



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

March 8, 2017

#### Members Present Representing

**Chair: Kacey Hansen *Trauma Center (CC Contract)***

**Vice Chair: Gary Napper *Public Managers' Association***

**Executive Committee:**

**Ellen Leng *Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association***

Pat Frost *EMS Agency Director*

David Goldstein *EMS Agency Medical Director*

Jon King *Police Chiefs' Association*

Derek Krause *Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association*

Lily Lidji *District II*

Jon Michaelson *Public Provider Field Paramedic*

Denise Pangelinan *Communications Center Managers' Assoc.*

Elaina Petrucci Gunn *American Heart Association*

Florence Raskin *Hospital Council East Bay*

Anthony Rodigin *Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)*

David Samuelson *Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay*

John Speakman *District II*

Kelley Stieler *District I*

#### Members Absent Representing

**Executive Committee:**

**Ross Fay *Air Medical Transportation Provider***

Cynthia Belon *Contra Costa Behavioral Health*

Terence Carey *Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*

Allan Tobias *District IV*

Jason Vorhauer *Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff*

Jason Wallace *American Red Cross*

Ross Wilson *Private Provider Field Paramedic*

#### STAFF PRESENT

Rachel Morris *Contra Costa County EMS*

Brandon Rowley *Contra Costa County EMS*

#### Others Present

Lisette Cortes *Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff*

David Cronin *IndeeLift*

Nick Draper *Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association*

Michael Johnson *American Medical Response*

Jill Ray *District II*

Richard Stephenson *Contra Costa County Fire Protection District*

**Chair Hansen** called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

1. *Introduction of Members and Guests*
2. *Approval of Minutes from December 7*  
Chair Hansen motioned to approve the Minutes from December 7. Vice Chair Napper moved to approve; Member King seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. December minutes are approved.
3. *Comments from the Public*  
Guest David Cronin, SNF administrator since 1973, introduced his company IndeeLift lift, which developed a line of human floor lifts to help with preventing/assisting in falls in the form of a provider model and a home/business model. This is the second EMCC meeting that Cronin is attending. IndeeLift is starting to work with the EMS Agency in Oakland. AMR (American Medical Response) and Paramedics Plus are involved in Alameda County at this point. He is interested in supporting fall prevention in our community. The product has been shown helpful to Fire Departments performing lift assists. He has worked with the fall prevention program in Alameda County is called "Steady" and in San Diego. He requests interested parties reach out to him to help support their community fall prevention programs.
4. *Chair's Report - Kacey Hansen, EMCC Chair*  
5150 Summit: Chair Hansen thanked Member Frost and the EMS staff for the work on the Summit. Member Frost thanked and acknowledged the John Muir Medical Center Walnut Creek staff for their tremendous support in both planning and executing the event. An after action report is being drafted.
5. *Fire Chiefs' Report*  
Member Krause from San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District thanked Members Hansen and Frost for the 5150 Summit. He reported that there have been a high number of instances involving BART riders calling 9-1-1 when they reach the end of the line in Bay Point which is causing a strain on resources for local Fire Departments.

6.	<p><i>Members' Reports</i> No Report</p>
7.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services</i> Rick Stephenson reported on behalf of Terry Carey that involved parties are one year into the Alliance and Contra Costa Fire is pleased with the progress. He gave a report on ambulance response times and costs associated with the Alliance. Michael Johnson with American Medical Response mentioned the consolidated communication center as another accomplishment of the Alliance.</p>
8.	<p><i>5150 Summit Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Director; Derek Krause, Deputy Chief, EMS/Logistics, San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District</i> Member Frost reported that - event evaluations demonstrated the event was very well received.. In total, 80 people registered for the event with 69 actually attending the event. The Summit allowed for an opportunity to learn and understand dialogue associated with 5150s and the tabletop exercises encouraged discussion. Member Krause added that some of the objectives accomplished by the Summit were understanding others perspectives and identifying issues. Objectives that still need to be accomplished include communicating results of the Summit and turning them into action items; identifying and turning issues into targets; and creating implementation teams. The challenge still lies in data collection. There was discussion on legislation surrounding 5150s and any new information will be brought to the group at the next meeting.</p>
9.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> - EMS staff is going to be meeting with all community EDs to review systems of care, technologies we rely on (Reddinet), and to talk about trauma triage. The goal is to get in front of ED medical directors, nurse managers, and any other interested department staff. - The EMS Agency has been working on reformatting field treatment guidelines. They can now be accessed in the CCC EMS App as well as on the EMS website. Staff is now collecting feedback. A list of approximately 15 changes to policies was distributed. This is an ongoing effort.</p>
10.	<p><i>EMS System Plan Objective Approval: Action Item - Pat Frost, EMS Director, Contra Costa EMS</i> The objectives are an annual action item submitted to the EMCC and are a part of the annual system plan which is submitted to the state, and lay out what we accomplish regarding our regulatory compliance. Member Frost requested a motion to approve. Member Speakman motioned to approve, Member King seconded; none opposed. 2016 System Plan Objectives approved.</p>
11.	<p><i>Update on Ambulance Ordinance - Pat Frost, EMS Director, Contra Costa EMS</i> The EMS Agency is working towards providing the draft ordinance to stakeholders, once available. The original ambulance ordinance had not been updated in the past 30 years, lacked an support for -EMS systems of care and limiting the EMS Agency the ability to coordinate services with non-emergency providers. EMS Staff looks forward to having an ambulance ordinance that meets the current medical transportation needs of the community.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> - Member Frost welcomed new EMS Staff members Rachel Morris and Brandon Rowley. Morris is replacing former staff member Leticia Andreas and Rowley is a new Prehospital Care Coordinator. Rowley has experience with Alameda County EMS and Yolo County EMS bringing new perspectives and ideas to Contra Costa EMS. - Local concerns include the hospital preparedness program and the potential changes stemming from the new Administration; reduced funding is anticipated however under the new CMS Emergency Preparedness s rules the program will need to accommodate a much larger group of stakeholders. There is a coalition and not a hospital focus so the EMS Agency will redesigning the program to include diverse - stakeholders while creating the opportunity for community groups to work together on exercises. Member Frost encouraged those present to reach out to EMS Staff if there is an opportunity for the Agency to partner with the new HPP program on those exercises. - The EMS Agency has been receiving questions regarding the Affordable Care Act potential repeal and replace and the impacts to EMS. Changes in EMS system payer mix aren't likely to be seen right away and the future is uncertain at this time. - The EMS Agency is working with Public Health on their efforts to draft a county marijuana ordinance -. EMS Systems have experienced increased incidences of poisoning and trauma in jurisdictions where legalization of marijuana occurs. Dan Peddycord CCHS Public Health Director is heading the effort for Contra Costa County. - Regarding EMS for Children System of Care Review and Update; the EMS Agency is waiting for regulations to be approved. The changes will give the County an opportunity to recognize individual hospitals for excellence in this area. - The EMS Agency is monitoring the situation with the potential closure of Alta Bates Hospital. Services will be a consolidation on the Summit and will impact Contra Costa EMS System operations in West County.</p>
13.	<p><i>Proposed agenda items for June 14, 2017: Ambulance Ordinance update, After Action Report on 5150 Summit,</i></p>
14.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:10pm</i></p>