



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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Wednesday, September 9, 2020  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Zoom Virtual Meeting

### Agenda

- 4:00 p.m. 1. Introduction of Members and Guests
- 4:05 2. Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2020 meeting
- 4:07 3. Comments from the Public  
Members of the public may speak up to 3 minutes each on matters either on or not on this agenda.
- 4:10 4. Chair's Report  
Jon King, EMCC Chair
- 4:15 5. Members' Reports
- 4:20 6. Fire Chiefs' Report  
Fire Executive Chief Representative
- 4:30 7. EMCC Legislative Report  
Emergency Nurses Association Representative
- 4:35 8. Update on 2020-2022 Membership Term Appointments  
Rachel Morris, Staff to EMCC, Contra Costa EMS Agency
- 4:40 9. Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services  
Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
- 4:50 10. EMS Interim Director's Report  
David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Interim Director
- 5:05 11. EMS Medical Director's Report  
Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director
- 5:20 12. Agenda Items for next meeting: December 9, 2020
- 5:30 13. Adjournment

\*(I)-Informational / \*(A)-Action

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### MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2020

#### Members Present Representing

##### Executive Committee:

**Chair: Jon King *Police Chiefs' Association***  
**Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen *Trauma Center (CC Contract)***  
**Ellen Leng *Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association***  
**James Lambert *Hospital Council Bay Area Division***

Terence Carey *Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association*  
 Jack Clapp *Public Provider Field Paramedic*  
 Joseph Drago *Air Medical Transportation Provider*  
 Mark Forrette *District II*  
 Joseph Gorton *Public Managers' Association*  
 Elaina Petrucci *Gunn American Heart Association*  
 Michael Lyons *Private Provider Field Paramedic*  
 Cameron Metzger *EMS Training Institution*  
 David Samuelson *Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay*  
 Karin Schnaider *District III*  
 Allan Tobias *District IV*  
 Jason Vorhauer *Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff*  
 Mike Williams *EMS Agency Director*

##### Members Absent Representing

John Duggan *Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*  
 David Goldstein *EMS Agency Medical Director*  
 Ara Gregorian *California Highway Patrol*  
 David Lilienstein *Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)*  
 Jennifer Lucas *American Red Cross*  
 Denise Pangelinan *Communications Center Managers' Assoc.*

##### STAFF PRESENT

Marshall Bennett *Contra Costa County EMS*  
 Aaron Doyle *Contra Costa County EMS*  
 Mia Fairbanks *Contra Costa County EMS*  
 Ben Keizer *Contra Costa County EMS*  
 Senai Kidane *Contra Costa County EMS*  
 Rachel Morris *Contra Costa County EMS*

##### OTHERS PRESENT

Michael Johnson *American Medical Response*  
 Jill Ray *District II*  
 Rebecca Rozen *Hospital Council of Northern and Central California*  
 Jim Selover *San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District*  
 Troy Vincent *American Medical Response*

**Committee Chair King** 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 11, 2019</i> Member Tobias motioned to approve the Minutes from December 11, 2019. Member Leng seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. December 2019 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> Chair King thanked everyone for their work and dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> - As part of the COVID-19 response, fire and ambulance providers along with Public Health and care facilities have been learning how to work together and have smoothed out processes and procedures. - Had worked on wall time issues in latter part of 2019. A workgroup was established, and good relationships came from that. There is more work to be done. - At the December EMCC meeting, there was a request to discuss the October fires. This did not occur in March as the March EMCC meeting was canceled because of the COVID-19 response. As a remedy, Member Carey provided a written presentation to the Committee at this June meeting.
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

	<p>Emergency Preparedness) activities. The report went back to fire season as that had been requested at the December EMCC meeting, but Vajgrt-Smith was unable to give that report in March as the March EMCC meeting was canceled because of the COVID-19 response. Report highlights include the 2019 Significant Events timeline, covering large scale fires and PSPS events from October to November 2019. Kaiser Walnut Creek completed the Coalition Surge Test, exercising healthcare leadership on procedures for hospital evacuation on November 21, 2019. Vajgrt-Smith covered the impacts of PSPS and how it affected the Coalition, and what the health department did for outreach to vulnerable populations. The current focus of the Coalition is on COVID-19, which has been a big learning opportunity. The Coalition will be acting as a support mechanism for the next six months. There will be a focus on making sure enough PPE is stocked. The Coalition will also focus on non COVID-19 related issues including but not limited to wildfires.</p>
8.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Update</p>
9.	<p><i>Update on Ambulance Ordinance</i> EMS Staff member Marshall Bennett reported that EMS staff has possession of the current draft version of the ordinance. Next steps include planning how best to reach out to stakeholders to discuss and optimize the plan before bringing the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors.</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"> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- COVID-19 update – the response caused the County EOC to be upstaffed to unprecedented levels. The Fire Branch was staffed at the same level. Currently not fully staffed, but communication continues. Daily temperature checks were instituted. 60 people are being tracked that were potentially exposed to COVID and could be positive. Four people from one engine company have tested positive, as well as one additional person from a different engine company. Policies were quickly adjusted by the LEMSA to help those in the field.</li> <li>- Transports dropped 27 percent, so as part of the staffing plan for the Alliance, the Fire District worked with AMR to a 10 percent reduction in staffing. AMR raised the cap of number of people who could be out on vacation. No employees have been laid off or furloughed as a result. Staffing levels will be increased as appropriate.</li> <li>- The Alliance continues to keep up compliance numbers between 96-97 percent. The threshold is 90 percent.</li> <li>- ConAir currently has one active aircraft, which is going well. The goal is to have a second aircraft in the air in the first part of July 2020.</li> <li>-The Fire District has worked with LEMSA staff Ben Keizer in affiliation with the CE Provider Program. They look forward to moving forward.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><i>Approval of 2019 EMS System Plan Objectives (Action Item)</i> The objectives are an annual action item submitted to the EMCC 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. EMS Staff member Mia Fairbanks requested a motion to approve. Member Tobias motioned to approve, Member Hansen seconded; none opposed. 2019 System Plan Objectives approved.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Assistant Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EMS Staff member Mia Fairbanks introduced Dr. Senai Kidane who is the new EMS Assistant Medical Director.</li> <li>- Dr. Kidane reported that during the County Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting, the group was able to go over the new proposed field treatment guidelines which were well received.</li> <li>- The County is waiting for approval for an opioid trial study for Buprenorphine. Contra Costa County is in a unique position to be able to funnel patients into treatment programs in the County. Limited Paramedics with training would be able to administer the drug under supervision.</li> <li>- EMS staff member Ben Keizer gave a presentation on behalf of Dr. David Goldstein regarding the Contra Costa County EMS Response to COVID-19. The presentation included an overview of the overall response structure for CCHS, as well as the responsibilities of the EMS Duty Officer and EMS Branch within that response structure. Keizer shared some data and went over a timeline from January to May, including major external events happening in the world, as well as the specific LEMSA response to those events. The presentation closed with steps to move forward.</li> </ul>
13.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Mike Williams, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EMS Director Mike Williams introduced himself to the Committee as the New EMS Director.</li> <li>- Referenced the ongoing issues that have been going on with ambulance offload times. Announced that the workgroup meetings will reconvene regarding APOT at the request of the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>- As Director, Williams' mission is to work closely with the EMCC. He would like the Committee to take a strategic role moving forward. He plans to call a special meeting prior to the next regular scheduled meeting to discuss a strategic process.</li> </ul>
14.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for September 9, 2020</i> - No items proposed.</p>
15.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:30 pm</i></p>

Seats	EMCC Members	12/12/2018	3/13/2019	6/12/2019	9/11/2019	12/11/2019	3/11/2020	6/10/2020	9/9/2020
<b>B 1</b> Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association	Ellen Leng	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		Present	
<b>B 2</b> American Heart Association	Elaina Petrucci Gunn	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		Present	
<b>B 3</b> American Red Cross	Jennifer Lucas	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent	Absent		Absent	
<b>B 4</b> California Highway Patrol	Ara Gregorian	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent	Absent		Absent	
<b>B 5</b> Communications Center Managers' Association	Denise Pangelinan	Absent	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		Absent	
<b>B 6</b> Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association	Terence Carey	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		Present	
<b>B 7</b> Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association	Jon King	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		Present	
<b>B 8</b> Emergency Nurses Association	David Samuelson	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Absent		Present	
<b>B 9</b> Hospital Council, Bay Area Division	James Lambert	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present		Present	
<b>B 10</b> Public Managers' Association	Joseph Gorton	Present (Napper)	Present (Napper)	Present (Napper)	Vacant (Napper Resigned)	Present (Gorton)		Present	
<b>B 11</b> Trauma Center (Contra Costa Contract)	Kacey Hansen	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Absent		Present	
<b>B 12</b> Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff	Jason Vorhauer	Present	Absent	Present	Present	Absent		Present	
<b>B 13</b> Contra Costa Health Services - Behavioral Health	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		Vacant	
<b>C 1</b> Ambulance Providers (Contra Costa 9-1-1 Service Contract)	John Duggan	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		Absent	
<b>C 2</b> Air Medical Transportation Provider (Contra Costa Authorized)	Joseph Drago (as of June 2020)	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		Present	
<b>C 3</b> EMS Training Institution	Cameron Metzger	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Present		Present	
<b>C 4</b> Private Provider Field Paramedic	Michael Lyons (as of Dec. 2019)	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Present		Present	
<b>C 5</b> Public Provider Field Paramedic	Jack Clapp	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present		Present	
<b>C 6</b> Emergency Department Physicians	David Lilienstein	Absent	Present	Present	Absent	Present		Absent	
<b>District I (Gioia)</b>	Vacant	Absent (Stieler)	Absent (Stieler)	Vacant (Stieler Resigned)	Vacant	Vacant		Vacant	
<b>District II (Andersen)</b>	Mark Forrette	Present	Present	Absent	Present	Absent		Present	
<b>District III (Burgis)</b>	Karin Schnaider	Absent	Present	Present	Present	Present		Present	
<b>District IV (Mithoff)</b>	Allan Tobias	Absent	Absent	Present	Absent	Present		Present	
<b>District V (Glover)</b>	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant		Vacant	
<b>E 1 Ex Officio</b>	Vacant (as of June 2020)	Present (Frost)	Present (Frost)	Absent (Frost)	Present (Frost)	Absent (Frost)		Vacant	
<b>E 2 Ex Officio</b>	David Goldstein	Present	Present	Present	Present	Present		Absent	
	<b>Quorum</b>								

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Meeting Attendance Requirements per the Bylaws:

- A. EMCC members shall attend EMCC meetings.
- B. A member who cannot attend a meeting must notify the Chair and may have one excused absence in a twelve month period.
- C. Whenever a member does not attend two regularly scheduled meetings, within a rolling twelve month period, complete their Brown Act requirements or fails to meet the criteria for sitting on the advisory body the EMS Agency shall notify the nominating agency/organization of the absences and request appropriate action.
- D. Members must complete the required Ethics and Brown Act training provided by the County within three months of appointment and submit the "Training Certification for Member of County Advisory Body" form to EMS staff prior to participating at any meeting.
- E. Members who do not complete the Ethics and Brown Act training within 3 months may not further participate until the requirement is fulfilled.
- F. Ethics and Brown Act training is recommended to be completed every two years while serving on a County Advisory Committee.

# MHPC REPORT

Contra Costa Med-Health Preparedness Coalition |HPP Emergency Preparedness

## 2018-2019 Highlights

Monthly Redundant Communication Drills

Quarterly Coalition Meetings

- Quarterly NICU ER Workgroup Meetings have participation from 6 different hospitals in the Bay Area Sutter Systems, Children’s Oakland, John Muir WC have fully implemented **TRAIN** tool in response procedures

100 hospital personnel are now certified in Hospital Hazmat First Receiver Operations & Decon

The fall 2019 SWMHE TTX Flood Scenario had 91 participants

40 HCC partners attended the New member Orientation held on January 16, 2020

Kaiser Walnut Creek completed the Coalition Surge Test, exercising healthcare leadership on procedures for hospital evacuation on 11/21/2020

Healthcare Coalition Surge Estimator tool Complete 2/2020

**Development of the MHPC Response Guide Pediatric Annex due July 2020**

## MHPC has Busy 2019 Fire Season

2019 Significant Events Timeline	
<b>October 7, 2019</b>	Fall SWMHE TTX-Flood Scenario
<b>October 7, 2019-October 11, 2019</b>	PSPS #1 in effect
<b>October 10, 2019</b>	Moraga Hills Fire
<b>October 14, 2019</b>	4.5 magnitude Earthquake Concord-Green Valley and Calaveras fault line
<b>October 15, 2019</b>	Nustar fuel storage facility explosion
<b>October 23, 2019</b>	Kincaid Fire started in Sonoma County
<b>October 24, 2019</b>	PSPS #2 in effect
<b>October 27-28, 2019</b>	Cypress Complex Fire-East County Sky Complex Fire- Crockett Pleasant Complex Fire- Lafayette/Walnut Creek Forrest Fire Public Health Advisory: Poor Air Quality
<b>October 30, 2019</b>	PSPS #2 ends
<b>November 6, 2019</b>	Kincaid Fire Contained
<b>November 18, 2019</b>	PSPS #3 (canceled)
<b>November 21, 2019</b>	SWMHE FTX cancelled; Coalition Surge Test

The 2019 fire season was very active for our health care system and response partners. This season was the beginning of the new PG&E Public Safety Power Shut-off program, implemented to reduce risk of major wildland fires causing significant damage and forcing evacuations to much of Northern California. The Association of Bay Area Health Officers (ABAHO), Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) and Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) program managers and planners spent several months in collaborative planning meetings to identify challenges and response strategies that could best serve each county during these events. Much of the planning and response to the PSPS involved ensuring the community was well informed and prepared to handle an outage. PG&E, Environmental Health, Police, Fire and other partners

## 2019-2020 Coalition Activities

### Coalition Meetings:

April 13, 2020-cancelled  
 July 15, 2020

### Coalition Training:

#### **ReddiNet User Training**

On hold

#### **Hazmat First Receiver Ops**

- Sept 30-Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2020
- November 4<sup>th</sup>& 6<sup>th</sup> 2020

### Coalition Exercises:

**Spring 2020 FTX: cancelled**

**Coalition Surge Test; TBD**

**Fall SWMHE-Cancelled**

employed multiple modalities to reach community members. A lot of effort went into strategizing how to use the emPOWER data to reach vulnerable populations, specifically those with durable medical equipment. Contra Costa Health Services worked with our coalition partners to ensure the facilities were informed and prepared for prolonged power outages. This included partnering with hospitals to offer charging stations, working with hospice and home health agencies to ensure clients were contacted, working with the fire agencies to provide outreach to independent living, assisted living and congregate care facilities, and, having CCHS Public Health staff and Medical Reserve Corps call households on the emPOWER list. Below is a summary of Med-Health coalition impacts and activities.

<b>Contra Costa Med-Health Coalition PSPS Impacts</b>			
	PSPS #1 10/7/2019	PSPS #2 10/24/2019	PSPS #3 11/18/2019
<b># of households impacted</b>	60,000+	60,000+	<20,000
<b># health care facilities affected</b>	14	8	6
<b>Direct outreach #s (facilities/emPOWER)</b>	45/226	12/250	6/50
<b># of facilities submitting sit-reps</b>	38	23	15
<b>Notes:</b>	200 residents evacuated in Moraga, CA	2,620 households evacuated for fires. I-80 closure	Cancelled by PG&E

## MHPC Next Steps

The COVID-19 response, continuity of operations and recovery will be a prolonged event for the Med-Health Preparedness Coalition. The Hospital Program Manager and Health Care Coalition Exercise and Training Coordinator will continue to support the MHPC throughout this process. They will continue to share information, provide resources, conduct training and facilitate collaboration between system partners to continue their efforts while building back to a system of readiness. The program will focus on how to resume coalition activities to ensure the health system is prepared for events such as PSPS and fires, extreme weather, influenza season, as well as other no notice threats such as earthquakes. The MHPC will begin developing AAR and improvement actions to help revise training, re-direct funding and re-write plans to address gaps that were identified in the last year.

### Focus for 2020-2021

Pediatric Surge Annex | July 2020

MHPC Hazard Vulnerability Assessment | complete August 2020

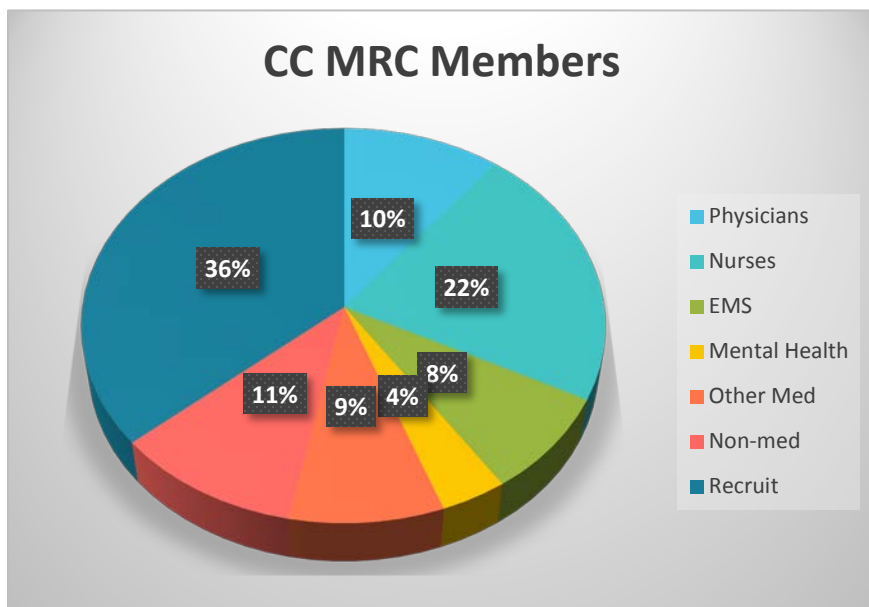
Resume ReddiNet onboarding and training | Fall 2020

Health Care Coalition Surge Test | Fall 2020

MHPC Response Plan Annex: Infectious Disease June 2021

Health Care Coalition Continuity of Operations Plan June 2021

### Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps



The Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps is an integral part of the Coalition's response capabilities. This group of medical volunteers is prepared and trained to respond to the needs of the community during emergencies. The MRC received a National Association of City and County Health Officers (NACCHO) capacity building grant to continue to build unit capabilities and resources to support response activities. This year's focus will be developing standardized field treatment guides that can be used during several of the CCMRC missions. A

workgroup of 8 MRC team members has been formed to complete this work and the project will be completed by January 2021. In January, the team launched its revised training plan and tier system. This training plan aligns with the National MRC program office tier recommendations as well as establishes a baseline in which all other Bay Area MRC units will follow. The tiers assist the MRC coordinator with identifying training and experience level of MRC members to ensure capabilities meet requests from operational areas.

The end of year reports for the Contra Costa MRC includes a total of **53 activities** having participated from **538 volunteers**. More than **1,853 hours** were served providing an **economic impact of \$64,107**. The MRC was activated for the 3 Emergency Response, two of the PG&E Public Safety Power Shut-offs, and to support medical needs in shelters during the Kincaid Fire.

