



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2022

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p>Executive Committee: Chair: James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i> Vice Chair: Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i></p> <p>Marshall Bennett <i>EMS Agency Director</i> Archie Bowles <i>District II</i> Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i> Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i> Joseph Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i> Senai Kidane <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i> Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i> Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i> Jim Selover <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u> Executive Committee: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i></p> <p>Rea Anne Arcangel <i>American Heart Association</i> Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i> Angie Linsangan <i>District V</i> Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i> CJ Price <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Joanny All <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Aaron Doyle <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Brandon Rowley <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Jenn Caposella <i>REACH</i> Ari Kestler <i>John Muir Medical Center</i> Mae Lum <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i> Scott Newlin <i>American Medical Response</i> Jill Ray <i>District 2</i> Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i> Troy Vincent <i>American Medical Response</i></p>

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from December 8, 2021 meeting</i> Member King motioned to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2021 meeting. Member Carey seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. December 2021 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> EMCC Chair Lambert welcomed everyone and is happy to see COVID-19 numbers dropping, but has noticed a significant rise in ambulance traffic in east county.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Report
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> -On behalf of the Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs, Member Carey reported that today LAFCO authorized the annexation of East Contra Costa Fire Protection District (ECCFPD) into Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD). Public comment will be open for thirty (30) days at the state level. The intended date for dissolution of ECCFPD will be June 30, 2022. - Fire season is approaching, and planning is ongoing.
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report
8.	<i>Staff Report: EMCC Membership and Attendance Update – Rachel Morris, Contra Costa EMS</i> -The membership terms for all members will expire on September 30, 2022. Staff support Morris will begin the process of

	<p>contacting each of the agencies, organizations, and groups that make up the membership seats, to solicit nominations for the upcoming 2022-2024 term. Morris asked members attending this meeting to contact her directly if they are interested in continuing as an EMCC member representative.</p> <p>-Member attendance was discussed, with Morris reminding the group that there are attendance requirements in the Committee Bylaws. Member Bennett added that he would like to propose discussion on how we can garner better attendance at future meetings to avoid the risk of not having a quorum. Member King said he will reach out to CHP leadership to see if they can assign a representative to fill the California Highway Patrol seat. Member Bennett referenced the attendance matrix that shows the previous attendance of every member and contains the attendance bylaws. Chair Lambert thanked member Bennett for the discussion of the topic.</p>
9.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <p>- Entering seventh year of the Alliance contract. During the last quarter (December 20, 2021 – February 28, 2022), the Alliance faced an impact of three main issues: 1. Call volume spike, 2. staffing issues due to COVID-19, and 3. APOT issues. For call volume, the Alliance received 358 ambulance calls for the entire 911 system on the highest day, when a typical day is 325 to 350 calls. Transports spiked up to high 200s. The Alliance worked with the LEMSA and private 911 BLS providers to maintain service. All three issues created a strain on the Alliance system. The Alliance surge plan developed in April 2020 was put to full use during the last quarter. Member Lambert asked if the Alliance is still using BLS units for transport. Carey reported that Alliance BLS units are being used, but as of February 28, 2022 are not using private BLS units.</p>
10.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>- The LEMSA is in the process of proposing, evaluating, and vetting proposed changes to the Field Treatment Guidelines for 2023. Proposed changes will be going out for public comment soon and will be posted on the LEMSA website.</p> <p>- The Buprenorphine trial for opioid withdrawal in the field is continuing successfully. The 18-month status update was recently submitted to the state EMSA Medical Director which is a requirement for continued authorization of the trial study.</p> <p>-The LEMSA has expressed interest in being a participating site for a large NIH grant study, looking at strategies to optimize care and stabilize patients who regain pulses after cardiac arrest in the field.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <p>-As a follow up to a question from the December 8 meeting regarding impact to the BLS IFT providers during the Kaiser work action, the LEMSA followed up and there were no impacts identified.</p> <p>-During the Omicron surge, the LEMSA worked contractually to provide some flexibility and increase resilience within the EMS system.</p> <p>-For the ambulance ordinance, the final draft has been approved by County Counsel and was submitted to be published on the EMS website today but posting is still pending. Member Bennett is working on the Board Order to submit to the Board of Supervisors. Member King asked if there are any substantial changes beyond what was discussed at the last meeting. Bennett said there were no substantive changes. There was an addition of language to allow the EMS Medical Director to subvert policy in exigent circumstances by express written authorization in order to support the system in case of an emergency. Discussion followed regarding if there would be a time frame for the Medical Director's direction in an exigent circumstance, and that it would be until rescinded.</p>
12.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for June 8, 2022</i></p> <p>No items.</p>
13.	<p><i>Adjournment at 4:28 pm</i></p>