

SPECIAL MEETING

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 1, 2003

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Tysell	District I
David Gaynor	District III, Alternate
Guy Scheulke	District IV
Rod Talavera	District V, Alternate
Lt Paul Fontana	California Highway Patrol
Lisa Hoffmann	Communications Center Managers, Alternate
Steve Maiero	CCC Fire Chiefs' Association
Susan Ancell	Hospital Council of the East Bay
Leslie Mueller	Ambulance Providers (Contra Costa Contract)
Ross Fay	Air Medical Transportation Provider
Joseph Barger	CCC Health Services
Susan Garske	EMS Training Institution
Dennis Link	Private Provider Field Paramedic
Tom McKenzie	Public Provider Field Paramedic
Art Lathrop	Ad Hoc Member

GUESTS

Rick Keller	Fitch & Associates		
John Ross	Contra Costa County Fire Protection District		
Keith Richter	Contra Costa County Fire Protection District		
Rich Grace	Contra Costa County Fire Protection District		
Lou Paulson	IAFF – Local 1230		
Gary Boyles	Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District		
Deborah Campbell	V-Chair, West Contra Costa Health Care Dist Board		
Donald Waters	ACCMA		
Larry Hein	East Contra Costa Fire Protection District		
William Bower	AMR-Local 250		
Torren Colcord	SEIU Local 250		
Eric Stephens	SEIU Local 250		
Jessie Rosewell	AMR-Local 250		
Rod Billings	AMR-Local 250		
Brad White	AMR	Becky Hobson	AMR
David Borghelli	AMR	Chris Bonn	AMR
Darren Rosten	AMR	Sara Wheelihan	AMR
Christian Felgenhauer	AMR	Robert Fall	AMR
Matthew Capitelli	AMR	Daniel Ramirez	AMR
Dub Fields	AMR	Katie Norlin	AMR
Chuck Bates	AMR	Jennifer Miller	AMR
Tanya Banks	AMR	Mike Barnes	AMR
Kyl Fleming	AMR	Jesse Travis	AMR
Miguel Mendonca	AMR	Nathan Hendrix	AMR

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Aimee Tagi-Eddin	AMR	Jim Maddox	AMR
Kristin Bianco	AMR	Karen Evans	AMR
Brandy Cheney	AMR	Vince Dvorak	AMR
Karen Wright	AMR	Jonathan Sahagun	AMR

STAFF PRESENT

Art Lathrop	EMS Director
Lauren Kovaleff	Program Coordinator
Joseph Barger	EMS Medical Director
Bruce Kenagy	Prehospital Care Coordinator
Pam Dodson	Prehospital Care Coordinator
Judy Smith	Prehospital Care Coordinator
Ruth Burke	Q I Coordinator
Pam Hall	Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

Consumer District II	ACCMA
American Heart Association	American Red Cross
Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association.	Emergency Nurses Association
Public Managers' Association	Trauma Center
Contra Costa Sheriff-Coroner	CAER
Base Hospital	Emergency Department Physicians
2 nd Vice-Chair	Member-at-Large

- I. Introduction of Members and Guests
Meeting was called to order by Chair, John Tysell at 4:00 p.m. Meeting attendees made self-introductions.
- II. Approval of Minutes
M/S/C (Talavera/Mueller) to defer approval of September 2003 minutes until the December 10, 2003 meeting.
- III. Comments from the Public
There were no comments from the public regarding items not on the agenda.
- IV. Fitch Report on Contra Costa EMS
Art Lathrop gave a brief background and overview : 1) Purpose and Scope, 2) Existing Standard for EMS Response, 3) First Responder Paramedic Service, 4) Model Recommended by Consultant (Fitch Report), 5) Benefits of Integrated Engine-Based and Ambulance-Based Paramedic Services, 6) Cost Impact, 7) Other Consultant Recommendations, 8) Next Steps and Implementation Timetable

Rick Keller, Fitch & Associates, went over the 13 recommendations made in the report and gave response to the comments received. Main concerns were increase of response time, change from 2-paramedic response to 1-paramedic—1-emt response, change of emergency dispatching system oversight, and start-up and ongoing program funding. Members of the public in attendance had an opportunity to speak regarding their concerns about the plan.

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Guy Schuelke made a motion to forward the plan to the Board of Supervisors with the endorsement of the Emergency Medical Care Committee/ motion was seconded by Steve Maiero, with the amendment that the 1-paramedic—1-emt staffing change would not be started until time standards were met. Attendees protested that they had not had their 3-minutes to speak regarding the matter and they still felt concern and the need to speak. Additional speakers and discussion took place.

David Gaynor stated that there appeared to be enough dissension to warrant delay of taking the plan to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Gaynor made the formal motion to: Table the motion to take the plan to the Board of Supervisors and convene another, perhaps, all-day meeting to look at each individual section of the plan in order that concerns and potential revisions be addressed. Mr. Gaynor's motion was seconded by Dennis Link and carried by a vote of Emergency Medical Care Committee members.

V. Adjournment

M/S/C (Tysell/Link) to adjourn at 6:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hall
EMCC Secretary