

**Stanislaus County  
Emergency Medical Services Committee  
September 14, 2017  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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Location: Sutter Gould Health Education and Conference Center  
McHenry Village  
1700 McHenry Ave., #60B  
Modesto, CA 95350

Time: 2:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Paul Baxter, Dan Cummins, Dr. Bruce Laverty, Mary Ann Lee, Robert Ott, Dale Skiles, Sharon Young

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Niamh Seavy, Stephen Sterner, Toby Wells, Bryan Whitemyer

Guests: Dr. Vaishampayan, David Dalman, Erik Klevmyer, Cindy Woolston, Daniel Martinez, Tim Tietjen, Cameron Geoppert, Deb Thrasher, Dr. Walker

Staff: Richard Murdock – Executive Director, Dr. Shafer – Medical Director, Jim Whitworth – EMS Critical Care Coordinator, Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/  
Financial Services Assistant

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**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Paul Baxter with a quorum of six members present.

**2. Introductions**

Committee members, Agency staff, and audience provided introductions.

**3. Review and Approval of Agenda**

**M/S/C** (Laverty/Lee) To approve the agenda as written.

**Vote:** 6-0

**Motion Passed**

**4. Correspondence**

There was one piece of correspondence:

Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors letter dated August 8, 2017, appointing Toby Wells to the Committee as the Urban City Administrator representative.

**5. Public Comment Period**

None.

*Let the record show Committee Member Dan Cummins arrived at 2:07 pm.*

**6. Approval of Consent Calendar**

**M/S/C** (Lee/Laverty) To approve the consent calendar items as submitted.

**Vote:** 7-0

**Motion Passed**

**7. Committee Reports**

a) System Status – Cindy Woolston

System Status Committee met last Friday and went over the standing agenda items.

There were some minor changes to AMR's posting plan.

- b) SCHEPC – Richard Murdock
  - 1) There is a subcommittee working on pediatric surge.
  - 2) The Coalition is discussing development of a plan for Inter-Facility Transfers during surge.
  - 3) Richard introduced Dr. Katherine Shafer, the new MVEMSA Medical Director.
  
- c) OES – Dale Skiles
  - 1) The Public Health Officer is preparing for the next Health Executives Meeting.
  - 2) Plans are beginning for the upcoming influenza season.
  - 3) An Extreme Cold Plan is being developed.
  - 4) The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan was adopted.
  - 5) Pre-season flood planning has started.
  - 6) There is a greater demand for fireline paramedics to be deployed statewide as well as to neighboring states.

#### **8. System Enhancement Fund Application**

Richard Murdock presented the application from OES to use System Enhancement Funds to purchase EMS Jackets for the Fire Agencies in Stanislaus County.

Committee discussion centered around using the funds to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and the value of the benefit system-wide. Elements of the policy were reviewed to validate the application and to demonstrate that ambulance providers are also eligible to request funds for PPE. It was emphasized that the System Enhancement Fund should not be relied upon to shore up ongoing operational costs.

**M/S/C (Ott/Skiles) To recommend forwarding the OES System Enhancement Fund Application to Purchase EMS Jackets to the Board of Supervisors for their approval.**

**Vote:** 6-1

**Motion Passed**

#### **9. EMS System Assessment**

Deb Thrasher of Health Services Agency presented the timeline and status of the Stanislaus County EMS System Assessment. Phase I has been completed and was presented to stakeholders on 7/31/17. During Phase II, a survey was sent to stakeholders and interview questions have been developed. During the time period of 9/18/17 thru 10/9/17 Deb Thrasher and Richard Murdock will interview a selection of stakeholders. The results of the survey and the interviews will be used to begin developing the EMS Strategic Plan. Phase III is the implementation plan and is expected to begin in November 2017. Ultimately there will be a presentation to the Board of Supervisors presently planned for January 2018.

#### **10. Strategic Planning Process**

**M/S/C (Skiles/Ott) To nominate Sharon Young and Paul Baxter to represent the EMSC in the interviews.**

**Vote:** 7-0

**Motion Passed**

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**11. Next Meeting**

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm

**15. Adjournment**

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.