



FACILITIES/CRITICAL CARE COMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

2 – 3:30 PM

Conference Room, 1350 Arnold Drive, Martinez

AGENDA

TOPIC	PRESENTER	PURPOSE
EMS Update	EMS	Information
ED Staffing Ratios	All	Information
Hospital Resource Assessment	All	Feedback/input
ED Diversion	All	Information
ReddiNet Fields updating Use of memos	All	Feedback/information
Flu Season experiences	All	Information
Other	All	

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2003

April 6, 2004
June 1, 2004
August 3, 2004
October 5, 2004
December 7, 2004

Contra Costa Health Services
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Facilities and Critical Care Minutes for the October 7, 2003 Meeting

Present:

Ellen Leng, MD, Sutter Delta Med. Ctr.
Pat Barron, EMCC Consumer Rep.
Leslie Mueller, AMR
Dave Borghelli, AMR
Rebecca Rozen, Hospital Council
Michelle Shanks, RN, CCRMC
Kathy Kelley SRRMC

Lori Altabet, John Muir Med Center
Renee Juster, Mt. Diablo Med. Center
Stacey Maung, guest
Judy Smith, RN, EMS Trauma Coord.
Ruth Burk, RN, EMS QI
Art Lathrop, EMS Director
Lauren Kovaleff, RN, EMS Program Coord.

<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
EMS Update	
Hospital ED Diversion Policies	Hospitals must have a current Hospital Diversion Policy approved and on file at the EMS Agency as of December 1, 2003 to be permitted to use the EMS Diversion Policy.
5150 Transfers	Contra Costa Mental Health has met with hospitals and has formed to subgroups to work on aspects of the plan for ED physicians to be permitted to continue to write 5150's.
Fitch Report	Art Lathrop described the process for moving forward. The EMCC will be asked to make a recommendation on the Fitch Report to the Board of Supervisors, and there is a special EMCC meeting to discuss this issue scheduled for October 15th. The Health Services, EMS Agency will also make recommendations to the Board. EMS needs to periodically re-bid the Emergency Ambulance contract currently held by AMR. Some of the recommendations contained in the Fitch Report must be decided to proceed with the re-bid process. Major issues of discussion seem to focus on staffing recommendations (immediately go to 1 paramedic/1 EMT ambulance staffing, a model used by many counties, as a cost savings) and response time criteria (standard would increase in areas where fire paramedics could be on-scene to meet existing response time standards). Copies of the Fitch report are available at the EMS Agency.
ReddiNet	Multiple ReddiNet exercises were done recently on all shifts. Hospitals requested feedback on drill results. ReddiNet will handle. Nurse Mgers present were in favor of continuing these exercises on a routine basis.
State Disaster Exercise	The statewide hospital and ambulance Disaster Drill is scheduled for November 13 th . All 8 hospitals in the County plan to participate.
ED Staffing Ratios	The new legislation regarding ED staffing ratios will begin on January 1, 2004. The question had been raised during an EMS Medical Directors' meeting as to whether hospitals would use ED diversion as a way to meet staffing ratios. Those present didn't believe that diversion would be the answer. Many expressed concern that there were not enough RNs willing to work and available to meet the new standards.
Infectious disease planning.	San Ramon Regional Medical Center will have a program by which the Triage Nurse would give flu shots to those requesting.