



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2016

Members Present Representing	Members Absent Representing
<p>Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract) Vice Chair: Gary Napper Public Managers' Association Executive Committee: Ross Fay Air Medical Transportation Provider Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</p> <p>Gale Bowen <i>Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner</i> Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director</i> Michael Johnson <i>Alliance/American Medical Response</i> Derek Krause <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i> Barbara Leal <i>EMS Training Institution</i> Robert Lutzow <i>District III</i> Jon Michaelson <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i> Florence Raskin <i>Hospital Council East Bay</i> David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i> Albert Sebilja <i>American Red Cross</i> Kelley Stieler <i>District I</i> Alvin Tang <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CCC Receiving Hospital)</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i> Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p>	<p>Deborah Campbell <i>District V</i> David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Gerard Heidkamp <i>Communications Center Managers' Association</i> Steve Perea <i>California Highway Patrol</i> Elaina Petrucci Gunn <i>American Heart Association</i> John Speakman <i>District II</i> Steve Simpkins <i>Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association</i></p> <p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Leticia Andreas <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Bruce Kenagy <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Kim Adams <i>Reach Air Ambulance</i> Bob Atlas <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i> Gary Giusti <i>Mt. Diablo Adult Education</i> Joe Greaves <i>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Brian Hubbell <i>Falck Ambulance</i> Jennifer LaRault <i>Falck Ambulance</i> Crystal Luna-Yarnell <i>Contra Costa Behavioral Health</i> Jill Ray <i>District II</i> Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council</i> David Seidner <i>Contra Costa Behavioral Health</i> Kyle West <i>American Medical Response</i></p>

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

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of March 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes</i> Member Napper motioned to approve minutes, seconded by Member Leng. None opposed. Motion passed. Minutes approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> None.
4.	<i>Chair's Report - Kacey Hansen, EMCC Chair</i> - Chair Hansen shared that the John Muir Trauma Center celebrated its 30th anniversary, and passed out T-shirts. - Staff Andreas mentioned that memberships are expiring this year on September 30th, and nomination requests will be mailed out soon.
5.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report</i> None.
6.	<i>Members' Reports</i> Member Samuelson: The Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) has been active in government affairs and monitoring legislation, specific to the EMCC. The FDA is moving to ban the use of standing orders regarding controlled substances in EMS. ENA on national level has been actively advocating for new bill 48365. Members will be travelling to Washington, D.C. to campaign for this bill. Member Frost requested that a link regarding this legislation be sent to the committee. Member Fay: CALSTAR has signed an agreement with Sutter Health to be their primary helicopter provider. Member Frost suggested to make legislative issues a standing item at the EMCC.
7.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services - Bob Atlas, Assistant Fire Chief, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i> - Communications have been fully integrated, and all ambulances are now dispatched through the CCCFPD communications center and no longer through Sacramento. The communications center is staffed with a minimum total of 8 staff on duty. - The Alliance is meeting response time compliance at an average of 93-97%. - Ambulance branding continues; white ambulances are being cycled out. - The mutual aid agreement between CCCFPD-EMS, Moraga-Orinda Fire Protection District, and San Ramon Valley Fire

	<p>Protection District is now at county counsel for review. Member Frost requested for a draft to be sent to EMS for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CCCFPD is in the beginning development of the ALS interfacility transport, non-emergency ambulance services, as part of the ambulance service contract. - Guest Atlas elaborated that the CCCFPD is recruiting an EMS and Training System Chief as a permanent position as of July 1st, and is in the hiring process at this time. The current interim battalion chief position held by Chief Sonsteng will also transition into a full-time EMS Chief position.
8.	<p><i>Overview of Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) - David Seidner, Program Manager, Contra Costa County Behavioral Health, and Crystal Luna-Yarnell, Program Manager, MHS Contra Costa ACTiOn Team</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An overview of the new AOT program was presented to the EMCC. The program is a joint project facilitated by Mental Health Systems and Contra Costa County Behavioral Health Division. - The program begins with a request for a civil investigation. Once a referral is made by a qualified party to AOT, a review is conducted and a care team will deploy once called, and the client may join the program voluntary or with court order. Should the client be court-ordered to AOT, they will do so through the Contra Costa ACTiOn Team. - Goal is based on a full-service, high fidelity, asserted community treatment model, based on shared case load, with a capacity of up to 75 clients. Different disciplines are represented on any one care team, and each team discusses every patient daily. - Program is being conducted as a 3-year pilot program and in the first 12 months of implementation. Funding consists of \$2.25 million through the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) for 75 6-month treatment slots in a 12-month period. The county is in control of regional funding. \$400,000 have been set aside for evaluations. - Law enforcement receives 32 hours of training in crisis intervention, which includes behavioral health.
9.	<p><i>5150 Summit Proposal Discussion - Derek Krause, Operations Chief San Ramon Valley FPD; Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS; EMCC Members</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A draft of the proposal was shared by Chief Krause. Involvement: Law enforcement; public and private ambulance providers; private hospitals and Contra Costa Regional Medical Center; various public and private insurance providers; others. - The goal is to develop and approve to understand each stakeholders perspective and role in the psychiatric emergency process; identify issues; collaborate on solutions and recommendations; establish benchmarks; formalize the outcomes of the summit. - Discussion starting points: Ambulance has no legal basis to detain a patient; no common understanding between police and ambulance services exists. Member Samuelson quoted California Bill 1300 which allows to transport and detain the mentally ill. - Member Frost has scheduled a meeting Anna Roth and Cynthia Belon to discuss the summit at a meeting in July. This summit is intended to be a multi-system collaboration to support information sharing across all parties involved. - Chair Hansen offered that John Muir Health would be happy to host such a summit. - Member Frost recommended that after the discussion with Roth and Belon, she would provide information to the executive committee and Member Krause to be able to draft a plan.
10.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director</i></p> <p>In Member Goldstein's absence, Member Frost brought attention to the End-of-Life Directive authored by Member Goldstein which was recently distributed to stakeholders.</p>
11.	<p><i>Ambulance Ordinance Update - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ordinance is still at county counsel, and likely to come out prior to the EMCC September meeting. - Suggested a special EMCC session in July or August to provide information and receive comments and feedback when the draft ordinance is available. - Most updates in the ordinance are focused on non-emergency ambulances services, to improve medical transportation and establish a more coordinated system between emergency and non-emergency. - EMS plans to provide an informational workshop to the EMCC and community to solicit feedback from the community. Staff Kenagy elaborated that the board is the sole authority to conduct the official public comment process. - The executive committee requested for a letter to be drafted by Member Frost to the board stating the EMCC's expectations, and to be able to provide input. Vice Chair Napper reminded the EMCC that it functions as an advisory committee to the board. - Chair Hansen motioned for the letter to be drafted; Member Leng proposed the motion; seconded by Member Tobias; none opposed; motion passed.
12.	<p><i>CAAS / EMSA Complaint - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director</i></p> <p>EMS became aware of the action in February when both Contra Costa Fire Protection District and Contra Costa EMS Agency received a request for public information associated with EMS' procurement process. In May, Member Frost became aware that a letter had been sent to the EMS Authority (EMSA) requesting this communication from EMSA as part of a public records request. EMSA has not responded to the complaint yet. Member Frost advised that EMSA was fully aware of the Alliance model prior to procurement and had approved the emergency ambulance RFP. Any response to EMSA will be in conjunction with County Counsel. Contra Costa EMS is confident in the procurement process as approved by EMSA. Member Fay</p>

	mentioned that the specifics of the complaint for the committee and a copy of letter were made available to those present.
13.	<i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For 3 years in row, Contra Costa EMS has received the Mission Lifeline Bronze Award for our STEMI system.- Congratulated Kaiser Foundation Hospital in Antioch who received the 2016 Get-With-The-Guidelines Stroke Gold Award.- April and May patient transfer of care times: EMS had a successful meeting with Sutter Delta, which is now down to 26 minutes for transfer of care 90% of the time, prior to over 40 minutes. EMS is focusing on delays of greater than 60 minutes, standard in community is 20 minutes 90% of the time, which has been accepted as the statewide standard. Member Frost will send out the May reports by next week.- EMS is doing massive restructuring and upgrade of our data systems focusing on interfaces and readiness for bi-directional exchange of patient information with hospitals.- Opportunities to connect prehospital records with patient records in the hospital using EPIC Care Everywhere and EDIE (Pre-manage ED) are being explored.- EMS is upgrading its FirstWatch system to include enhanced analytics.- EMSA has just released a publication for strategy and data collection evaluation and quality.- Recent legislation requires EMS will be a conduit for registries, POLST, stroke registry and others in terms of providing information to the state.- West County transports: Consistent distribution of patients post DMC closure. Pattern of distribution has not changed, only the volume. Kaiser Richmond is seeing on a routine basis over 200 patients; Kaiser Richmond ED bed capacity was increased in January from 15 to 25.
14.	<i>Proposed agenda items for September 14, 2016 meeting: Legislative EMS Issues and Updates; 5150 Summit</i>
15.	<i>Adjournment at 5:34pm</i>