



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes  
September 8, 2021

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i></b>  <b>James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i></b>  <b>Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></b></p> <p>Rea Anne Arcangel <i>American Heart Association</i>            Marshall Bennett <i>EMS Agency Director</i>            Archie Bowles <i>District II</i>            Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>            Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Joseph Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i>            Senai Kidane <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>            David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i>            Angie Linsangan <i>District V</i>            Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i>            Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i>            Jim Selover <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p> <p><b>Members Absent Representing</b>  <b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Chair: Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i></b></p> <p>Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i>            CJ Price <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i>            Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p>	<p><b>STAFF PRESENT</b>            Joanny All <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Kristen Cline <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Aaron Doyle <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Geoff Martin <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Lisa Vajgrt-Smith <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>            Peter Benson <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i>            Joe Greaves <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Harris Hennig <i>Norcal Ambulance</i>            Ari Kestler <i>John Muir Medical Center</i>            Jennifer Larault <i>Norcal Ambulance</i>            Lance Maples <i>San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District</i>            Aaron McAlister <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i>            Anastasia Piedad <i>Norcal Ambulance</i>            Jill Ray <i>District II</i>            Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i>            Coleen Seymour <i>Norcal Ambulance</i>            Scott Wannamaker <i>Contra Costa County Fire Protection District</i></p>

**Committee Vice Chair Hansen** called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> Roll Call
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2021</i> Member Carey motioned to approve the minutes from June 9, 2021. Member Leng seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. June 2021 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> No Report
5.	<i>Staff Report: Advisory Body Meetings Update</i> Staff Morris referenced a page in the materials packet containing new rules for participating in Advisory Meetings by teleconference (virtually), which will be effective October 1, 2021. The Brown Act permits Advisory Body members to participate in the body's meetings virtually, but certain requirements must be met. These requirements include quorum required; agenda requirement that all teleconference locations must be listed; agenda requirement that meeting agenda must be posted at all teleconference locations 96 hours in advance of the meeting; public participation at remote location(s); and, role call voting.
6.	<i>Members' Reports</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member Leng reported that she will be stepping out of the role of base hospital medical director, and Dr. Ari Kestler will be taking over. Her plan is to continue on the EMCC, and she hopes also to have Dr. Kestler participate.</li> <li>- Member Pangelinan presented the slate of officers for the 2021-2023 term as follows: Chair – Member Lambert; Vice Chair – Member Leng; Non-Officer – Member Hansen. Currently the fourth position of an additional Non-Officer member is vacant.</li> </ul>

	Member Hansen asked for a motion to approve the current slate of nominations. Member Lambert motioned to approve the nominations and added that he would like to nominate Member Lilienstein for the open Non-Officer position. Member Lilienstein motioned to approve, seconded by Member Carey; none opposed; motion passed.
7.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> On behalf of the Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs, Member Carey brought one item forward to report on: the Ambulance Ordinance. The Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs have written a letter sent to Member Bennett as Director of the LEMSA, and submitted a copy to Staff Morris requesting it be part of the record for this meeting. The Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs support the concept of the update to the Ambulance Ordinance, but do not support the update as written. The reason for that is right now San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, and the Alliance all have documents they are obligated to follow, and this updated ambulance ordinance would be another onerous layer. The LEMSA has stated it wants to address some issues with private ambulance companies, and the Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs would support the proposed ambulance ordinance if it includes language to exclude San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District, Moraga-Orinda Fire District, Contra Costa County Fire District as well as the Alliance.
8.	<i>Health Care Coalition Biannual Report to EMCC</i> Health Services staff Lisa Vajgrt-Smith provided the biannual report of Contra Costa Med-Health Preparedness Coalition (HPP Emergency Preparedness) activities. The report has been included in the meeting materials packet. Report highlights included 2020-2021 Coalition activities; Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) deliverables for fiscal year 2020-2021 including COVID-19 response related activities, program requirements, COVID-19 HPP supplemental funds of which a majority went to the hospitals, and extra funding went towards an upgrade of First Watch and funding towards administrative support positions; and an update on the Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) including growth of the unit, overview of COVID-19 vaccination missions, overview of MRC activities showing number of volunteers, volunteer hours, and economic impact. The MRC has recently started training focused on mental health education and burn out education at facilities. So far five facilities have been trained totaling 20 staff, with nine more facilities signed up. For vaccinations, clinics have been scheduled over the past 38 consecutive weeks, over 30,000 COVID-19 injections have been given over the last eight-month period, and this week will pass the 100 <sup>th</sup> clinic with the Equity Vaccination Team.
9.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report
10.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report
11.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> - Field Treatment Guideline changes for 2022, including introduction of TXA, have been approved and training is currently being finalized that will be included in 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter training. - In two weeks, the LEMSA will reach the one-year anniversary of the novel Buprenorphine in the field trial. The medication has shown to be effective in the management of opiate withdrawal, and long term as part of a treatment plan to prevent overdose related deaths. A lot of other counties within California and from other states are trying to emulate the program. - Treatment field guidance has been updated, specifically a policy that allows paramedics to identify low-risk EMS patients with possible or confirmed COVID-19 and advise them they do not need emergency department care or 911 transport after a thorough assessment. This policy update comes from a State Emergency Declaration in response to impacts from the COVID pandemic. The LEMSA will continue to monitor the situation.
12.	<i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> - Director Bennett thanked Member Leng for her service and time. - For the ambulance ordinance item, the letter that Member Carey referenced in his Fire Chiefs report, and a follow-up response letter from the LEMSA did not meet the time requirement set by the Brown Act to be included in this meeting's agenda. It will be included on the next meeting agenda for discussion. Bennett thanked the fire agencies for their time during this process of updating the ordinance and recognized it has been a complex process. The LEMSA received a lot of good feedback from the fire agencies. For the letter he received from the Fire Chiefs, he hopes his response will clarify some issues that were brought up. Materials for the ordinance update, including a link to the public comment page for the ambulance ordinance was sent to the EMCC prior to this meeting for review. EMS Staff Doyle gave a presentation on the proposed ambulance ordinance update. His presentation included highlights of proposed changes. All changes can be found of the public comment page of the LEMSA website.
13.	<i>Proposed agenda item(s) for December 8, 2021</i> Member Bennett requested to schedule a special meeting one month out from today's meeting to discuss and vote on the proposed ambulance ordinance. Vice Chair Hansen answered that a special meeting will be scheduled. Questions were asked and answered about if there is a certain timeframe a vote must occur, and if any new information could potentially change the information the EMCC has prior to a vote.
14.	<i>Adjournment at 5:05 pm</i>