**EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE**  
**CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**

**MEETING MINUTES**  
June 11, 2014

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

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

1. **Introduction of Members and Guests**  
Chair Lee welcomed all attendees. Self-introductions.

2. **Approval of March 11, 2014 Minutes**  
M/S/C (Tobias/Speakman) approved March minutes.

3. **Comments from the Public**  
None.

4. **Chair’s Report**  
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. **Members’ Reports**  
None

6. **Fire Chiefs’ Reports**  
None

7. **2014 Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze Level Recognition Award - Mick Smith, American Heart Association/American Stroke Association**  
Guest Smith 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
8. **EMS System Plan Approval - Pat Frost, EMS Director**

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. **Member Frost** requested a motion to go ahead and approve the 2013-14 objectives and plan. Motion seconded by **Member Tobias**. Motion passed.

9. **Update on Doctors Medical Center (DMC) Contingency Plan - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director**

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. **Member Barger** mentioned the impact and challenge of critically ill patients being moved around the system if DMC should close.

10. **Laura’s Law Presentation - Douglas Dunn & Lauren Rettagliata, Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Workgroup**

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. **Guests Dunn and Rettagliata** 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. **Member Tobias** made a motion to send a letter of support for the full Laura’s Law program to the Board of Supervisors. Motion seconded by **Member Swartzell**. Motion to draft letter approved by EMCC. **Member Napper** clarified that the EMCC provides its endorsement in concept.

11. **EMS Modernization Study and Request for Proposal (RFP) Update - Pat Frost, EMS Director**

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.

12. **EMS Director’s Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director**

- Recognized was Erik Rohde, General Manager at American Medical Response (AMR), for the success of AMR’s Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) effort during EMS week.
- Recognized was San Ramon Valley Fire for providing CPR training at the Air & Wind Festival.
- Congratulations were extended to Children’s Hospital Oakland for passing ACS accreditation as a Level One Pediatric Trauma Center.

13. **EMS Medical Director’s Report - Joseph Barger, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director**
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<td>There is a current nationwide shortage of IV saline solution. Member Barger will publish a guidance document. Supply requirements will be looked at.</td>
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<td>Educational efforts are geared towards high quality CPR on an ongoing basis, focusing on the rate and speed of compressions. EMS’ Brian Henrickson, Pam Dodson and Dr. Barger are in the community providing education to fire and ambulance providers via a developed curriculum.</td>
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<td>Officially retired as of end of March, now working as retired annuitant, and EMS is actively pursuing a replacement.</td>
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<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>Next meeting: September 10, 2014</strong></td>
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<td>Agenda Items for next meeting: Updates on Laura’s Law, RFP, and Doctors Medical Center</td>
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<td><strong>Adjournment at 5:29pm</strong></td>
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