</p>	<p>STAFF PRESENT Aaron Doyle Contra Costa County EMS Ben Keizer Contra Costa County EMS Geoff Martin Contra Costa County EMS Rachel Morris Contra Costa County EMS</p> <p>OTHERS PRESENT Gayle Israel BOS District II Kevin Janes El Cerrito/Kensington Fire Chad Newland American Medical Response Brandon Niven American Medical Response Rebecca Rozen Hospital Council of Northern and Central California Lisa Vajgrt-Smith Contra Costa Emergency Preparedness Troy Vincent American Medical Response</p>

Committee Chair King called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2020</i> Member Tobias motioned to approve the Minutes from June 10, 2020. Member Vorhauer seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. June 2020 minutes are approved. September 2020 minutes will be added to the March 2021 meeting agenda for review and approval.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> - Chair King welcomed Marshall Bennett as the new EMS Director and is looking forward to working together. - King addressed the mandatory advisory board training that all appointed members of county advisory bodies must complete to comply with county policies. All EMCC members are required to complete Brown Act & Better Government Ordinance training, and Ethics for Local Government Officials training. EMCC staff support Rachel Morris will reach out to members who still need to complete the training.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> Member Metzger is the EMT Program Director at Mt. Diablo Adult Education and asked for feedback from employers on what they would like to see from an EMT Program, and what the starting pay is for an EMT in their organization.
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> - Fire Executive Chiefs and County Chiefs met. Member Carey was asked to bring two items forward: 1. There is an awareness/concern from the fire chiefs of the potential impact to transporting agencies regarding talk that hospitals will soon be at full capacity. When hospitals experience increased wall times, it also causes increased wall times for ambulances. 2. Conclusion of fire season was presented at the Board of Supervisors, even though fires are still occurring.
7.	<i>Health Care Coalition Biannual Report to EMCC – Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, Contra Costa Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</i>

	Health Services staff Lisa Vajgrt-Smith provided the biannual report of Contra Costa Med-Health Preparedness Coalition (HPP Emergency Preparedness) activities. Report highlights include the Healthcare Coalition's efforts around COVID-19; an overview of the HPP Surge Estimator Tool; report on the HCC Hazard Vulnerability Assessment; discussion on COVID-19 HPP Supplemental Funds; focus items for 2021; and Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) activities. Member Tobias asked of the MRC would be used to administer the COVID-19 vaccine, and Vajgrt-Smith answered that the MRC would be available if asked to assist.
8.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Update
9.	<i>Staff Report: EMCC Annual (Draft) Report Action: Review/Approve for Submission to the Board of Supervisors</i> The 2020 EMCC Annual Report draft was motioned to be approved. There was no discussion. Member Leng moved for the report to be accepted; seconded by Member Tobias; none opposed. Motion passed. Annual EMCC draft report approved and will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in January as a consent item.
10.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> - There is an ongoing concern of extended wall times related to talk that hospitals will soon be at full capacity. When hospitals experience increased wall times, it also causes increased wall times for ambulances. - Transports are still below where they have been historically. Currently we are in flu season and typically numbers would be increasing. Compliance numbers for all four zones that the Alliance is required to report to the LEMSA are continuing to trend 95-97% and above, which is above the 90% requirement. Full employment is being maintained during the COVID-19 pandemic. - The Alliance contract with the County has been extended for five years through 2025. Contra Costa Fire also came to an agreement with AMR to extend that contract for five years.
11.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> - To mitigate the effects of COVID-19, the LEMSA adopted two LOSOPS over the summer: 1. Gave medics and EMTs the ability to do nasal swab testing for COVID-19, and 2. Gave medics and EMTs the ability to give flu vaccines. - The County's Buprenorphine trial is in progress. The trial is currently in East County only, but the goal is to generalize in all of AMR's operating areas in early February.
12.	<i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> - Member Bennett updated the structure of the EMCC Annual Report to break out focused objectives for the next year in one section, and expected reports, updates, and continued support items in another section. - The LEMSA is working with Chair King to create a taskforce with law agencies on combative patients/calls. - The LEMSA is working with King on outreach regarding the ambulance ordinance. The goal is to cultivate stakeholder engagement for evaluation and feedback to bring back to the EMCC, and ultimately move forward finalization of the Ordinance to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
12.	<i>Proposed agenda item(s) for March 10, 2021</i> - Review and approval of meeting minutes from September 9, 2020 meeting.
13.	<i>Adjournment at 4:55 pm</i>