



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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 Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</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> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</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 Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i> Angie Linsangan <i>District V</i> Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i> CJ Price <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Aaron Doyle <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Shamim Mohamed <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> Jonas Aguiar <i>San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District</i> Marcy Dixon <i>John Muir Health</i> William Francis Sutter <i>Delta Medical Center</i> Gary Giusti <i>Mt. Diablo Adult Education</i> Ari Kestler <i>John Muir Health</i> Lance Maples <i>San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District</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> Kristin Santos <i>John Muir Health</i> Troy Vincent <i>American Medical Response</i></p>

Committee Chair Lambert called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from June 8, 2022 meeting</i> Member Schnaider motioned to approve the minutes from June 8, 2022. Member King seconded the motion. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote, which was done by EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris. Voting members Bowles, Carey, Clapp, Drago, King, Lambert, Leng, Lilienstein, Pangelinan, Schnaider, and Selover voted aye; no voting members opposed; voting members Arcangel, Gorton, Hansen, Linsangan, Lyons, Price, and Tobias were absent; motion passed. June 2022 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> EMCC Chair Lambert reported that Kaiser Antioch and Kaiser Walnut Creek are seeing a downtrend in patient volume which is typical for this time of year; although, numbers this year have not decreased as much as in years past. Currently both Kaisers are seeing around 200 patients per day.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Report
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report

8.	<p><i>Presentation: Education for EMS Providers on Victims of Intimate Partner Violence – William Francis, MD</i></p> <p>Dr. Francis works with the Family Justice Center and gave a presentation on specialized telehealth care for survivors of interpersonal violence. The goal is to provide survivors of interpersonal violence with equal access to services, and the ask is to partner with county stakeholders to allow survivors of interpersonal violence to receive the county standard discharge instructions/access. Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, along with the Alliance, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, and the LEMSA agreed to participate in future exploratory discussions.</p>
9.	<p><i>Update on 2022-2024 Membership Term Appointments</i></p> <p>Staff Support Morris provided an update on the membership appointments for the new 2022-2024 membership term. The current membership term (2020-2022) ends on September 30, 2022, and the new term begins October 1, 2022. Membership of the EMCC consists of twenty-four (24) members and two (2) ex officio (non-voting) members. Current responses include ten (10) confirmed seat nominations, three (3) seat nominations pending clarification, two (2) seats actively working on submitting a nomination, and nine (9) seats with no response to date. Appointments and Reappointments will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval prior to the December EMCC meeting.</p>
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <p>No Report</p>
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 in the final phases of development of annual training that gets rolled out to field providers during the fourth quarter. The format is new this year and will be presented by video. - Previously reported in March, the LEMSA submitted its eighteen month update on the buprenorphine trial to the EMS Authority Medical Director, and next week that report will be presented to the State EMS Commission where the Commission will make a recommendation on adding buprenorphine to local optional scope, and that recommendation will get forwarded back to the EMS Authority Medical Director who will have the final decision. Will report more at the next meeting.
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -The ambulance ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022, so the LEMSA is working to create internal systems to support the new ordinance deliverables (i.e. fee schedules, special event standby, DOJ background access). - As an update to previous March meeting report on the Omicron surge, five (5) of eight (8) months so far in 2022 have involved system allowances for ambulances to promote standard of care and sustainability for the EMS system. This has given the LEMSA the opportunity to assess patient safety of the practice of pending non-medical 5150 calls for service for thirty (30) minutes when at a level 5 or below. Additionally, during last five (5) of eight (8) months, there have been BLS units in the 911 system which provides opportunity to prepare the EMS system and stakeholders to get experience with BLS units; for paramedics to downgrade from ALS to BLS, and for EMT workforce to get experience in the 911 system with EMT partners instead of paramedic partners. The LEMSA has been working in partnership with Contra Costa County Fire Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) center on EMD accreditation status. -As an update to previous June meeting report on RFP for EMS System Evaluation – FITCH has been selected to conduct an EMS system evaluation for ERAs I, II, and V. That evaluation will inform an RFP process for the next competitively bid Exclusive Operating Area cycle.
13.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for December 14, 2022</i></p> <p>No items</p>
14.	<p><i>Adjournment at 4:51 pm</i></p>