



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2021

<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>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 Michael Lyons Private Provider Field Paramedic Cameron Metzger EMS Training Institution Karin Schnaider District III Allan Tobias District IV Jason Vorhauer Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u> Executive Committee: Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract)</p> <p>Rea Anne Arcangel American Heart Association David Lilienstein Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital) Denise Pangelinan Communications Center Managers' Assoc. CJ Price Emergency Nurses Association Jim Selover Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Joanny All Contra Costa County EMS 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><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Chad Newland American Medical Response Scott Newlin American Medical Response Jill Ray BOS District II Rebecca Rozen Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</p>

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

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2020 and December 9, 2020</i> Member Leng motioned to approve the Minutes from September 9, 2020 and December 9, 2020. Member Carey seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. September and December 2020 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> - Chair King reported that he had received his second COVID vaccine, and thanked all medical professionals involved in the vaccine effort.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> On behalf of the Fire Executive Chiefs, Member Carey brought three items forward: 1. There is a county wide committee working on 5150 issues. 2. Fire season is quickly approaching and anticipated to start earlier than last year, which was in June. Agencies are already working on planning for adequate staffing. 3. Under the direction of County Public Health, fire districts have been working on the COVID vaccine effort since December. Various teams from across the County are helping on various tasks, including some districts are holding weekly clinics (West County, East County, mobile clinics). Member Tobias added that the MRC has also been helping with the vaccinations.
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Update
8.	<i>EMCC Officer Nominating Committee</i> Per the Bylaws, it is time to identify EMCC members who are willing to participate on the EMCC Officer Nominating

	<p>Committee. Current officers cannot participate on the nominating committee, so other members are needed to volunteer to serve. Chair King asked for members who would be willing to participate. James Lambert and Chad Newland both volunteered; however never are eligible as Lambert is already on the executive committee, and Newland is not an official committee member. King stated he would follow up with members after the meeting, and if anyone is interested to please contact him.</p>
9.	<p><i>Staff Report: Required Brown Act & Ethics Training Updates</i></p> <p>At the December 2020 meeting, King addressed the mandatory Brown Act and Ethics training that all appointed members of county advisory bodies must complete to comply with county policies. EMCC staff support Rachel Morris reported that she had reached out to members still needing to complete the training, and out of eight members, three have responded with a training completion form. Morris will continue to reach out to members who still need to complete the training.</p>
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extended wait times are significant at many hospitals. Currently at PES there is a pilot study of crews leaving a gurney with a patient and having access to a vacant gurney they can take with them to reduce wait times. Looking to use this model at other hospitals. - In January 2021, instituted BLS ambulances into the system as a trial on targeted calls to keep ALS units in service for higher priority calls. So far, the trial has been successful, but data is limited. Alliance is having conversations internally to see if can expand those ambulances to BLS calls. Will bring to LEMSA for discussion.
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 LEMSA is part of county wide effort focused on improvements to behavioral health system. - The LEMSA is working on clinical treatment guidelines for next year (2022). - As an agency, the LEMSA has done its best to support our providers in combating COVID, including LOSOPS, and using prehospital personnel in static environments.
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Director Bennett echoed Dr. Kidane's report about the LEMSA staff doing as much as possible to support the providers and said that the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers has been integral to the congregate sites. The MRC volunteers have given over 1,000 hours and trained staff at over 29 facilities, provided PPE and administered more than 11,400 vaccinations. - The LEMSA continues to work on outreach regarding the ambulance ordinance. So far agency staff has met with San Ramon and Moraga-Orinda Fire Districts and has heard similar concerns from both Districts. Moving forward, agency staff will continue discussions with these Districts, and will expand discussions to other organizations, including a scheduled meeting with the police chiefs at the end of March 2021. Currently the LEMSA is evaluating the efficacy of calling a special meeting for the ordinance. If it is decided to have a special called meeting prior to the June EMCC meeting, multiple date options would be provided to try and identify an optimal day and time to have a special called meeting.
13.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for June 9, 2021</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No items
14.	<p><i>Adjournment at 4:37 pm</i></p>