

## Annual Report for 2022

**Advisory Body Name:** Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)

**Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location:** 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, unless otherwise noted. All meetings have been held virtually via Zoom.

**Chair:** James Lambert (December 2021 – Present)

**Staff Person:** Rachel Morris (January 2017 – Present), Health Services, Emergency Medical Services

**Reporting Period:** January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022

### I. Activities:

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

- Continued discussion on the update to the county ambulance ordinance. The new ambulance ordinance was adopted by the Board of Supervisors; the LEMSA is working to create internal systems to support the new ordinance deliverables (i.e. fee schedules, special event standby, DOJ background access).
- The Board of Supervisors recognized May 15-21<sup>st</sup> as National EMS Week, and May 18<sup>th</sup> as EMS for Children Day.
- Treatment guidelines and policies updated for 2023 are finalized. Implementation is January 1st, 2023.
- Continued discussion on adverse impacts on 9-1-1 ambulance providers and patient care associated with prolonged ambulance patient offload delays (APOT).
- Hiring of Christy Hollis as a new LEMSA Prehospital Care Coordinator, and Shamim Mohamed as a new Secretary-Advanced Level.
- The LEMSA is conducting an EMS System evaluation to inform the next RFP for ambulance services. Fitch & Associates has been selected to conduct the 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.
- In light of the success of the LEMSA Buprenorphine trial, the EMS Commission and the EMSA Medical Director have transitioned prehospital Buprenorphine administration to Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) status, paving the way for multiple LEMSAs across the state to apply for participation in this LOSOP. LEMSA submitted the LOSOP application December 2022.

### II. Accomplishments

- Approval of EMCC 2021 Annual Report.
- Successful nominations and establishing of new EMCC membership for the 2022-2024 term.
- Successful Buprenorphine trial allowed for transition of prehospital Buprenorphine administration to Local Optional Scope of Practice (LOSOP) status.
- New ambulance ordinance, “Ordinance No. 2022-21”, approved and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022.

### III. Attendance/Representation

The EMCC is a multidisciplinary committee with membership consisting of representation of specific EMS stakeholder groups and organizations plus one (1) consumer member nominated by each Board of Supervisor member. There are twenty-four (24) authorized, voting seats, and two (2) non-voting, ex-officio seats on the advisory body. At the end of the 2020-2022 term, on September 30, 2022, there were nineteen (19) voting member seats and two (2) ex-officio seats filled; five (5) seats were unfilled. So far for the 2022-2024 term, beginning on October 1, 2022, seventeen (17) voting member seats and two (2) ex-officio seats are filled; seven (7) seats are unfilled. A quorum was achieved at four (4) of the four (4) regular EMCC meetings in 2022.

### IV. Training/Certification

Each new EMCC representative was given a copy of the Advisory Body Handbook and copies of the “The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance Training Video” and “Ethics Orientation for County Officials” video (updated to “Ethics for Local Government Officials” video offered by the Fair Political Practices Commission) during their two (2) year term. Responsibilities of County Boards were discussed including the responsibility to view the videos and submit signed certifications. For the 2020-2022 term, certification forms were received from 14 of the 19 representatives. For the 2022-2024 term, certification forms have been received from 7 of the 17 representatives so far. The eight (8) certificates

received this year are attached to this report.

#### **V. Focused Objectives for Next Year**

- Continue to refine EMS Emergency Quality Improvement Plan (EQIP) and support stakeholder processes related to Quality Assurance and Quality Improvement:
  - Stakeholder Education
  - Stakeholder support in building relevant, achievable, and sustainable Quality Improvement Plans that align with CA Regulation and State 'core' deliverables.
- Support opportunities for more efficient response and transport model to include:
  - Alternate destination
  - Tiered response
  - Supporting behavioral health models that shunt non-medical calls away from EMS system
  - Shunting non-emergent 911 calls to RN advice line.
- Support emergency ambulance provider and community hospitals efforts to reduce patient transfer of care extended delays that impact the availability of ambulances for the next 9-1-1 call.
- Resolve outstanding 2017 EMS Plan appeal with EMSA; submit subsequent EMS Plans to bring Contra Costa current.

#### **VI. Expected 2023 Reports, updates, and continued support items**

- Continue to support stakeholder opportunities and efforts to procure sustainable funding for EMS System emergency communications, dispatch and data infrastructure enhancements to optimize patient care in day-to-day and disaster conditions.
- Support Public Health Medical Health Disaster Coalition preparedness and engagement as it pertains to the EMS System. Continue to monitor and report on EMS System impacts due to changing economics and health care reform.
- Support EMS System program (STEMI, Stroke, Cardiac Arrest, EMSC, Quality/Patient Safety and Trauma) initiatives.
- Support and sustain community education and outreach, e.g. *HeartSafe*, Child Injury Prevention.
- Update Public Safety First Aid program and policy to support Law Enforcement AED and Narcan programs and to support volunteer agency personnel who are integrated into EMS system.
- Support appropriate use of 9-1-1, CPR Anytime, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) programs through partnerships with Law Enforcement, CERT, fire first responders, and community coalitions.
- Receive updates on the Contra Costa Med/Health Coalition.
- Receive updates on treatment guidelines and policies for 2023.