EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 2014

Members Present Representing
Interim Chair & 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*

Members Absent Representing
Byron Baptiste Communications Ctr Managers’ Assoc.
Amelia Blackshear Public Provider Field Paramedic
Deborah Campbell District V (Glover)
Charles Gibson Contra Costa Police Chiefs Assoc.
Laura King Hahn American Heart Association
Donna Hoffman American Red Cross
Barbara Leal EMS Training Institution
Cindy Roberts Emer. Nurses Assoc. East Bay Chapter
Alvin Tang Emergency Dept. Physicians
Amish Waland Hospital Council East Bay
Steve West California Highway Patrol

Others Present
Brian Hubbell Falck Northern California
Lauren Rettagliata AOT Workgroup
Douglas Dunn AOT Workgroup
Jill Ray District II
Kevin Platt Public Contra Costa Fire
Nesar Abdiani Bay Medic
Laura Case District IV
Albert Sebilia American Red Cross
Joe Greaves ACCMA
Derek Krause San Ramon Fire

STAFF PRESENT
Leticia Andreas EMS
Maria Fairbanks EMS
Brian Henricksen EMS
Bruce Kenagy EMS
Laura O’Neal EMS

1st Vice Chair Speakman called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1. **Introduction of Members and Guests**
   1st Vice Chair Speakman welcomed all attendees. Self-introductions.

2. **Approval of June 11, 2014 Minutes**
   Correction of item EMS System Plan Approval to “motion passed”. It was mentioned that if approval is asked for, opposition needs to be asked for as well. Member Tobias proposed a motion for the change; seconded by Member Swartzell; motion passed.

   **Approval of July 17, 2014 Minutes**
   Member Frost motioned that the header on the second page needs correcting. Approved by Member Tobias; seconded by Member Swartzell; motion passed.

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

4. **Chair’s Report**
   Darrell Lee submitted his resignation as EMCC Chair via letter to Member Frost, nominating Member Swartzell into his position. (Member Swartzell politely declined.) Darrell Lee’s resignation letter needs to be sent to the Board of Supervisors. EMCC staff shall prepare a recognition certificate for Chair Lee for the December meeting.

5. **Members’ Reports**
   None.

6. **Fire Chiefs’ Reports**
   Member Swartzell: At the June 17 meeting, the EMCC was presented with the optimization report submitted by Contra Costa County EMS. The fire chiefs will be conducting their own presentation at the upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting on September 23rd. All are invited to attend; a follow-up presentation in front of the EMCC can also be arranged.

7. **Update on Laura’s Law**
   - Lauren Rettagliata and Douglas Dunn, Assisted Outpatient (AOT) Workgroup

*Alternate
At their last visit at the June EMCC meeting, only Nevada and Yolo Counties had adopted Laura’s Law. In the meantime, Los Angeles, Orange, San Francisco, and Placer Counties have adopted Laura’s Law as well. Santa Barbara, Fresno, Kern, San Diego Counties are going to be making presentations before their Board of Supervisors soon. On October 7, Laura’s Law will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration. The purpose here today is to obtain a letter of support from the EMCC for a full 45-person county Laura’s Law program.  

Member Swartzell asked for the final report to be sent to EMS Staff to draft the letter to the Board of Supervisors.

### 8. Update on Doctors Medical Center - Dawn Gideon, Interim CEO Doctors Medical Center (DMC)
- Effective August 7, DMC no longer a 9-1-1 ambulance receiving center for
- On August 24, DMC’s license changed from basic to standby, and was substantially downsized to a 25-30 bed facility with emergency department and some outpatient services, with funding through beginning of 2015.
- Multiple conference calls are taking place weekly with the community, other hospitals, and stakeholders, to discuss how future services could be delivered.
- Options are being considered such as a smaller hospital, a free-standing emergency department, a standby, or urgent care.

### 9. Selection of up to three (3) EMCC members for the Request for Proposal (RFP) Workshop on September 17th
Member Frost mentioned that since several EMCC members are already represented by other constituencies at the RFP Workshop, at least one (1) EMCC member should be identified at this time to represent solely the EMCC. Selected was Marcy Dixon, John Muir Health.

### 10. EMS Director’s Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director
- EMS annual report 2011-2013 is available in print, and was also distributed electronically.
- Modernization Study is completed. The draft RFP is planned to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in November.
- Fitch & Associates will facilitate the RFP Workshop on September 17th.
- East Contra Costa Fire is still in the process of determining if and when more fire stations will close. They are currently undertaking a benefit assessment process.
- Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has decided to postpone their municipal service area review for fire and EMS until the RFP process has been completed.
- Congratulations were extended to Kaiser Antioch, Sutter Delta, John Muir Walnut Creek and John Muir Concord, who were recognized in the U.S. news as ranking among the best hospitals 2014.
- Contra Costa EMS provided seven (7) ambulances as mutual aid to the Napa earthquake.
- 2 MCLS, both level one (I): one located in Richmond, the other in Antioch, involving less than ten (10) patients.
- EMS’ hospital preparedness grant was approved by the state for $366,000, a 13% decrease from the previous year. It will fund 100% of EMS’ hospital preparedness and disaster planning program.
- EMS submitted a $50,000 UASI grant to expand placement of AEDs in police vehicles and the community.

### 11. EMS Medical Director’s Report - Joseph Barger, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director
- The Medical Director position will be taken over by Dr. David Goldstein, currently chief medical officer at Contra Costa Regional Medical Center.
- EMS’ Prehospital Care Manual has been updated for 2015.
- Sepsis: What can be maximized in EMS? Many sepsis patients are in Senior Nursing Facilities, and are using non-emergency or BLS ambulances.
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) Quality Initiative: All County EMS providers in the 9-1-1 system have been trained on high quality CPR.

### 12. Suggested agenda items for the next meeting on December 10, 2014
Note: *** The meeting date for December has been changed to December 3, 2014. ***
County fire chiefs report on EMS optimization; Update on DMC; Update on AOT Workgroup; Update on RFP; Non-emergency ambulance provider training

### 13. Adjournment at 5:20pm