



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Informal Discussion Session

September 14, 2016

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p>Chair: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i> Executive Committee: Ross Fay <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i> Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></p> <p>Gale Bowen <i>Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner</i> Derek Krause <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i> Jon Michaelson <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i> Florence Raskin <i>Hospital Council East Bay</i> John Speakman <i>District II</i> Kelley Stieler <i>District I</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i> Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u> Deborah Campbell <i>District V</i> Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director (ex-officio)</i> David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director (ex-officio)</i> Gerard Heidkamp <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i> Gary Napper <i>Public Managers' Association</i> Steve Perea <i>California Highway Patrol</i> Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i> David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i> Albert Sebilis <i>American Red Cross</i> Steve Simpkins <i>Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association</i> Alvin Tang <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CCC Receiving Hospital)</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Jesse Allured <i>Contra Costa County EMS Agency</i> Leticia Andreas <i>Contra Costa County EMS Agency</i></p> <p><u>Others Present</u> Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i> Olga Crowe <i>American Red Cross</i> Douglas Dunn <i>Mental Health Commission, NAMI Contra Costa</i> David English <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Summer Galer <i>Concord PD MHET</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> Marcelle Indelicato <i>Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff</i> Vic Montoya <i>Contra Costa Regional Medical Center</i> Jill Ray <i>District II</i> Anthony Rodigin <i>Sutter Delta Medical Center</i> David Seidner <i>Contra Costa Behavioral Health</i> Timothy Thompson <i>Cook Contra Costa Regional Medical Center</i> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i> Elisa Washington <i>Hospital Council</i> Donald Waters <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></p>

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of June 15, 2016 Meeting Minutes</i> A quorum was not achieved; minutes could not be approved at this meeting.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> None.
4.	<i>Chair's Report - Kacey Hansen, EMCC Chair</i> Staff Andreas reported on the status of the new membership term nominations. Slightly more than half of the seats have received nominations; reminder emails will be sent out to the remaining nominating parties.
5.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report - Derek Krause, Deputy Chief, EMS/Logistics, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District</i> Member Krause reported that the renewal agreements to host Fire Service EMS Medical Director as well as Zoll program are in process in collaboration with Contra Costa Health Services and the EMS Agency. Both programs work well for Fire EMS agencies; finalization is upcoming.
6.	<i>Members' Reports</i> Member Fay: As of September 1 st , 2016, CalStar and Reach are part of the same organization, with headquarters in Louisville, Texas. There will be no change in service to the community; emphasized is an amalgamate dispatch.
7.	<i>POLST Program - Donald Waters, Executive Director, Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association, and David English, MD</i> Now a well-established and developed program for twenty-five (25) years, physicians are required to fulfill patients' end of life wishes. Guest English referred to the distributed pink POLST form, which is signed by patient and physician for end of life treatment. Nurse practitioners may be co-signees. Anyone in California may have one of these forms filled out by their doctor.

	<p>Contra Costa EMS Agency's Dr. Joe Barger was instrumental in implementing this form in California in 2008. POLST is recognized by national organizations as one of three (3) mature programs, and EMS plays a vital role in its successful utilization. As availability of the POLST form continues to be a challenge, Oregon maintains an online POLST registry which will be coming to Contra Costa County.</p> <p>Guest Waters reported that the California Healthcare Foundation allocated 3 Million Dollars towards the POLST program, and approached the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association (ACCMA) to pilot this program. Grants and Request for Proposals (RFPs) already exist, yet there is a need to engage everyone for public knowledge of the POLST form. The website provider in Oregon is also working with California. EMS is trying to establish connectivity with the hospitals on an EPIC platform regarding POLST, and will be implementing this process over the next six (6) months leading to a pilot program.</p>
8.	<p><i>Six (6) Month Program Update for Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Program - David Seidner, Program Manager, Contra Costa County Behavioral Health</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The program launched on February 1st, 2016, and so far has received approx. 140 requests for investigations. The unintended consequence of this program is the interface with the justice system. The idea of legislation is LPS diversion, a variative and expensive program coming from the Mental Health Service Act. - During the three-year pilot, medical providers are not qualified as qualified requesters. This year, twenty (20) persons signed up voluntarily, ten (10) were signed up through court; many did not qualify; just being symptomatic does not meet the standard. Every family that contacts Behavioral Health still receives service in form of connections to a provider. - The evaluation plan is biannual: two (2) reports are sent to Behavioral Health supervisors. Three (3) years of data are needed to observe trends. - Court cases would go to civil court which is confidential and non-adversarial. A public defender civilly defends the consumer. - In three (3) years the board has to make another decision whether to further provide the funds, as the investment is rather large for a relatively small number of individuals. The mental health system is the contract provider. - Patients calling 911 should be referred to PES (Psychiatric Emergency Services); the three (3) parties that EMS touches are family, PES, and law enforcement.
9.	<p><i>5150 Summit Update Discussion - Derek Krause, Deputy Chief, EMS/Logistics, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District; Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency; EMCC Membership</i></p> <p>John Muir Walnut Creek will be hosting the summit in February 2017 (refer to draft plan in packet). Member Frost is collecting data for baseline benchmark success or failure prior to the summit. It was suggested from Guest Dunn to contact the National Association for Mental Illness (NAMI) Contra Costa. Guest Seidner noted that Behavioral Health is not mentioned on the draft plan for the summit yet. Mental evaluation teams and law enforcement should also participate in the summit.</p>
10.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director</i></p> <p>None.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report - Jesse Allured, Program Coordinator, Contra Costa EMS (for Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - On September 13th, the EMS Agency held their second half day Quarterly Systems of Care meeting, presenting data. - On November 9th, the EMS Agency is hosting Contra Costa County's first annual Survivor's Luncheon to show tangible continuum of care, and where survivors meet their rescuers. - Treatment guidelines and policies are updated once a year at this time, and are mostly finished for sending out for public comment. Implementation is January 1st, 2017. - Fourth quarter training is developing a standardized presentation. - Welcomed EMS Chief Terence Carey from Contra Costa County Fire Protection District. - Acknowledged retiring Member Gale Bowen from the Sheriff's Office regarding Multi-Casualty Incidents (MCIs) and Reddinet. Complimented the strong work surrounding.
12.	<p><i>Proposed agenda items for December 7, 2016 meeting: Approval of June and September draft minutes; Developments on the protest of the Alliance filed with state EMSA by the CAA.</i></p> <p><i>Note: The December EMCC meeting will take place in the Ball Auditorium at John Muir Health Center in Walnut Creek.</i></p>
13.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:17pm</i></p>