



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

MEETING MINUTES

December 11, 2019

<p><u>Members Present Representing</u></p> <p>Executive Committee: Jon King Police Chiefs' Association Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</p> <p>Michele Bell <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i> Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i> Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i> John Duggan <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i> David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Joseph Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i> James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i> David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i> Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i> Cameron Metzger <i>EMS Training Institution</i> Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i> Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u> Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract) Mark Forrette <i>District II</i> Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director</i> Ara Gregorian <i>California Highway Patrol</i> Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i> Jennifer Lucas <i>American Red Cross</i> Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i> David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i> Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u> Marshall Bennett <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i> Gia Prado <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u> Joseph Drago <i>REACH</i> Michael Johnson <i>American Medical Response</i> Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i> Jill Ray <i>District II</i> Hannah Robbins <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i> Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p>
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Executive Committee Member King called the meeting to order at 4:08 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from September 11, 2019</i> Member Carey motioned to approve the Minutes from September 11, 2019. Member Bell seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. September 2019 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> No Report
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> Member Schnaider presented the slate of officers for the 2019-2021 term as follows: Chair – Member King; Vice Chair – Member Hansen; Executive Committee: Member Leng. Currently the fourth position of an additional Executive Committee member is vacant. Member King asked for a motion to approve the current slate of nominations. Member Tobias motioned to approve the nominations; seconded by Member Bell; none opposed; motion passed. Member King then asked if there are any volunteers for the vacant position. Member Lambert asked for more information on the position, which Staff Support Morris provided. Member Lambert volunteered for the vacant position. Member King asked for a nomination for Member Lambert, which was provided by Member Schnaider; seconded by Member Tobias. Member King then asked for a motion to approve the full slate of nominations. Member Schnaider motioned to approve the nominations; seconded by Member Tobias; none opposed; motion passed.
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> -The executive Fire Chiefs' want to go on record to express support for LEMSA staff Ben Keizer in affiliation with the CE Provider Program. They look forward to working together in 2020. -The Board of Supervisors, acting as the Fire Service Board, approved Contra Costa County Fire to purchase 30 Lucas Devices. Each apparatus will have a Lucas Device available. This purchase was made in partnership with AMR. Contra Costa Fire is

	appreciative of the Fire Board for approving the purchase and will be putting out a public service announcement at the request of the Board.
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Update
8.	<i>EMCC Annual (Draft) Report Action: Review/Approve for Submission to the Board of Supervisors (Action Item)</i> There was a question asked by Member King about an item listed under the Activities section regarding the ambulance ordinance. The item stated that a final draft had been released from County Counsel; however, it turns out that the draft is still with County Counsel and the LEMSA is still waiting to receive the draft for review. Staff support Morris agreed that she will update the item in the Annual Report prior to submitting it to the Board of Supervisors. After that discussion, Member Tobias motioned for the report to be accepted; seconded by Member Lilienstein; none opposed. Motion passed. Annual EMCC draft report approved, pending update, and will be submitted to the BOS as a consent item at the next possible Board of Supervisors meeting.
9.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> - Continuing to work on wall time issues. A meeting was held with hospital partners at the direction of the Board of Supervisors. The meeting was held in October and a report is being produced that will go to the Board of Supervisors on the meeting outcomes, including a potential change to the term “never event.” There is a concern with the upcoming flu season as that can be a challenging time for resources. The group plans to meet again in January to continue discussions on the issue. - Contra Costa Fire is continuing in contract negotiations with AMR. The current contract expires at the end of 2020. Both sides agreed they are having positive discussions. - Continuing to discuss compliance numbers and brainstorming ways to keep numbers up. The threshold is 90 percent; haven't gone below the threshold but continue to experience challenges. - ConAir currently has one active aircraft, which is going well. The second aircraft is delayed but anticipated to go live in 2020. - Issues at the end of the BART line have improved, but a change in weather could potentially have a negative effect on conditions. Contra Costa Fire is meeting with LEMSA and partners on the issue.
10.	<i>Update on draft Letter of Support for Additional EMS System Dedicated Funding</i> Member Goldstein addressed the Committee regarding the previous request made by Pat Frost for a draft letter of support for additional EMS System dedicated funding. The LEMSA is no longer requesting a letter. At this time, there will not be an EMS specific funding request going forward.
11.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report – David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> - Member Goldstein was invited by Santa Clara County as a guest; the County is looking at the Alliance model. Discussions included challenges we face, which may seem exclusive to us in Contra Costa County, but are also experienced in other counties. - Discussion of term “never event”- the term can be polarizing and can initiate a mandatory report to the state/Feds that brings inspectors to a hospital, where they can look at anything, not just specific to the reported event. An effort will be made to come up with another term, acceptable to all groups. APOT issues are experienced in Contra Costa County, but are not exclusive to our County. - The LEMSA is looking to have a more comprehensive approach towards the opiate overdose problem. The situation has improved slightly in that there are more resources and open dialogue on the issue. The County has expanded the number of available clinics and manage 500-600 people. The focus is on how to get available resources to the people who need them. There was discussion on the involvement of Emergency Departments, and the use of Narcan and Buprenorphine. The County is working on a potential three-year trial involving trained paramedics giving patients Buprenorphine on scene under the direction of a trained physician. A workgroup made up of various stakeholders continues to meet on the issue. - Member Goldstein announced Pat Frost, previous EMS Director, will be retiring in March 2020. As of now, he will be in both the EMS Medical Director and interim EMS Director roles.
12.	<i>Roundtable</i> Member Bell announced she will be transitioning with REACH to another county, so she will be resigning from the EMCC after today. She brought Joe Drago as a guest to the meeting, who will be transitioning to the Program Director and Clinical Director for REACH in Contra Costa County in January.
13.	<i>Proposed agenda item(s) for March 11, 2020</i> - Report on impacts of PG&E PSPS event, including impacts to Agencies. - Update on ambulance ordinance.
14.	<i>Adjournment at 5:15pm</i>