



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

September 13, 2017

<p><u>Members Present Representing</u></p> <p><b>Vice Chair: Gary Napper <i>Public Managers' Association</i></b>  <b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Ross Fay <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i></b>  <b>Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></b></p> <p>Cynthia Belon <i>Contra Costa Behavioral Health</i>          Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director</i>          David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>          Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i>          Derek Krause <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>          Lily Lidji <i>District III</i>          Jon Michaelson <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>          Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i>          Florence Raskin <i>Hospital Council East Bay</i>          Anthony Rodigin <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i>          Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i>          Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u>  <b>Chair: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i></b></p> <p>Terence Carey <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>          Brian Goldhammer <i>Contra Costa California Highway Patrol</i>          Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i>          David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i>          John Speakman <i>District II</i>          Kelley Stieler <i>District I</i>          Jason Wallace <i>American Red Cross</i>          Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u>          Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>          Enrico Aguilar <i>American Medical Response</i>          Joanny All <i>American Medical Response</i>          Alina Anderson <i>American Medical Response</i>          Nick Draper <i>Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association</i>          Michael Johnson <i>American Medical Response</i>          Jill Ray <i>District II</i>          Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i>          Richard Stephenson <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i></p>
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**Vice Chair Napper** called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from July 12</i> Vice Chair Napper motioned to approve the Minutes from July 12. Member Tobias moved to approve; Member Michaelson seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. July minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Chair's Report - Kacey Hansen, EMCC Chair</i> No Report
4.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Report
6.	<i>Recognition:</i> Member Frost presented a certificate and plaque of appreciation to Chief Stephen Healy of Moraga-Orinda Fire District who is retiring effective this month, September 2017.
7.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report</i> Member Krause reported on behalf of San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (SRVFPD) Fire Chief Meyer – SRVFPD is looking forward to discussing the RFP. The District is committed to providing the same excellent service as it always has. Krause also discussed the issue of delays for fire EMS providers where crews are being kept at hospitals longer, which creates a ripple effect where they are off the street for longer periods of time. Krause was advised that this issue is already being addressed

	and CCCFPD Chief Carman had addressed extended wall times at the previous EMCC meeting. The LEMSA is committed to help find solutions and recommends that for all ambulance providers that have been experiencing delays more than 60 minutes - communicate to hospital staff that a problem is occurring and if no change, the medic should contact a supervisor who could contact nursing supervisor. Also, submit an EMS event to the LEMSA.
8.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services</i> On behalf of Member Carey from Contra Costa County Fire Protection District, Chief Stephenson reported on 1. response times - overall response times are fantastic even with the amount of calls that are being run and the expectation is that will continue. 2. Regarding wall times, Chief Carey is also involved in the issue. 3. The Alliance model is still working really well - people all over the state are watching what is being done, e.g. recently met with representatives from the Santa Barbara area.
9.	<i>EMCC Officer Nominating Committee Discussion</i> Vice Chair Napper asked for volunteers to be on the three (3) member nominating committee for the new slate of EMCC officers. The nominating committee will consist of: Members Raskin, Pangelinan, and King. Staff Morris to schedule a conference call to create nominations. The nominating committee will present the slate to be voted on at the December meeting to go in effect immediately. Member Frost explained that the executive committee helps put together the agenda in preparation for meetings, chair meetings, and occasionally a workgroup may be needed to draft a letter to BOS, etc. It is a two year term.
10.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Member Goldstein reported there has been a long discussion in EMS on pediatric intubation and if it is beneficial or not. Was taken out of scope in this county previously in 2009, but it now looks that entire state is taking it out of scope - will no longer be available, most likely by June 2018.
11.	<i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> - Legislative Update: EMCC Legislative Representative Samuelson was not present but he provided a handout. Member Fay discussed 1. AB 530 extension of emergency medical air transport act - as of yesterday now called AB 1410 and passed the Senate floor. Now includes a focus on hold care/pediatrics. 2. AB 263 requires private ground ambulance crews have radios off during breaks and lunch - may be an issue for ambulance providers in the future. - Staffing: PHCC Craig Stroup is leaving the LEMSA as of September 28, 2017. We will be recruiting for a PHCC nurse or paramedic with strong EMS/Health Care data QI improvement background. We are currently recruiting for an Advanced Secretary to support the EP program. - Survivor's Reunion: November 8 <sup>th</sup> . We are still seeking nominations for the event – handout available. - OP Area Disaster Response - LEMSA accurately aware of disasters in Texas and Florida – Contra Costa County has deployed many people to help in the effort - will probably be a prolonged effort. Kelly Coleman deployed yesterday. It is the most significant disaster with the largest number of major hospital evacuations - nine in Florida, one or two in Texas, multiple SNFs and long term care facilities. It will most likely spur an increased focus in emergency preparedness within Contra Costa County. -San Ramon RFP – the RFP is in draft form and the plan is to go to the Board of Supervisors on October 24. San Ramon has approached the LEMSA to petition for 201/224 rights. The Board of Supervisors will need to provide direction on how to move forward. -Ambulance ordinance - happy to report that we met with County Counsel after submitting letter from EMCC - we have come to a consensus on an approach and are closer than we have ever been. There are a few more changes that may be needed. The main goal is ensuring patient safety. No clear time line with county counsel but hopeful for the end of the year. -Local Concerns – APOT: handout report provided in packet; SF mutual aid: provided aid to SF for three days during the high heat. Ambulances sent all over the Bay Area. Proud of response from community - AMR, and non-emergency providers. No mutual aid drew down resources in our community; State Wide exercise planning - this year is a complex drill - 3 simultaneous events involving hospitals, fire, law, and SNFs; Public health is working on marijuana ordinance and LEMSA is participating; Annual report 2016 - it is available online; Wall time delays - referenced handout and provided statistics to illustrate that this is an ongoing problem that is getting worse as time progresses. Have been discussing/problem solving with the hospitals for past 4 years but not making major progress. We need to do something different and welcome executive support on trying to improve the current situation with the hope to make progress by the end of the year.
14.	<i>Proposed agenda items for December 13, 2017:</i> EMCC Officer Nominations 2017-2019 term; include wall time chart
15.	<i>Adjournment at 5:43pm</i>