

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Tysell	District I
Madeline Ibrahim	District I, Alternate
Allan Tobias	District II
Patricia Barron	District III
David Gaynor	District III, Alternate
Donna McClane	District V
Rod Talavera	District V, Alternate
Paul Freitas	Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association
Chris Suter	Communications Center Managers Association
Debbie Meier	Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association
Matthew Powers	Emergency Nurses Association
Susan Ancell	Hospital Council
Kacey Hansen	Trauma Center
Dale Varady	Contra Costa Sheriff/Coroner
Leslie Mueller	Ambulance Provider (CC Contract)
David Borghelli	Ambulance Provider (CC Contract), Alternate
Ross Fay	Air Medical Transport
Lori Altabet	Base Hospital, Alternate
Ellen Leng	Emergency Department Physicians
Allan Drabinsky	Emergency Department Physicians, Alternate
Joseph Barger	Contra Costa Health Services
Susan Garske	EMS Training Institution
Darrell Lee	Public Provider Field Paramedic
Art Lathrop	EMS

GUESTS

Donald Waters	ACCMA
Caron Johnson	Falcon Critical Care Transport
Dee Scott	JMMDHS
Randy Lyman	REACH
Sean Casey	American Heart Association
Linda Kirkhorn	CCC Mental Health

STAFF PRESENT

Art Lathrop	EMS Director
Joseph Barger	EMS Medical Director
Lauren Kovaleff	EMS Program Coordinator
Ruth Burk	EMS Quality Assurance Coordinator
Bruce Kenagy	EMS Prehospital Care Provider
Pam Hall	EMCC Secretary

MEMBERS ABSENT

American Heart Association
California Highway Patrol
Public Managers' Association
Private Provider Field Paramedic

American Red Cross
Contra Costa Police Chiefs Association
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Chair, John Tysell, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Introduction of Members and Guests

Members and guests made self-introductions.

II. Approval of Minutes

M/S/C (Altabet/McClane) approving the March 8, 2005 meeting minutes.

III. Comments from the Public

None.

IV. Chairperson's Report

The Chair will bring comments from Dr. Walker regarding the new American Medical Response ambulance contract to the next meeting.

V. Member Reports

- A. The CPR Training Program is on hold till the AMR contract is approved.
- B. Darrell Lee briefly went over the success of the recent presentations of the 'Every 15 Minutes' program, made to schools throughout the county, by Moraga-Orinda Fire, other fire agencies and law enforcement.

VI. EMCC Officer Nominating Committee

Dr. Tysell, Donna McClane and Leslie Mueller were the Nominating Committee.

They presented the list of nominations:

Chair	Guy Scheulke
First Vice-Chair	Ellen Leng
Second Vice-Chair	Allan Tobias
Members-At-Large	Paul Freitas Leslie Mueller

There being no additional nominations, M/S/C (Fay/Meier) to accept these nominations by acclimation to be the Executive Committee for the period October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006

VII. Psychiatric Holds by ED Physicians

Linda Kirkhorn, Contra Costa Mental Health, went over the key points around this issue. Historically, in Contra Costa, ED physicians were authorized to write holds for psychiatric patients, however, in February 2003 the Contra Costa Board of Supervisors approved restricting that ability and giving the authority only to 5150 designated facilities and law enforcement. This has often created extended wait times, necessitated additional transports and made additional demands on law enforcement. A work group composed of representatives from various agencies is still meeting. They have developed a training component that ED designated personnel would have to attend yearly and they are developing an MOU that hospitals will need to sign.

As there is ongoing controversy regarding this issue. Paul Freitas requested the item be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Dale Varady offered to put this issue before the Police Chiefs' Association. John Tysell suggested inviting a representative of the Police Chiefs' Association to the next meeting.

VIII. Emergency Ambulance Contract Update

Art Lathrop went over some of the key points of the ambulance contract issue, including: Subsidy will no longer be paid, savings from this to be invested to help fund fire first responder paramedics. AMR to provide QVR's to augment the system. AMR will also provide additional improvements and community education. Looking at a 5-year contract with a 4-year extension. This is on the Board agenda for next Tuesday June 14, 2005.

IX. Treatment of Stroke Victims

Dr. Barger has been working on stroke treatment update, streamlining procedures, the thrombolytic window is 3 hours. Training will be conducted over the next year and all the hospitals should become efficient in this care. Due to the possibility of dangerous bleeding, tests must be done prior to administering a thrombolytics. Designated stroke centers are becoming more common – John Muir Medical Center, Mt Diablo Medical Center and all the Kaisers have this designation.

X. Public Access Defibrillation

Forty two refurbished defibrillators were offered to EMS at a greatly reduced rate as they had been used in a trial – as it ended up, we were actually given a deal on new equipment. This was a great opportunity to get these out to other agencies and into public places. The County Supervisors, the libraries, senior centers, and Contra Costa colleges are all interested in training and placements. BART has shown interest but has a system in which it is difficult to provide continuity of trained onsite personnel. Legislative changes are needed to streamline a wider scope of implementations.

XI. Indian Gaming in West County

The Abaris Group, contracted by EMS and Public Health to do a study of Indian Gaming in West County, was unable to have their representative at the meeting today. There are three potential gaming sights in this area: Richmond, North

Richmond and San Pablo Casino. San Pablo is currently the only sight that has anything in the process and they have withdrawn their request for the large expansion previously requested. Abaris will attend the next meeting to go over their report.

XII. EMS Director's Report

The State EMSA just notified us that Dr. Cesear Aristaigueta has been appointed EMSA Director.

Dan Guerra is administering an \$800,000 + HRSA Grant. These funds are to use in training hospital and clinic personnel and providing equipment for Emergency Operations centers in each hospital and community clinic.

EMS is in the process of reviewing the Trauma System, which has not been done since 1986. Doctors' Hospital, San Pablo recently requested consideration for Trauma Center designation. County Counsel offered the opinion that, as the John Muir Medical Center is currently the sole designated Trauma Center, by contract, that contract precluded contractually designating another trauma center.

The next EMS Commission meeting is June 22 in Sacramento. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Art.

XIII. Medical Director's Report

Trauma triage guidelines are scheduled for October 1 implementation. Training will be mainly by videotape.

XIV. Medical Advisory Committee Report

The major focus has currently been on the uniform data set and 12-lead ekg's placed in the back of ambulance rigs. The information destination piece is still in process.

XV. Facilities and Critical Care Report

No report, the committee did not meet this month.

XVI. Agenda Items for Next Meeting-September 14, 2005

Paul Freitas requested that psychiatric holds by ED physicians be on the agenda for the next committee meeting. Dr. Tysell requested that the Chair of the Police Chiefs' Association be invited to the next EMCC meeting. Contact EMS if you have an item you want on the agenda.

XVII. Adjournment

M/S/C (Garske/Lee) to adjourn at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Hall

EMCC Secretary