



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2015

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>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>            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>            Charles Gibson <i>Contra Costa Police Chiefs Assoc.</i>            Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CoCo Contract)</i>            Derek Krause <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>            Barbara Leal <i>EMS Training Institution</i>            Ellen Leng <i>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Jon Michaelson <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i>            David Schweppe <i>District II*</i>            Chris Shrader <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            Mick Smith <i>American Heart Association</i>            Joe Toscano <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians*</i></p>	<p>Byron Baptiste <i>Communications Ctr Managers' Assoc.</i>            Robert Lutzow <i>District III</i>            Deborah Campbell <i>District V</i>            Mike Marsh <i>Ambulance Providers (CoCo Contract)</i>            Flo Raskin <i>Hospital Council East Bay</i>            Albert Sebilia <i>American Red Cross</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>            Maria Fairbanks <i>EMS</i>            Jesse Allured <i>EMS</i>            Pam Dodson <i>EMS</i></p> <p><u>Others Present</u>            Laura Case <i>District IV</i>            Matthew Lane <i>Rural Metro</i></p>

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

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of March 11 Meeting Minutes</i> Chair Speakman motioned to approve minutes; seconded by Members Napper and Bowen; none opposed. Motion passed.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> None.
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> None.
5.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Reports</i> None.
6.	<i>Members' Reports - By-laws Subcommittee Update, Gary Napper</i> Member Napper furnished an update on the April 28 By-laws meeting. A draft will be given to county counsel, and then brought back to the EMCC in September. He extended a thank you to Dorothy Sansoe for assisting with this process.
7.	<i>Recognition: Pam Dodson for 30 years of Service to the Contra Costa EMS Community - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i> Member Frost congratulated Pam Dodson on her accomplishments, as she retires from EMS at the end of June after nearly thirty (30) with the Contra Costa County EMS Agency.
8.	<i>2014 Mission: Lifeline® EMS Bronze Level Recognition Award - Mick Smith, Regional Director, American Heart Association</i> Member Smith presented the award to EMS staff Maria Fairbanks, Dr. Joe Barger, Pam Dodson, and Jesse Allured.
9.	<i>EMCC Officer Nominating Committee Slate Presentation of Proposed Officers for 11/15 to 11/17 - Term Nominating Committee (Members Schweppe, Dixon, Swartzell)</i> Member Schweppe stated that the EMCC has a slate but not enough persons to fill it. At this point, the EMCC Executive Committee has one (1) vice chair and two (2) executive committee positions. After discussion, the slate for the September EMCC election was presented as follows: Chair - Member Hansen; First Vice Chair: Member Napper; Second Vice Chair: Member Swartzell; Non-Executive Officers: Members Leng and Fay. Member Dixon motioned to approve the nomination;

\*Alternate

	<p>seconded by Member Tobias; none opposed; motion passed. Member Napper noted that the By-laws state that if there is a single nomination for each of the officers then the EMCC chair may call for a vote at the June meeting. Since there have been single nominations for each officer, all officers seemed to have been duly elected. Member Tobias motioned to accept the slate; seconded by Member Leal; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
10.	<p><i>Medical Reserve Corps (MRC): Who We Are, What We Do - Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, Contra Costa EMS MRC Coordinator</i> The MRC was founded in 2009, and currently consists of one-hundred-forty-three (143) members, 75% of which are medical professionals and 25% are non-medical. One year ago, EMS Staff Vajgrt-Smith assumed management of the MRC from Emergency Preparedness Manager Steve Huck. During 2014, the MRC had twenty-five (25) activities with a total of one-hundred-forty-eight (148) members participating. Thirteen (13) activities throughout 2014 took place in the region. Out of all these MRC events, sixteen (16) were geared towards strengthening public health, and three (3) were targeted for vulnerable populations. The MRC has also offered and continues to offer training at Junior and Senior High Schools; preparedness fairs; provided medical care at public events; project Homeless Connect; and changed operations to more of strike team approach. Notable are the following changes and improvements: monthly instead of quarterly notifications and training; future partnering with the Martinez CERT Team; aligning MRC competencies; testing of a MRC Connect Pilot program they were selected for. MRC is a heavy EMT/Paramedic based unit. EMS Staff Vajgrt-Smith invited members and guests to contact the MRC to take part in special events.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS System Plan Approval - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i> Member Frost referred to the handout of the 2014-2015 EMS System Plan, reflecting objectives, enhancements, adjustments, and modifications to the EMS System Plan Approval. The EMS Agency has met all standards and criteria required by the state. The 2015-2016 timelines and actions include key topics, some of which had been discussed at the EMCC as well. The next EMS System Plan is in April 2016. The current plan is brought forth to the EMCC at this time for approval. Member Leng noted an adjustment needed to be made to Item 116; Member Frost agreed. Member Napper motioned to approve the changes; seconded by Member Tobias; none opposed; motion passed.</p>
12.	<p><i>Update on West County Doctors Medical Center (DMC) Closure Impact - Pat Frost, EMS Director, and Dr. Barger, EMS Medical Director</i> - Since DMC closed in April of this year, Lifelong Medical Clinic was established with support of the Hospital Council to mitigate some of the issues involved. Lifelong is a federally qualified clinic, with an extensive network and Medi-Cal patients. An expansion of their facilities is underway. This clinic fills an important gap in our system, as West county has no other emergency care. - Ambulances going out of county have increased from 8-28%. Every ambulance going out of county is not available for in-county 911 calls. This creates vulnerabilities for the EMS system, as travel to closest receiving hospitals has become more regional. - STEMI patients are mostly going to Kaiser Vallejo. STEMI data shows an increase in numbers with improved overall time to intervention. - Trauma destination and numbers are unchanged. - Kaiser Richmond is -always at capacity. There is an emergency visits to Kaiser Richmond in West County as anticipated. Patient transfer of care from ambulance at the emergency department - at Contra Costa Regional Hospital has increased. - -.</p>
13.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report and Request for Proposal (RFP) Update - Pat Frost, EMS Director</i> - EMS has recruited Chad Henry as Prehospital Care Coordinator, replacing Brian Henricksen. Laura O'Neal is retiring from EMS in June. - RFP: EMS received a single proposal from Contra Costa Fire and American Medical Response (AMR) as a joint entity. This is a unique, never before done approach to bidding. This proposal denotes a new service delivery model, as AMR would be subcontracting with Contra Costa Fire; EMS would be contracting with Contra Costa Fire. The bidder presentation was held on June 5<sup>th</sup>; scoring from this presentation will be available this week. The other model is the fiscal analysis, and is being run out of the County Administrator Office (CAO), with Citygate being the consultant. A notice of award will take place after both models have been completed and presented to the Board. Flexibility to renegotiate the contract over time has been built in. - Local concerns: EMS has several opportunities to partner with Health Services on a high utilizer project, as well as exploring opportunities for health information exchange with AMR, EPIC, and FirstWatch. - EMS has been chosen with California EMS agencies to participate in the Department of Health Services' patient unified lookup system for emergencies called PULSE, which is a health exchange portal in case of disasters. - Ebola: Public Health and EMS have been working well together in terms of managing travelers in the county. Liberia is being considered to be taken off the monitoring list. - There have been ten (10) MCIs since March. EMS staff - now liaisons with law enforcement agencies and our first responder and ambulance providers after each event which will help us improve our MCI plan. - EMS is facilitating triage and tracking drills through Reddinet with hospitals and ambulance providers.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- West County had a three (3) day rave event over Memorial Day weekend. Twenty-one (21) ambulances transported patients, which drew our resources down to zero (0) and caused problems and disruptions at the Kaiser emergency department. Member Frost has reached out to the Richmond police chief in order to discuss this and future situations.</li></ul>
14.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - Dr. Joe Barger, EMS Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Dr. David Goldstein will begin the transition to EMS Medical Director in July.</li><li>- Cardiac arrest data survival rate was 37% last year, up from an average of 30%. The bystander CPR rate has improved by 50% over the last 4-5 years. Updates in Emergency Cardiac Care: particular work to be done on how to breathe/ventilate for patients.</li><li>- Changes will take place to the trauma triage process to more closely match a national process. The Trauma Audit Committee will invite all receiving facilities next week to the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) building in Oakland to discuss cases.</li><li>- Stroke: All participants in the county are looking to make improvements. San Ramon moves patients directly to the CT scanner to save time; Kaiser is planning to improve door to needle times systemwide. John Muir is also looking to become a comprehensive center. Interventional care for large vessel obstructions has allowed for remarkable outcomes in patients.</li><li>- Our Prehospital Care Manual will be available as an app soon for field personnel.</li></ul>
	<p>Pat Frost, EMS Director: May 17-23 was EMS Week and May 20 was EMS for Children's Day, where EMS went to the Board for the resolutions. Member Frost handed out certificates of appreciation to representatives present from John Muir Health and Contra Costa Fire in celebration of that week and day.</p>
15.	<p><i>Proposed agenda items for September 9 meeting: EMCC Bylaws; RFP</i></p>
16.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:36pm</i></p>