



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

December 3, 2014

Members Present Representing	Members Absent Representing
<p><b>Chair: John Speakman <i>District II</i></b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Gary Napper <i>Public Managers' Association</i></b>  <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CoCo Contract)</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>Joseph Barger <i>Contra Costa County Health Services</i>            Brandon Bigos <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic*</i>            Marcy Dixon <i>Base Hospital (CC Contract)</i>            Mark Firkins <i>California Highway Patrol</i>            Pat Frost <i>EMCC Officer</i>            Derek Krause <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>            Whitney Laughlin <i>District III*</i>            Barbara Leal <i>EMS Training Institution*</i>            Ellen Leng <i>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Robert Lutzow <i>District III</i>            Anthony Perry <i>Ambulance Providers (CoCo Contract)*</i>            David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i>            David Schweppe <i>District II*</i>            Albert Sebilja <i>American Red Cross</i>            Chris Shrader <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            German Sierra <i>EMS Training Institution</i>            Mick Smith <i>American Heart Association</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i>            Jennifer Williams <i>Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner</i>            Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p>	<p>Byron Baptiste <i>Communications Ctr Managers' Assoc.</i>            Charles Gibson <i>Contra Costa Police Chiefs Assoc.</i>            Alvin Tang <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians</i>            Gale Bowen <i>Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner</i>            Amelia Blackshear <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic*</i></p> <p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u>            Leticia Andreas <i>EMS</i>            Maria Fairbanks <i>EMS</i>            Brian Henricksen <i>EMS</i>            Bruce Kenagy <i>EMS</i>            Laura O'Neal <i>EMS</i>            Marshall Bennett <i>EMS</i></p> <p><u>Others Present</u>            Brian Hubbell <i>Falck Northern California</i>            Pete Howes <i>Falck Northern California</i>            Johan Klehs <i>Paramedics Plus</i>            Lauren Rettagliata <i>AOT Workgroup</i>            Douglas Dunn <i>AOT Workgroup</i>            Jill Ray <i>District II</i>            Laura Case <i>District IV</i>            Dino Curzi <i>American Medical Response</i>            Kevin Platt <i>Local 1230</i>            Andra Kaminsky <i>Doctors Medical Center</i></p>

**Chair Speakman** called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> <b>Chair Speakman</b> welcomed all attendees. Self-introductions.
2.	<i>Approval of September Meeting Minutes</i> Approved by Members Tobias and Hansen. None opposed.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> None.
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> Election of new chair: Member Speakman agreed to continue as Chair for the remainder of the term. Member Napper moved from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair to 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Member Napper proposed a motion for Member Hansen to serve as 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Motion approved by Members Tobias and Swartzell. Chair Speakman officially nominated Member Hansen to be 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair. Nomination approved. None opposed.
4a.	<i>Added: Staff Report - Leticia Andreas, EMS Staff, and Pat Frost, EMS Director</i> The new EMCC membership term has been submitted, but not finalized yet. Member Frost explained that the process had changed two years ago, and new membership has to be approved by the Family & Human Services Committee first before going to the Board of Supervisors. The Family & Human Services Committee had cancelled their November meeting, and submissions were therefore delayed.

\*Alternate

5.	<p><i>Members' Reports</i> None.</p>
6.	<p><i>Fire Chiefs' Reports</i> None.</p>
7.	<p><i>EMCC Annual Report 2014 - Leticia Andreas, EMCC Staff</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Member Swartzell noted that on top of page two, the 1<sup>st</sup> bullet point should be split into two bullet points.</li> <li>● Under activities, 4th bullet point: eliminate cost efficiencies.</li> <li>● Comments are appreciated; please submit them by December 10. Receive final electronic copy by December 15.</li> <li>● Motion proposed by Member Barger and seconded by Member Swartzell, to accept with the understanding that the Executive Committee may add additional input based on feedback by EMCC members. Motion approved. None opposed.</li> </ul>
8.	<p><i>Fall Prevention Project 2014 - Alicia Moore, AMR Community Outreach Coordinator</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Falls affect mainly seniors between the ages of 65-110 years of age, most often those between 85 and 89. More than 60% in that age bracket are females.</li> <li>● Seniors fall mostly during the winter, between October to December. Most falls occur between 9am-10am.</li> <li>● Antioch, Brentwood, and Walnut Creek have the highest number of falls within the senior community.</li> <li>● 1,137 falls occurred since October 2013.</li> <li>● AMR decided to partner with the Fall Prevention Coalition of Walnut Creek in 2014. One of the partner programs chosen is the In-Home Modification Program, in which a contractor visits the home of seniors and assesses not only the home itself, but also the daily activities of the senior. If necessary, simple modifications are then made to the home, and the senior receives other suggestions and advice. This is a free program to all seniors. AMR provides funding to the program: \$1,000 donated in 2014.</li> <li>● Tai Chi to increase balance: 1<sup>st</sup> senior class was held in San Pablo. Other areas with high fall risks will follow.</li> <li>● AMR and the Fall Prevention Coalition have developed and are distributing the Vial of Life Packet, a tool used by First Responders to rapidly gain important information about their patient.</li> </ul>
9.	<p><i>EBOLA EMS System Preparedness - Pat Frost, EMS Director, and Dr. Joe Barger, EMS Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● While the process is still evolving, the goals and objectives are to create a system approach. Targeted is most appropriate is a strategic approach with teams of well-trained individuals. CDC has taken a risk based approach.</li> <li>● EMS is in close working relationship with Public Health</li> <li>● AMR has a specialty unit called IDART - Infectious Disease Ambulance Response Team</li> <li>● EMS is following the CDC's plan to "identify, isolate, inform", get Public Health involved, determine what is needed</li> <li>● Infection control process; in California, the intent is to set up specialty care systems with hospitals and two UC systems</li> <li>● Exercises with hospitals are planned</li> <li>● 9-1-1 Dispatch: Screening questions such as where patients have travelled recently</li> <li>● Gaps in PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)</li> </ul>
10.	<p><i>Status Report on Doctors Medical Center - Andra Kaminsky, Director of Clinical Operations</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Staffing challenges: resignations are received daily</li> <li>● Approx. 70-80 patients in the ED per day; transfers are made where appropriate</li> <li>● Member Frost added: The county's Board of Supervisors signed a plan to forgive DMC some of the debt. A 5-year plan evolved in which 8 things have to take place, such as: financial support from area hospitals, successful June 2015 small parcel tax pass, increase in charitable donations to the DMC Foundation, reimbursement payments from new training at hospital, payroll benefit savings, workforce negotiations, operating efficiencies, investment package from Chevron. If these items do not come together, DMC would have to close March 1.</li> <li>● Moving forward with expansion of urgent care services associated with the Lifelong Clinic across from the hospital.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><i>Emergency Ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP) Update - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The RFP will be brought to the Board of Supervisors on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Two plans are incorporated in the RFP, because changes need to be made for it to be sustainable. Without these changes the County Board of Supervisors would have to make the decision whether to subsidize EMS.</li> <li>● The RFP is like a contract, and cannot be changed as per state authority, otherwise it has to go out to bid again. Santa Clara and Alameda Counties are going through the process right now.</li> <li>● The County has to make sure there is a very fiscal vetting process. Factual information has to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors. Proposers will be submitting this information onto two different plans.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><i>Update on Laura's Law or AB1421 - Lauren Rettagliata and Douglas Dunn, Assisted Outpatient (AOT) Workgroup</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bill was passed in 2002 and signed by the governor; however, each county has to enact and enable funding of the bill.</li> <li>● Law specifies: Delivery of community based care by multi-disciplinary teams of highly trained mental health</li> </ul>

	<p>professionals with staff to client ratios of not more than 1:10 and additional services as specified, for persons with the most persistent and severe mental illness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● At the Board of Supervisors Meeting in January 2015, Laura’s Law will hopefully be approved for the county.</li></ul>
13.	<p><i>EMS Director’s Report - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Cardiac Arrest: EMS co-sponsored a two-day Systems of Care Symposium in October together with Physio Control</li><li>● Congratulations to John Muir Walnut Creek which will open first pediatric intensive care unit in Contra Costa in 2015</li><li>● On November 20 the statewide drill took place, which focused on Anthrax. High participation by our Senior Nursing Facilities.</li><li>● Jack Walsh, the former director emeritus for Keeping Babies Safe Inc., who founded the Contra Costa Childhood Injury Prevention Coalition in 2000, was honored by the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA), and received a community service award for his work on child injury prevention.</li><li>● EMS has completed a 6 month effort working with the Hospital Council and chief hospital executives on the standardized hospital offload report. It will be available on the EMS website on December 15.</li><li>● EMS received two grants: 1) SHSG grant from Homeland Security for \$3,000 to expand the AED program in police cars; 2) federal EMS block grant for EMS QI (Quality Improvement) and HIE (Health Information Exchange) of over \$47,000.</li><li>● 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Napper asked how the AEDs are distributed. EMS staff will send this information to him so he can forward it to city managers.</li></ul>
14.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director’s Report - Joseph Barger, MD, EMS Medical Director</i></p> <p>Introduces his successor David Goldstein, MD</p> <p>Emphasis in 2014 has been on CPR quality and cardiac arrest</p> <p>huge educational program, will be reinforced; more emphasis now on ventilation in CPR;</p>
15.	<p><i>Suggested agenda items for the next meeting on March 11, 2015</i></p> <p>EMCC Bylaws; Doctors Medical Center Update; RFP Update</p>
16.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:46pm</i></p>