

**Mountain Counties  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 10, 2023**

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

Time: 1:00 PM

Board Members Present: Gary Tofanelli (Chairperson) – Calaveras County; Jeff Brown (Vice Chairperson) – Amador County Terry Woodrow - Alpine County; Miles Menetrey – Mariposa County

Guests: Chris Edgerly – Calaveras County Public Health; Jesse Figueroa – Mercy Medical Transportation; Alan McNany – American Legion Ambulance; Jim Whitworth – Mariposa County Public Health

Staff: Tom Morton – Communications/Data Systems Coordinator; Kamron Dirks – Quality Improvement Coordinator; Derek Cole – Agency Counsel; Dr. Kann – Agency Medical Director

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**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Tofanelli with a quorum of four members present. Meeting participants said the pledge of allegiance.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

Self-introductions were conducted.

**C. Correspondence**

None

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

None

M/S/C (Brown/Woodrow) To approve the meeting agenda as submitted.

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**E. Public Forum**

None.

**F. Approval of Consent Calendar**

M/S/C (Woodrow/Brown) To approve the consent calendar.

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**G. Renewal Agreement with Air Methods Corporation**

Mr. Morton presented the signed agreement with Air Methods Corporation. Previous questions were worked out after conferring with Mr. Cole.

**M/S/C (Brown/Menetrey)** To approve the agreement with Air Methods Corporation.

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**H. Amendment to Agreement with Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc.**

Mr. Morton presented the signed amendment with Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc. The previous extension ended March 31, 2023. There have been several discussions and concerns stemming from the national paramedic shortage and staffing challenges. This will be a long term problem as paramedic training programs were interrupted by the pandemic and many have not resumed since.

Mercy Medical Transportation agreed to sign another 90 day extension to maintain service in Mariposa County and the commitment from the Agency is to work with the provider to arrive at a mutually acceptable contract moving forward.

The amendment was fully executed on March 31, 2023 at the guidance of Agency counsel and the Board Chair, but is brought to the Board today for a formal approval.

Supervisor Menetrey confirmed the collaborative efforts made to bring everyone together and the hope of arriving at a mutually agreeable contract.

Mr. Whitworth noted his appreciation of the efforts made to keep ambulance service available in Mariposa County.

Dr. Kann expressed the positive contributions by the many players involved to work together to resolve this issue.

**M/S/C (Menetrey/Woodrow)** To approve the amendment to the agreement with Mercy Medical Transportation, Inc.

**Motion Passed 4-0**

**I. Accounts Receivable as of March 31, 2023**

Chairperson Tofanelli reminded the Board this item is on the agenda at his request for the Board's opportunity to talk about how to handle the past due payments and provide direction to staff.

Mr. Morton read the comments provided by Ms. Watson regarding the status of the Accounts Receivable and obstacles to staying on top of this listing. She further requested the

opportunity to reach out in correspondence one more time and bring a report to the next regular meeting of the Board.

Supervisor Menetrey said he is in support of sending out another correspondence to get the bills paid.

The Board agreed to these efforts.

**J. Update on Opposition Letter to AB1168**

No discussion.

**K. Agency and County Reports**

Agency –

- Mr. Morton reported:
  - There is still an outstanding air ambulance agreement with REACH that came back with some significant proposed changes. After conferring with Mr. Cole, efforts are in process to meet with REACH to try to understand why their concerns are so different from the other providers. Mr. Morton suggested this be an agenda item at the next meeting.
  - Mercy Medical Transportation with their staffing constraints is feeling some pressure to perform Inter-facility Transfers out of John C. Fremont Hospital. The Agency is initially contacting the six Non-Emergency Inter-Facility Transfer providers previously contracted for service in Stanislaus County to see if there is an opportunity to contract for service in the MCEMSA region.
  - In response to Dr. Kann confirmed there are Agency policies in place for CCT transports in Mariposa County.
  - The Agency will sit down with Dr. Sergienko and Jim Whitworth in Mariposa County for a final review of the response grids for the ambulance provider contract to be sure it is ready to present to Mercy Medical Transportation for further negotiations.
- Mr. Dirks reported:
  - The biggest obstacle with the SimLab is with DMV despite concerted efforts to get through the process with the charitable donation and the request for license plates. Once it is road worthy, the interior can be built out and required maintenance obtained.
  - There are plans with Copperopolis Fire to participate in extrication training with the simulation manikin.

Alpine County – No report.

Amador County – No report.

Calaveras County – No report.

Mariposa County – The County is working on fixing the damage from the massive water event and snow.

**L. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting**

Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:00 AM in person at Copperopolis Fire Station. A Zoom option will be offered as well.

**M. Adjournment**

Chairperson Tofanelli adjourned the meeting at 1:37 PM.