



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2014

Members Present Representing	Members Absent Representing
<p><b>Chair: Darrell Lee <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs Association</i></b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: John Speakman <i>District II</i></b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Gary Napper <i>Public Managers Association</i></b>  <b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Andy Swartzell <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs Association</i></b>  <b>Ross Fay <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider*</i></b></p> <p>Byron Baptiste <i>Communications Ctr Managers' Assoc.</i>            Joseph Barger <i>Contra Costa County Health Services</i>            Amelia Blackshear <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Gale Bowen <i>Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner</i>            Marcy Dixon <i>Base Hospital (CC Contract)</i>            Pat Frost <i>EMCC Officer</i>            Donna Hoffman <i>American Red Cross</i>            Barbara Leal <i>EMS Training Institution</i>            Jerry Lee <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*</i>            Cindy Roberts <i>Emer. Nurses Assoc. East Bay Chapter</i>            Russell Rodriguez <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians*</i>            Chris Shrader <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider*</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV*</i>            Amish Waland <i>Hospital Council East Bay</i>            Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p> <p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u>            Bruce Kenagy <i>EMS</i>            Laura O'Neal <i>EMS</i>            Leticia Andreas <i>EMS</i></p>	<p>Jeff Belle <i>District III (Piepho)</i>            Deborah Campbell <i>District V (Glover)</i>            Roberta Currier <i>District IV (Mitchoff)</i>            Charles Gibson <i>Contra Costa Police Chiefs Assoc.</i>            Laura King Hahn <i>American Heart Association</i>            Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (Contra Costa Contract)</i>            Ellen Leng <i>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Jason Sampson <i>Ambulance Providers (Contra Costa Contract)</i>            Alvin Tang <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians</i>            Steve West <i>California Highway Patrol</i></p> <p><u>Others Present</u>            Ben Smith <i>Contra Costa Fire Protection District</i>            Brian Hubbell <i>Falck Northern California</i>            Pete Howes <i>Falck Northern California</i>            Mick Smith <i>American Heart Association</i>            Erik Rohde <i>American Medical Response</i>            Johan Klehs <i>Paramedics Plus</i>            Andy Hashimi <i>Bay Medic</i>            Lauren Retagliatta            Douglas Dunn            Jill Ray <i>District II</i>            Lia Bristol <i>District IV</i>            Joanne Pineda <i>American Heart Association</i>            Stephen Henry <i>Arcadia Ambulance</i>            Dan McNamara <i>San Ramon Fire</i>            Donald Waters <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Assoc.</i></p>

**Chair Lee** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> <b>Chair Lee</b> welcomed all attendees. Self-introductions.
2.	<i>Approval of March 11, 2014 Minutes</i> <b>M/S/C (Tobias/Speakman)</b> approved March minutes.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> None.
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> EMCC Committee Briefing and Town Hall took place in April regarding the Contra Costa EMS System Modernization Study (Fitch Report). All public comments have been brought to the Board of Supervisors.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> None
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Reports</i> None
7.	<i>2014 Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze Level Recognition Award - Mick Smith, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association</i> <b>Guest Smith</b> congratulated Contra Costa EMS for achieving the 2014 Mission Lifeline EMS Bronze Level Recognition Award, based on achievements as identified per the agency's online application submission: 1) for

\*Alternate

	<p>data representative of care delivered in 2013, 2) delivering education and STEMI identification, 3) providing access to 12-lead ECG machines and 4) developing protocols derived from ACCAJ STEMI guidelines. The criteria to achieve this award is based on meeting the achievement measures for at least one and up to three calendar quarters, with no single measure scoring below 75%. Special thank you goes to Dr. Joseph Barger for his leadership as Medical Director of EMS, further recognized are Pat Frost, Mia Fairbanks, Contra Costa County Fire, El Cerrito Fire, Moraga-Orinda Fire, San Ramon Valley Fire, Rodeo-Hercules Fire, Pinole Fire, East Contra Costa County Fire, Richmond Fire, American Medical Response.</p>
8.	<p><i>EMS System Plan Approval - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i> The EMS Agency is required to submit an annual EMS System Plan Update to the EMS state authority, EMSA. In this plan, objectives based on various regulations and standards are identified, and past progress documented. Objectives and progress for the coming system plan year are determined as well. A draft of the current plan had been submitted electronically to all EMCC members. <b>Member Frost</b> requested a motion to go ahead and approve the 2013-14 objectives and plan. Motion seconded by <b>Member Tobias</b>. Motion passed.</p>
9.	<p><i>Update on Doctors Medical Center (DMC) Contingency Plan - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director</i> Over 175 community members and stakeholders attended the DMC public hearing, with over 45 people giving public testimonies. The report is being finalized for submission to the state by 5pm on June 13. DMC rescinds its closure notice at this time in lieu of exploring new models that are fiscally sustainable and include the possibility of a free standing emergency department; the current configuration is not maintainable. The prior reports of 2004 and 2011 had already articulated the impacts of a possible DMC closure. CCHS Director Dr. Walker is chairing a task force in collaboration with the Hospital Council to explore new models. At the Board meeting on June 17, a board order will be issued to transfer \$6 million of county funds to help bridge and keep DMC's emergency operations open for a limited time. <b>Member Barger</b> mentioned the impact and challenge of critically ill patients being moved around the system if DMC should close.</p>
10.	<p><i>Laura's Law Presentation - Douglas Dunn &amp; Lauren Rettagliata, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Workgroup</i> The purpose of Laura's Law is a permanent care program for the severe mentally ill, and with it reductions to the amounts of hospitalization and EMS involvement. Laura's Law passed California legislature in 2002, but also needs to be passed by each county supervisor in order to be funded. One person in 25,000 is severely mentally ill; the program presented is for 45 persons for Contra Costa County as calculated by population. To qualify for Laura's Law, the following criteria need to be met: 1) The person has to be 18 years old; 2) the person would have had two or more hospitalizations in the past 36 months, or one or two acts of attempted violence in the past 48 months; 3) the person is decompensating by clear and convincing evidence. Further outlined in the presentation are detection, care, legal treatment, EMS involvement, and costs. In July 2013 the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution asking County Behavioral Health to consider AOT. Recommendations to the Board of Supervisors are currently finalized, with a possible public Laura's Law meeting and vote to be held on July 29. <b>Guests Dunn and Rettagliata</b> appealed to the EMCC to 1) support a fully funded 45 persons program for the county, 2) to approach the Board with a formal letter of support. <b>Member Tobias</b> made a motion to send a letter of support for the full Laura's Law program to the Board of Supervisors. Motion seconded by <b>Member Swartzell</b>. Motion to draft letter approved by EMCC. <b>Member Napper</b> clarified that the EMCC provides its endorsement in concept.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Modernization Study and Request for Proposal (RFP) Update - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i> The EMS Modernization Study final presentation was submitted to the Board of Supervisors on June 3 and accepted. EMS will return to the Board in July with recommendations of what should be in the RFP, and develop timeline for the RFP process. Stakeholder comments and support for consolidated dispatch, including increasing efforts to include the community in first response, and being partner - in healthcare.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Recognized was Erik Rohde, General Manager at American Medical Response (AMR), for the success of AMR's Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) effort during EMS week.</li> <li>◦ Recognized was San Ramon Valley Fire for providing CPR training at the Air &amp; Wind Festival.</li> <li>◦ Congratulations were extended to Children's Hospital Oakland for passing ACS accreditation as a Level One Pediatric Trauma Center.</li> </ul>
13.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - Joseph Barger, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◦ There is a current nationwide shortage of IV saline solution. Member Barger will publish a guidance document. Supply requirements will be looked at.</li><li>◦ Educational efforts are geared towards high quality CPR on an ongoing basis, focusing on the rate and speed of compressions. EMS' Brian Henricksen, Pam Dodson and Dr. Barger are in the community providing education to fire and ambulance providers via a developed curriculum.</li><li>◦ Officially retired as of end of March, now working as retired annuitant, and EMS is actively pursuing a replacement.</li></ul>
	Chair Lee announced his upcoming retirement from the Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District after 31 years, but will continue part-time work with the district and stay with the Fire Chiefs' Association. He will continue his 15 year involvement with the EMCC until his term as chair ends in 2015.
14.	<i>Next meeting: September 10, 2014</i> Agenda Items for next meeting: Updates on Laura's Law, RFP, and Doctors Medical Center
15.	<i>Adjournment at 5:29pm</i>