

Contra Costa County
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

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December 11, 2009

Clerk of the Board
Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street, 1st Floor
Martinez, CA 94553

To Whom It May Concern:

The Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) Annual Report for 2007 is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors as required by Contra Costa Board of Supervisors Resolution no. 2002/377. The Emergency Medical Care Committee approved this report at its December 9, 2009 meeting.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call me at (925) 313-9550.

Sincerely,

Julie Lutteri
EMS Secretary
Staff to EMCC

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Annual Report for 2009

Advisory Body Name: Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December. Meetings are held at the Contra Costa County Schools Insurance Group Conference Room in Pleasant Hill.

Chair: Kacey Hansen, RN

Staff person: Juleine Latteri, Health Services EMS

Reporting Period: December 1, 2008 - November 30, 2009

I. Activities:

The EMCC, over the four (4) meetings in the past year, was involved in or kept its membership informed in the following areas:

- Status of Contra Costa County's (CCC) STEMI system, implemented on September 8, 2008, allowing paramedics to rapidly identify and transport high-risk heart attack victims to specially equipped hospitals. August 17, 2009 addition of Sutter Delta Medical Center to the STEMI system, improving access to lifesaving cardiac interventions for east county residents.
- Economic recovery/stabilization of Doctors San Pablo. Reports including updates on the Joint Powers Agreement between the West Contra Costa Healthcare District and Contra Costa County, and staffing of key senior-level positions.
- Submission to the State Emergency Medical Services Administration (EMSA) of Contra Costa County's EMS for Children Plan Progress Report.
- January 2009 implementation of the State EMSA *Physician Order for Life Sustaining Treatment* form to communicate a person's end of life wishes by establishing a limit of care.
- Federal recognition of CCC's voluntary Medical Reserve Corps (CC MRC) in May 2009. Sponsored by CCC Health Services, the CC MRC is a collaborative between CCC Emergency Medical Services (EMS) (as lead agency) and Public Health. Updates included establishment of a leadership team, recruitment, trainings on disaster function, and application of a Homeland Security Grant.
- Training by the Helicopter Task Force for more efficient use of medical transport helicopters.
- Participation by 12 CCC fire agencies in a trial of LUCAS, an FDA-approved manual CPR device.
- Local implementation by CCC EMS of American Heart Association's Heart Safe Cities program designed to improve out-of-hospital sudden cardiac arrest survival.
- Completion of year two of CCC's two-year plan to establish a comprehensive Quality Improvement Plan for the county.
- CCC Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) draft for Fire and Emergency Medical Services as it relates to number of fire stations, national standard response time, and suggested re-alignment of various fire districts in the county.
- Communications upgrades and system enhancements funded by Measure H, and impact of the current economic crisis on Measure H funds.
- CCC's joining of the Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) project, a database which collection of performance measures and allows internal benchmarking to improve response to cardiac arrest.
- Continued monitoring of H1N1 outbreak. Updates on issues such as antiviral allotments, vaccines, hospital and first responder preparedness, potential shortage of pediatric beds, and the upcoming flu season.
- EMS committee activities including the Facilities and Critical Care Committee, the EMS Medical Advisory Committee, EMS Hospital Disaster Forum, and the Data Advisory Group
- EMS presentation to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) for a finding of substantial compliance-to-date of the AMR Emergency Ambulance Service contract and BOS determination to extend the contract through June 30, 2014.
- July 1, 2010 implementation of legislation requiring that all EMT-Is certified in California have background checks at state and federal level, allowing for the creation of a state registry.

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II. Accomplishments

The EMCC:

- Approved the EMS System Plan (2007/08) Progress to Date.
- Endorsement of the Contra Costa Trauma System Plan.
- Endorsement of 20-year extension of designation of John Muir Health Walnut Creek as a Level II Trauma Center.
- Nominated and elected the following EMCC Officers for the term of November 1, 2009 through November 30, 2011:
 - Chair – Kacey Hansen, RN
 - 1st Vice Chair – Paul Freitas, MD
 - 2nd Vice Chair – Leslie Mueller
 - Executive Committee – Ross Fay and Andy Swartzell
- Continued work with Health Services Mental Health and Alameda/Contra Costa Medical Association to get hospital MOUs in place to reinstate a policy/procedure allowing emergency physicians to apply 5150 holds.
- Recognition of John Muir Health's participation in SMARTT (Survival Measurement and Reporting Trial for Trauma), a national population-based Trauma Report Card intended to improve the quality of trauma care. John Muir Health scored consistently well, and the report stated "The likelihood that your hospital is a very high-quality hospital is 100%."
- Recognition of CALSTAR's 25 years of providing medical air transport.

III. Attendance/Representation

The EMCC is a multidisciplinary committee with membership consisting of representation of specific EMS stakeholder groups and organizations plus one consumer member and one alternate nominated by each Board of Supervisor member. There are 27 member seats on the EMCC. Four seats were vacant due to no nominee submitted by the Public Managers' Association, Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner, EMS Training Institution, and Communication Center Managers' Association.

The majority of EMCC representatives or alternates were regular participants. A quorum was achieved at each of the four EMCC meetings in the past year.

IV. Training/Certification

Each EMCC representative and alternate representative was given a copy of the Advisory Body Handbook and copies of the "The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance - What you Need to Know as a Commission, Board or Committee Member" and "Ethics Orientation for County Officials" videotapes during their two-year term. Responsibilities of County Boards were discussed including the responsibility to view the videotapes and submit signed certifications. Certification forms have been received from 16 of 24 of the representatives and 10 of 19 alternates. Nine certifications are attached, the rest having been submitted in previous years.

V. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

Report to the local EMS Agency its observations and recommendations relative to its review of:

- EMS System Plan Annual Update for 2009 -
- Enhance STEMI system to facilitate inter-facility transfer of STEMI patients between facilities without cardiac intervention to designated STEMI Centers.
- EMS for Children Plan: Enhance pediatric disaster and surge preparedness among EMS system stakeholders.
- Explore development and implementation of Stroke System for Contra Costa County
- Monitor and benchmark EMS system performance through Quality Indicators and - EMS Event Safety Reporting System
- Continue to monitor the Mental Health Services system as it implements and completes the set up of the 5150 system.



Training Certification
for
Member of County Advisory Body

By signing below, I certify that on 9-14-09, I watched the entire training tape: **"The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance—What You Need to Know as a Commission, Board, or Committee Member."**

By signing below, I certify that on 9-14-09, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**

Paula J. Andrews
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

9-14-09
(Date)

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JUSTIN SCHARR
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

6-2-09
(Date)

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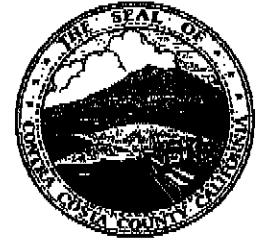
By signing below, I certify that on 2/2008, I watched the entire training tape: **"The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance—What You Need to Know as a Commission, Board, or Committee Member."** VIDEO - VHS copy - Brown Act for Board of Directors

By signing below, I certify that on 2/2008, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**
Ethics for Federal Employees and Officials.

Daniel Lee [Signature]
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

6/10/09
(Date)

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By signing below, I certify that on 6/8/09, I watched the entire training tape: **"The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance—What You Need to Know as a Commission, Board, or Committee Member."**

By signing below, I certify that on 6/8/09, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**

Bruce Munts
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

6/8/09
(Date)

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By signing below, I certify that on May 12, 2009, I watched the entire training tape: **"The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance—What You Need to Know as a Commission, Board, or Committee Member."**

By signing below, I certify that on May 19, 2009, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**

Wanda S. Hoffmann
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

5-19-09
(Date)

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By signing below, I certify that on 5/11/09, I watched the entire training tape: **"The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance - What You Need to Know as a Commission, Board, or Committee Member."**

By signing below, I certify that on 5/11/09, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**

Cynthia Roberts
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

5-12-09
(Date)

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ATTN: Julianne Latteri



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Joe L. Brown JOEL L. BROWN
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

5-12-09
(Date)

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By signing below, I certify that on 5/6/09, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**

Renee Juster
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

5/6/09
(Date)

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**Training Certification
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By signing below, I certify that on 11/23/2009, I watched the entire training tape: **"The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance—What You Need to Know as a Commission, Board, or Committee Member."**

By signing below, I certify that on 11/23/2009, I watched the entire training tape: **"Ethics Orientation for County Officials."**

Andrew J. Swartzell
(Name of Member of Advisory Body)

11/23/2009
(Date)

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