

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 11, 2018**

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

Time: 9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Terry Woodrow (Chairperson) – Alpine County; Lynn Morgan – Amador County; Gary Tofanelli – Calaveras County;

Board Members Absent: Miles Menetrey – Mariposa County; Jim DeMartini (Vice-Chairperson) – Stanislaus County

Guests: Alan McNany, Ted Novelli, Brian Dickson

Staff: Cindy Murdaugh – Interim Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/Financial Services Assistant; Lance Doyle – QI/Trauma Coordinator

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM by Chairperson Woodrow with a quorum of three members present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

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

C. Correspondence

None

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

M/S/C (Morgan/Tofanelli) To approve the agenda as written.

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passed

E. Public Forum

None

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Tofanelli/Morgan) To approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passed

G. Stanislaus County Draft EMS Strategic Plan

Ms. Murdaugh provided an overview of the Stanislaus County EMS Strategic Planning process which included a System Assessment, development of a draft Strategic Plan and the implementation phase which is now beginning. Stakeholder meetings and input were used to help develop the draft plan and were also considered in the County's EMS System redesign. The most significant comments emphasized a system with financial sustainability for all providers.

Stanislaus County leadership recommend going out for bid for emergency ground ambulance services. This item will be presented to the Stanislaus Board of Supervisors on April 17, 2018. If approved, MVEMSA will be asked to hire a consultant to help develop the RFP. The Agency plans to release an RFP for Consultant Services on April 23, 2018. It will be sent to a broad network of EMS consultants. The resulting agreement will be brought before the JPA Board for approval.

H. Contract Extensions for Stanislaus County Emergency Ground Ambulance Providers

Ms. Murdaugh reviewed the history of the ambulance provider negotiations for the contract extensions. The consistent response was that the contracts could not continue as presently written. The current agreements expire on April 30, 2018. The Agency has written one year contract extensions that provide for no enforcement of response compliance fines and penalties. All other terms of the agreements will stand.

Through discussion of maintaining accountability for the providers, it was agreed the Agency will continue to monitor response time compliance and ensure that unit hours are being maintained to ensure service to the County is not reduced. The Agency will publicly report on response time compliance. The Stanislaus model will not be extended to the mountain county providers.

M/S/C (Morgan/Tofanelli) To approve the contract extensions for Stanislaus County Emergency Ground Ambulance Providers and to authorize the Interim Executive Director to sign the amendments.

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passed

I. First Responder ALS Agreement with City of Modesto Fire Department

Ms. Murdaugh presented the renewal agreement for First Responder Advanced Life Support with the City of Modesto Fire Department and highlighted the minor changes made to the existing agreement. The current agreement terms on April 30, 2018. The renewal agreement is for a one year term expiring on April 30, 2019.

M/S/C (Tofanelli/Morgan) To approve the First Responder ALS Agreement with the City of Modesto Fire Department.

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passed

J. First Responder ALS Agreement with City of Modesto Fire Department

Ms. Murdaugh presented the renewal agreement for First Responder Advanced Life Support with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and highlighted the minor changes made to the existing agreement. The current agreement terms on June 30, 2018. The renewal agreement is for a one year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

M/S/C (Morgan/Tofanelli) To approve the First Responder ALS Agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

Vote: 3-0

Motion Passed

K. Financial Internal Controls

Ms. Watson briefed the Board on the Agency's current financial internal controls and fraud prevention practices. The report will be provided to Supervisors DeMartini and Menetrey via email.

L. Executive Session

The Board convened Executive Session at 9:44 AM.

M. Results of Executive Session

Information was received.

N. Agency and County Reports

MVEMSA – The 2016 EMS Plan and Transportation Plan have been approved by the State EMS Authority. The Agency recently issued a Cease and Desist Letter to Starco Transportation, Inc. They are presently not an approved provider in Stanislaus County, but have been reportedly providing BLS gurney transports. Reports have been received from hospitals as well as other providers.

Alpine County – No report.

Amador County – No report.

Calaveras County – No report.

O. Next Scheduled Meeting

June 13, 2018 at 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

P. Adjournment

Supervisor Woodrow adjourned the meeting at 9:54 AM.