



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

March 11, 2015

Members Present Representing	Members Absent Representing
<p>Chair: John Speakman <i>District II</i> 1st Vice Chair: Gary Napper <i>Public Managers' Association Executive Committee:</i> Andy Swartzell <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs Association*</i> Ross Fay <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider*</i></p> <p>Joseph Barger <i>Contra Costa County Health Services</i> Gale Bowen <i>Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner</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> Anthony Perry <i>Ambulance Providers (CoCo Contract)*</i> Flo Raskin David Schweppe <i>District II*</i> Steve Simpkins Mick Smith <i>American Heart Association</i> William Sugiyama Alvin Tang <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians</i> Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p>	<p>Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CoCo Contract)</i> Byron Baptiste <i>Communications Ctr Managers' Assoc.</i> Charles Gibson <i>Contra Costa Police Chiefs Assoc.</i> Ellen Leng <i>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Robert Lutzow <i>District III</i> David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i> Albert Sebilis <i>American Red Cross</i> Chris Shrader <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i> German Sierra <i>EMS Training Institution</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i> Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p> <p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Leticia Andreas <i>EMS</i> Bruce Kenagy <i>EMS</i> David Goldstein <i>EMS</i> Jesse Allured <i>EMS</i></p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Pete Howes <i>Falck Northern California</i> Chris McPeak <i>Bay Medic</i> Jill Ray <i>District II</i> Laura Case <i>District IV</i> Elisa Washington <i>Hospital Council</i> John Michaelson <i>San Ramon Valley Fire</i> Joe Greaves <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></p>

Chair Speakman called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> Chair Speakman welcomed all attendees. Self-introductions.
2.	<i>Approval of December Meeting Minutes</i> Chair Speakman motioned to approve minutes. Approved by Members Barger and Swartzell. None opposed.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> None.
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> None.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> None.
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Reports</i> None.
7.	<i>EMCC By-Laws - John Speakman, EMCC Chair, and EMCC Executive Committee</i> A three (3) member sub-committee was elected, composed of: Members Swartzell, Napper, Schweppe, and county administrator Dorothy Sansoe, to discuss and update the by-laws in accordance with county policies and regulations. Member Napper agreed to chair the sub-committee. Staff Andreas to set up meeting with the by-law committee and county administrator.

*Alternate

8.	<p><i>Annual QI Report - Craig Stroup, CQI Coordinator, Contra Costa EMS</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMS Staff Stroup presented the QI report via PowerPoint. EMS' quality group measures three (3) different areas: 1) system evaluation; 2) patient safety events reporting system, 3) initiatives. EMS System performance metrics on Cardiac Arrest, Bystander CPR, STEMI, Stroke, Trauma, patient safety and high performance CPR were presented. CEEMS quality efforts for 2015-16 will focus on: 1) Improving prehospital patient care documentation; 2) Reducing Never Events (EMS-ED patient transfer of care times of > 1 hour) and high performance CPR.
	<p><i>EMCC Officer Nominating Committee - EMCC Chair to appoint a committee to develop a slate of officers to serve from 11/15 to 11/17</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Member Swartzell asked for volunteers to be on the three (3) member nominating committee for the June slate, which will consist of: Members Schweppe, Dixon, Swartzell, with consultation by Member Hansen. Member Schweppe will chair this nominating committee. Member Dixon suggested providing information to the members at large about the EMCC officer positions, their roles and responsibilities and time requirements. EMS Staff will distribute the letter and EMCC members are invited to submit their interest to the Chair of the nominating committee or EMS staff Andreas.
10.	<p><i>Request for Proposal (RFP) Status Update - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The draft RFP was approved by the state EMS Authority on January 13, posted on February 27. The EMS Authority requested non-substantive clarifications to the non-emergency paramedic transport language and appeals process. The timeline is as follows: March 13 - All questions and comments from the bidders are due by 5pm; March 19 - Mandatory Proposers Conference; May 21 - All proposals have to be received by EMS at 4pm. All proposals will be scanned and made public on the EMS website.; June 3 to 5 - Proposers' evaluation period, and proposer's presentations; June 10 - Notice of award and protest period begins; July 7 - Presentation at Board of Supervisors for authorization to proceed; July 17 - Contract finalized; January 1, 2017 - New contract begins.
11.	<p><i>Update on Doctor's Medical Center - Andra Kaminsky, Director of Clinical Operations, Doctors Medical Center</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closure of DMC is likely. The Emergency Department: Receiving 90-95 patients per day, transferring 40-50 patients per month. This month already 900 patients were seen, 18 were transferred. It continues to be very busy. The DMC Board will make a decision in the next week or two regarding closure. Member Frost noted that EMS works closely with the Hospital Council on DMC hospital closure planning
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing changes: Introduced Jesse Allured, the new EMS program coordinator in charge of clinical and systems of care. Brian Henricksen has become director of EMS Napa, and we are recruiting for Brian's position. CEEMS presented our countywide patient transfer of care model to the State EMS Authority and California Hospital Association working group on ambulance offload delays on February 4th. This group recently developed a toolkit book that was distributed electronically. Ebola Update: Local Bay Area designated Ebola treatment centers include Kaiser Oakland, UCSF and UC Davis. There are no Ebola patients in California. CEEMS continues to work closely with public health on the monitoring of travelers. Some improvements in Africa have been noted. We had five small MCIs since January. CEEMS will be working closely with EMS System providers to update our current MCI plan and will be establishing an MCI working group to assist in the update process. CEEMS hosted a countywide stroke oversight meeting which was very successful. There is a new Fire Chief for the City of Richmond. Welcome to Chief Adrian Sheppard. CEEMS expressed appreciation for the work that Kaiser Richmond has done to support the West County community.
13.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - Joseph Barger, MD, EMS Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stroke system meeting: Interventional care can improve outcomes. Four studies were published which showed significant improvement with intervention. Member Frost mentioned that a large CDC grant is available to the states to improve their stroke registry systems. Work on improving CPR quality continues. Improving ventilation and compression is a focus. Trauma triage: Improvements on transporting the most seriously injured patients to hospitals.
14.	<p><i>Suggested agenda items for the next meeting on June 10, 2015</i> Officer nominations, RFP, By-laws update, Doctors Medical Center and West County situation update</p>
15.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:15pm</i></p>