

**Mountain-Valley  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 8, 2017**

Location: Copperopolis Fire Station  
Training Room  
370 Main St.  
Copperopolis, CA 95228

Time: 9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Lynn Morgan – Amador County; Gary Tofanelli – Calaveras County;  
Rosemarie Smallcombe – Mariposa County; Jim DeMartini – Stanislaus  
County

Board Members Absent: Terry Woodrow (Vice-Chair) – Alpine County

Guests: Alan McNany, Ted Novelli

Staff: Richard Murdock - Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive  
Secretary/Financial Services Assistant

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Supervisor DeMartini with a quorum of members present.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed those present and self-introductions were conducted.

**C. Correspondence**

There were two pieces of correspondence:

1. Mariposa County Board of Supervisors letter dated 1/12/17 appointing Supervisor Miles Menetrey to the JPA Board of Directors. Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe was designated as the alternate.
2. County of Alpine letter dated 1/13/17 appointing Supervisor Terry Woodrow to the JPA Board of Directors. Supervisor David Griffith was appointed as the alternate.

**D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda**

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the agenda.

**E. Public Forum**

None

**F. Approval of Consent Calendar**

M/S/C (Tofanelli/Smallcombe) To Approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**G. JPA Presentation for New Members**

Mr. Murdock presented an overview of the Agency and the functions of the JPA Board of Directors for the benefit of the new board members from Amador, Calaveras and Mariposa Counties.

**H. Primary Stroke Center Agreement with Kaiser Hospital, Modesto**

Mr. Murdock reviewed the handout on specialty care designations and explained the stroke designation process over the the past 18 months. He explained the agreement for Kaiser had been delayed due to a change in the Primary Stroke Coordinator at the hospital. The initial designation will be for one year to measure data and ensure compliance. If all is in order, then a three year contract will be executed. The Board was asked to approve the agreement.

**M/S/C (Smallcombe/Tofanelli) To Approve the Primary Stroke Center Agreement for Kaiser Hospital Modesto and to Authorize the Executive Director to sign the finalized agreement.**

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**I. Level III Trauma Center Designation for Sutter Amador Hospital**

Mr. Murdock shared the request from Sutter Amador Hospital to become a Level III Trauma Center. This meets the goals of the EMS Plan and will begin with an application. A Site Review Team of trauma surgeons will be assembled to review and ensure the hospital meets the standards. After a successful review, there would be a one year designation followed by a three year contract if all is in order. Mr. Murdock explained the differences between Level I, Level II, and Level III trauma centers and also cited the request from Sutter Amador Hospital to become a Primary Stroke Center.

**J. Level III Trauma Center Fee**

Mr. Murdock discussed the history of the fee development and the present justification to increase the Level III Trauma Center Fee. The original fee had been estimated based only a small portion of the Medical Director's time. The present justification is a more comprehensive representation of Agency costs and is consistent with the methodology used to determine the fees for the Level II Trauma Centers, STEMI Receiving Centers, and Primary Stroke Centers.

**M/S/C (Morgan/Smallcombe) To Approve the increase in the Level III Trauma Center fee on the Agency Fee Schedule**

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**K. Community Paramedicine Pilot Study**

Mr. Murdock explained the history of the Community Paramedicine Pilot Study and the Agency project in Stanislaus County. The Agency was recently approved as a training site for Community Paramedics. The project is setting precedent to make changes in law regarding the scope and practice of paramedics. The transport of qualifying behavioral patients to alternate destinations has been a benefit for law enforcement and hospitals.

**L. Agency and County Reports**

*Amador County* – No report.

*Calaveras County* – No report.

*Mariposa County* – Dr. Sergienko is the taking the first steps to pursue CDC accreditation for the Health Department. He is developing best practices for public health departments and considering how rural counties compete effectively for funding. His vision is to be the best small public health department in California.

*Stanislaus County* – No report. Supervisor DeMartini requested the election of a Chairman be on the next meeting agenda.

**M. Next Scheduled Meeting**

April 12, 2017 at 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

**N. Adjournment**

Supervisor DeMartini adjourned the meeting at 10:59 AM.