

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2014**

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

Time: 9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Terry Woodrow – Alpine County; Louis Boitano (Chair) – Amador County; Debbie Ponte – Calaveras County; John Carrier (Vice-Chair) – Mariposa County; Jim DeMartini – Stanislaus County

Board Members Absent: None

Guests: Brian Dickson; Alan McNany, Al Lennox, Raymond Viscarra, Robert Cozad; Richard Barghoorn, 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 9:00 am by Chairman Boitano with a quorum of members present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present and self-introductions were accomplished.

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

M/S/C (Woodrow/Carrier) To Approve the Agenda as submitted.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

E. Public Forum

None.

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Woodrow/Ponte) To Approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

G. FY 13/14 Year-End Financial Report

Ms. Watson presented a summary of the FY 13/14 Year-End Financial Reports, citing there was no draw on contingency funds and the ending balance in the Unreserved Fund was in compliance with the Board's policy for reserve fund limits.

M/S/C (Ponte/Carrier) To Approve the FY 13/14 Year-End Financial Report.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

H. American Legion Ambulance Provider Agreement

Mr. Murdock reviewed the changes in industry standards for rural providers, and described the process to develop the agreement, to include the collaboration with American Legion Ambulance (ALA).

Mr. Lennox explained the previous agreement had been unchanged for more than 15 years. The new agreement is both fair to the ambulance provider and good for the community. Additionally, the agreement complies with the ambulance ordinances for both Amador and Calaveras counties.

In discussion, Mr. Lennox shared a brief history of ALA and the Board commended the company's professionalism.

M/S/C (Ponte/Woodrow) To Approve the American Legion Ambulance Provider Agreement.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

I. 2011 Transportation Plan for Amador County

Mr. Murdock explained the State EMS Authority's (EMSA) requirement for the Agency to submit an annual EMS plan for approval. The Transportation Plan is a portion of that overall EMS plan. The annual EMS plan was last approved in 2010. The 2011 Transportation Plan has been denied by EMSA due to insufficient evidence that all inter-facility transfers are done solely by American Legion Ambulance.

The current options to challenge this ruling must be completed within 4 months and include correcting the denied portion of the plan or filing an appeal. Amador County Counsel, Supervisor Boitano, Mr. Lennox, and Mr. Murdock will meet in January 2015 to develop an appeal to the State EMS Commission. Mr. Murdock is putting together a timeline. The current process is somewhat undefined, but several EMS Agencies throughout the State are engaged in similar appeal filings.

The Board recommended taking the situation to CSAC and to RCRC. Mr. Murdock will provide a summary of the issue at the February JPA BOD meeting.

J. FY 14/15 Inspironix Services

Mr. Murdock reported it is in the best interests of the Agency to retain Inspironix on an as needed basis vendor without a specific contractual agreement.

K. Advanced EMT Course

Mr. Murdock reviewed the parameters of the Advanced EMT Course for Calaveras County and reported there are 9 applicants as of the end of the initial filing deadline. The application deadline has been extended to January 9, 2014 in hopes of gaining some additional students. Brian Dickson is the spokesperson for the program and he is developing a presentation for the Fire Boards.

L. Community Paramedicine Pilot Project

Mr. Murdock reported OSHPD approved the Community Paramedicine Pilot Project on 11/14/14 with some modifications. Paramedics selected for the program are from AMR in Stanislaus County and have recently completed CERT. Core classes will begin in mid-January 2015 at Modesto Junior College in partnership with UCLA. The work of the Pilot Project begins immediately and is exempt from current regulations defining paramedic scope of practice. Data will be collected and reported for one year.

M. Agency and County Reports

Alpine County – No report.

Amador County – Mule Creek State Prison is doubling its size. Mr. Lennox reported the ground ambulance and air ambulance tickets were merged to give citizens a choice between the individual ticket for ALA or a group ticket that includes air ambulance service from PHI, CalStar or Reach. ALA sent 4 paramedics to Loyola University Chicago for the Critical Care Transport course. These paramedics will be used when nurses are not available in critical care transports. Effective 1/1/15, the existing ALA Operations Manager, Nicole Vasquez will manage Calaveras County responses and a second Operations Manager, Michelle Clark, will manage Amador County responses.

Calaveras County – There are two new supervisors replacing Merita Callaway and Darren Spellman.

Mariposa County - There are two new supervisors. The County Health Officer, Dr. Mosher, is retiring on 12/31/14. The County hopes to have a replacement in a couple of weeks.

Stanislaus County – In January 2015, LAFCO will present the results of its municipal service review of three hospital districts in the County.

N. Next Scheduled Meeting

February 11, 2015, 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

O. Adjournment

Chairman Boitano adjourned the meeting at 10:05 AM.