

Contra Costa County  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

**Annual Report for 2010**

**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, 2009 - November 30, 2010

**I. Activities:**

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

- Ongoing improvement 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.
- Monitoring of H1N1 and influenza impacts and lessons learned including: updates on issues such as vaccine clinics, hospital and first responder preparedness, and pediatric surge planning.
- Recognition of Joseph Barger, MD, as Medical Director of the Year by the State Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA).
- Local implementation by CCC EMS of the State EMSA EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) 2010 Project, establishing a state EMT registry and establishing standards for background checks and discipline.
- Local implementation of *HeartSafe* Community program which encourages and promotes communities to put all elements of the Chain of Survival in place, to increase the chances that anyone suffering a cardiovascular emergency has the greatest chance of survival.
- Formation of the Darius Jones Foundation, which with the support of the American Heart Association, the Diablo Health Care Foundation, and CCC EMS trained over 3,000 freshman in the Mt. Diablo School District in CPR in May.
- CCC and Alameda Counties co-hosted a Regional Pediatric Surge Conference in June 2010. Speakers included national and state experts.
- Disaster preparedness activities involving all area hospitals and EMS provider agencies, and continued funding (approximately \$500,000 per year) of the Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) disaster grant.
- Establishment of East Contra Costa Fire as an independent fire district.
- Development and implementation of the Contra Costa Stroke System, which will be launched in January 2012. Formation of the Stroke System Advisory Committee.
- Award of \$30,000 to CCC EMS by the State for California EMS Information System (CEMSIS), to continue building a data-driven EMS performance system.
- Enhance STEMI system to facilitate inter-facility transfer of STEMI patients between facilities without cardiac intervention to designated STEMI Centers.
- Launch of a head injury trauma study by John Muir Base Station and CCC EMS, in an effort to improve survival rates of head injury victims.
- Background and accomplishments of the Contra Costa Fire-EMS Training Consortium (CCTC), which was formed to standardize, improve and facilitate training for all fire and ambulance personnel in Contra Costa County.
- Submission to the State Emergency Medical Services Administration (EMSA) of Contra Costa County's EMS for Children Plan Progress Report.
- CCC's voluntary Medical Reserve Corps (CCC MRC), sponsored by CCC Health Services, hosted "First Person Disaster Experience." Dave Lipin, Commander of DMAT CA6 and Dr. Neil Jayasekera, MRC Medical Director, shared their experiences from Haiti.

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- EMS committee activities including the Facilities and Critical Care Committee, the EMS Medical Advisory Committee, EMS Hospital Disaster Forum, and the Data Advisory Group.
- Status of the 9-1-1 communications system by the California Highway Patrol regarding improvement in delay times, call localization, and service infrastructure as we move into a wireless mobile society.

**II. Accomplishments**

The EMCC:

- Re-designation by the Board of Supervisors of John Muir as the Trauma Center under Contra Costa County's Trauma System Plan, through May 2021, as recommended by the EMCC.
- Approval of EMS 2009 Annual Report.
- Approval of EMS System Plan 2010 Objectives.
- Approval of 2009 Trauma System Plan Status Report.

**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. Three seats were vacant due to no nominee submitted by the Public Managers' Association, Community Awareness and Emergency Response (CAER), EMS Training Institution. 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 18 of 24 of the representatives and 9 of 19 alternates. All certifications were 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.
- EMS for Children Plan: Enhance pediatric disaster and surge preparedness among EMS system stakeholders.
- November 2010 update of American Heart Association standards and anticipated implementation by CCC EMS and first responder agencies.
- Designation of Primary Stroke Centers in preparation for January 2012 launch of Contra Costa County Stroke System.
- Support development of high reliability EMS system performance quality and safety programs and performance indicators.
- Continue to monitor the Mental Health Services system as it implements and completes the set up of the 5150 system.