



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2018

<p><u>Members Present Representing</u></p> <p>Chair: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i> Vice Chair: Gary Napper <i>Public Managers' Association</i> Executive Committee: Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Ross Fay <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i></p> <p>Terence Carey <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i> Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director</i> David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Ara Gregorian <i>California Highway Patrol</i> Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i> Derek Krause <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i> Jon Michaelson <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i> Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i> Florence Raskin <i>Hospital Council East Bay</i> Anthony Rodigin <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i> David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i> John Speakman <i>District II</i> Kelley Stieler <i>District I</i> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u></p> <p>Cynthia Belon <i>Contra Costa Behavioral Health</i> Lily Lidji <i>District III</i> Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i> Jason Wallace <i>American Red Cross</i> Ross Wilson <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u></p> <p>Jesse Allured <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Marshall Bennett <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Bruce Kenagy <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Geoff Martin <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u></p> <p>Joanny All <i>American Medical Response</i> Pam Dodson <i>Guest</i> Joe Greaves <i>ACCMA</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> Rick Stephenson <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i></p>
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Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from December 13</i> Member Leng motioned to approve the Minutes from December 13, 2017. Member King seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. December minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Recognition</i> Member Frost presented an award of appreciation to Bruce Kenagy who has worked as a Contra Costa EMS Prehospital Care Coordinator for 27 years. EMS Staff Kenagy will continue as a retired annuitant to finish the ImageTrend project after March 30, 2018.
4.	<i>Presentation: 2017 Survivors Reunion Video</i> The video from the Second Annual Survivors Reunion was shown to the group. Member Frost thanked those who attended and sponsored. It was announced that the Third Annual Survivors Reunion is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018. More details to come.
5.	<i>Chair's Report - Kacey Hansen, EMCC Chair</i> No Report
6.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
7.	<i>Members' Reports</i> Member Fay announced that he is leaving CalStar at the end of the month. He thanked staff, partners, friends. Going forward, a successor is yet to be named. Member Michaelson announced that he is retiring from SRVFPD and this will be his last

	meeting as well. Member Krause announced he is also retiring from SRVFPD and that the County fire chiefs will come up with other nominees. Members were thanked for their many years of service.
8.	<p><i>First Net Presentation</i></p> <p>David Nielson with the Contra Costa County Office of the Sheriff shared a presentation on First Net. The purpose of the program is to provide a hardened-wifi data solution to all public safety agencies. All 50 states plus other territories have opted in to First Net. The system goes live at end of the month. Primary users are fire, law, EMS, EMA. Secondary user community groups could include healthcare, utilities, transportation, others. The system can prioritize primary versus secondary users. - First Net technology is solving access to wireless networks for - large scale incidents. There is only so much capacity on wireless networks – First Net allows prioritization of traffic - first responders are first. Regular users won't get dropped, but will be pushed down. Part of system requirements for First Net was to expand coverage in rural areas. Deployable asset public safety agencies- will get access to a portal and the agency can set priority levels. First Net will provide vetted internet applications in own App Store. Roll out - available already - can update existing ATT account to a First Net account. However will need a First Net configured device for users to have full service. Contact ATT rep to get switched over to FirstNet - SIM cards, etc. No requirement to use system. Pricing is supposed to be comparable or better than what you are getting today. Ellen-asked if other areas have moved to system-David LA County yes. Other states, yes. So far, pretty seamless. Probably because making whole network available. Gary Napper - a lot of agencies are on EBRCs radios - how does FirstNet fit there? David-First Net is not meant to replace EBRCs system. No data from EBRCs - voice only. The two systems will live side by side for the foreseeable future. David has an ATT contact that can help with First Net that he would be happy to share with anyone interested.</p>
9.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i></p> <p>Member Samuelson reported on AB1795 (Gipson) - EMS Community Care Facilities. If bill passes, would be up to LEMSA to decide if they want to take part or not. Member Fay reported on AB2593 (Grayson/Wood) - currently on 30 day hold prior to going to committee - would become a budget item with goal of getting reimbursement rates for Medi-Cal, similar to Medicare. AB263 (Rodriguez) - ambulance workers right to take breaks during shift without radios. Bill is in second year, in committee this session, future is unknown. Bill exempts public service ambulance providers - not sure how that would affect Alliance.</p>
10.	<p><i>Fire Chiefs' Report</i></p> <p>No Report</p>
11.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, CCCFPD</i></p> <p>- On behalf of LEMSA, AMR and CCCFPD worked for 15 months to create ALS IFT capability as required by contract. As of March 6, have rolled out marketing to hospitals and are talking to Hospital CEOs about the service. If someone doesn't qualify for BLS or CCT, this is another option. Two options - scheduled or non-scheduled. 911 ambulances available. Excited and will continue to work with partners to monitor/improve. Member Frost - this came from modernization study-created additional revenue stream for emergency ambulance contractor fiscal sustainability.</p> <p>- Annually, per contract, can go to BOS and request rate increases. Approved yesterday and will take place April 13. Will collect .666 percent of that 3 percent. Along lines with ALS IFT, proud of compliance numbers - slammed during flu season. With AMR recommendations, raised number of ambulances on the street. 94-96 percent compliance. Working with hospitals on wall times - met with hospital CEOs - starting in December - led to tour of Kaiser Richmond - going to start showing up in ERs to discover challenges and how to get ambulances back out on the street timely. Court Case in Alameda County - fire chiefs have sued EMSA and Alameda County EMS - contractor/subcontractor model issue.</p> <p>- Lot of changes in organization CCCFPD - recruiting for fire positions - trying to get the word out. Recruitment closes next Monday. Testing for all ranks.</p>
12.	<p><i>Medical Health Disaster Coalition Governance Proposal (Action Item) – Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, Contra Costa EMS Agency Prehospital Care Coordinator/Emergency Preparedness Program Manager</i></p> <p>Lisa Vajgrt-Smith addressed the group, asking for the EMCC to act as the governing body for the Medical Health Preparedness Coalition. There was discussion on what that ask would entail, including time needed at the EMCC and potential liability/compliance issues. Member Frost requested a motion to approve the recommendation to consider approving the EMCC Advisory Committee to serve as the reporting and advisory entity for the Contra Costa Med-Health Coalition to comply with new Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) program requirements. Member King moved to approve, Member Michaelson seconded; none opposed. Motion passed.</p>
13.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>- No Report</p>
14.	<p><i>Approval of 2017/18 EMS System Plan Objectives (Action Item)</i></p> <p>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 Leng moved to approved, Member Speakman seconded; none opposed. 2017 System Plan objectives approved.</p>
15.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report - Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p>

- Anna Roth announced as the new Health Services Director for Contra Costa County. Dr. Walker continues as Health Officer and there will be a search for his replacement. Roth is having EMS and all direct reports at the table to be able to be equal partners at the table which creates huge amount of opportunity for EMS to work as part of County Health Services.
- Geoff Martin announced as a new prehospital care coordinator with Contra Costa EMS. He is a specialist in EMS system analytics and will help to move program forward in terms of data/bi directional exchange and own Cardiac Arrest program.
- San Ramon RFP - LEMSA met with the Board to extend San Ramon contract by one year in waiting for rulings in the AmeriCare court actions related to 201 and 224 rights. The Board's direction is to extend contract for one year while wait to see what happens regarding 201 and 224 rights.
- Ambulance Ordinance - still in progress - back with LEMSA – County Counsel asked us to respond and do research on more issues.
- EMSA approved our system plan, quality plan, and trauma plan.
- HIE grant - we are waiting more information expected in April - that is when CMS grant becomes available - will apply for about 2.5 million grant - hope to bring to our community so if a patient is in the field, electronic record can follow them no matter where they are in system. POLST registry will be launched in April hopefully - requirement for CMS grant. Shutter Healthcare system has submitted all POLST forms into registry. Governor is interested in making this a mandatory requirement. We are not sure funding wise how that will turn out.
- Alta Bates closure - nothing new; timeline unknown.
- Measure H - will be going back to BOS for ballot measure discussion in support of fire and EMS in community. Member Napper asked what Member Frost envisions for EMCC's role in this process. Member Frost responded with role will depend on what comes out of the finance committee. Once information is available, she will report back to the EMCC. Member Napper asked Member Frost to tell Supervisor Mitchoff that the EMCC would be interested in providing input and comment.

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| 16. | <i>Proposed agenda items for June 13, 2018: Ambulance Ordinance update; Nominations for Executive Committee Vacancy (Fay)</i> |
| 17. | <i>Adjournment at 5:36pm</i> |