

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Tysell
Ilene Lubkin
Donna Flamm-McClane
Paul Freitas
Rick Probert
Rebecca Rozen
Kristine Gaub
Dennis Evanson
Scott Wallace
Miguel Mendonca
Ken Consiglio

District I
District III
District V
ACCMA
Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Assn – Alt
Hospital Council of the East Bay
Trauma Center
Ambulance Providers
Air Medical Transportation Provider
Private Provider Field Paramedic
Public Provider Field Paramedic

GUESTS

Don Jackson
Lew Pascalli
Denis Jackson
Leslie Mueller
Michael McBride
Ruth Burke
Steve Maiero
Carol Gallagher
Debbie Meier
Donald Waters

Former Committee Member
Contra Costa Haz Mat Director
AMR
American Medical Response
REACH
John Muir Medical Center
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Assn.

STAFF PRESENT

Art Lathrop
Lauren Kovaleff
Joe Barger
Pam Dodson
Bruce Kenagy
Dan Guerra

EMS Director
Program Coordinator
EMS Medical Director
Prehospital Care Coordinator
Prehospital Care Coordinator
Emergency Response Planner

MEMBERS ABSENT

District II Representative
American Red Cross
California Highway Patrol
Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Assn
Public Managers' Assn
CAER
Emergency Department Physicians
EMS Training Institution

District IV Representative
American Heart Assn
Communications Managers' Assn
Emergency Nurses Assn
Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff
Base Hospital
Contra Costa Health Services Department

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Rick Probert at 4:00 p.m. as Chair Julie Reisetter has moved to Phoenix and will be forwarding a resignation.

- I. M/S/C (Lubkin/Flamm-McClane) to approve March 2001 minutes.
- II. Report from Chair: a) Rick Probert presented Donald Jackson, who recently retired from the EMCC, a plaque for service as an EMCC representative. b) As chair of the Nominating Committee (Rick Probert, Kristy Gaub, Donna Flamm-McClane), presented the Executive Committee roster and opened the floor to additional nominations. There being no additional nominations, M/S/C (Lubkin/Rozen) to close the nominations. M/S/C (Rozen/Freitas) to accept the roster as presented by the nominating committee by acclamation. October 1, 2002-September 30, 2002 Executive Committee:

Rick Probert	Chair
John Tysell	1 st Vice Chair
Kristy Gaub	2 nd Vice Chair
Gretchen Fretter	Member-At-Large
Donna Flamm-McClane	Member-At-Large

III. No member reports were made.

IV. EMS Directors Report

- a. Richmond Fire received official recognition in West County Dispatch becoming an accredited Emergency Medical Dispatch Center. San Ramon Fire is also an accredited Emergency Medical Dispatch Center and Contra Costa Fire expects to become accredited in 9-10 months.
- b. Distributed updated status information on EMS legislation.
- c. Reddi-Net system is set to go online September 1.
- d. Since Contra Costa Fire will be upgrading their communication system from low band to high band, EMS will be replacing the radios provided to AMR for compatibility.
- e. Mt Diablo Hospital ob closure plans are on hold for the time being. The EMS concern with this possible closure is that ER closure might follow.
- f. Health Services disaster communications drill took place on May 14, September 24 a repeat will occur and on November 15 the statewide drill will take place.
The President has declared a disaster due to the flooding in Texas. DMAT is activated and nurses and communications people will be deployed to Houston.
- g. Long EMS website address was given out (waiting for a shorter alias.)

V. Medical Director's Report and Medical Advisory Committee

- a. The new EMS website has an 'Ask the Medical Director' area.
- b. Has increased standing orders.
- c. Working on accuracy of trauma reports.
- d. Working on implementing cardiac pacing.

- e. Working toward implementation of combi-tube use.
 - f. Revising Helicopter Policies
 - g. Revising Expanded Medical Emergency Guidelines
 - h. EMS for Children pediatric education classes have started.
 - i. El Cerrito Fire started their Paramedic First Responder Program in the East El Cerrito and Kensington area in January.
 - j. Contra Costa Fire will be enhancing their First Responder Program in West and Central County by adding more stations to that program
- VI. Facilities and Critical Care Committee – Committee has been working on:
- a. Reddi-Net
 - b. ED Diversion Reporting
 - c. Flu Season
 - d. Paramedic Transfers
- EMS for Children – Patrice Christensen is the new contractor for the six-month extension of this grant. ER visits and special trainings are in progress.
- VII. May 1st General Chemical Release – Hazardous Materials Division Director, Lew Pascalli presented information about this release to the committee. There was also discussion of notification criteria and its ongoing development.
- VIII. New American Heart Association BLS Guidelines & Implementation – These standards / guidelines have significant changes. There will need to be coordination of training and implementation dates. EMS will be putting out a letter with information. M/S/C (Freitas/Flamm-McClane) EMCC approval.
- IX. Interfacility Transfer Protocol Changes -- Destination Determination Policy has been changed to give a higher level of consideration to physician on-scene if that physician is familiar with patient. The Interfacility Transfer Policy now has additional steps for using paramedic in interfacility transfers, as there are other methods for non-urgent transfers.
- X. Recommendations to Board on First Responder Paramedic Program & Ambulance Contracts – Over the past sixteen months EMS, Fire Services and AMR have been working on funding paramedic in-fire services as directed by the Board of Supervisors. Although these services have been implemented to a very limited degree in certain areas, savings from countywide ambulance service contracts would not cover paramedic engines countywide. Therefore, alternate recommendations have been developed. The draft report and recommendations were previously mailed to the EMCC and discussion took place. M/S/C (Freitas/Evanson) to endorse the recommendations made in the report to the Board of Supervisors.

- XI. CSAC / League of Cities Study on EMS Governance – The ongoing EMSA business process regarding EMS governance and the role of the counties vs. the role of the cities and fire districts has not been resolved. CSAC and the California League of Cities have decided to look at the issue and have contracted a consultant, the Abaris Group, to look at some of the issues involved and to develop some recommendations.
- XII. EMCC Member Orientation – In addition to the new member packet of a) Roster, b) By-laws, c) EMS Annual Report, d) Minutes of the 4 most current meetings; M/S/C (Tysell/Gaub) to convene a meeting and perhaps lunch for all EMCC members for a hands-on orientation.
- XIII. Other Business and Comments – Dr Tysell is on the State EMT-I Regulatory Committee. Contact him if you have any issues of concern to be brought before the committee.
- XIV. M/S/C (Tysell/Lubkin) to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. The next meeting will be September 12, 2001 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hall
EMCC Secretary