

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 1, 2014**

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

Time: 9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Terry Woodrow – Alpine County; John Plasse (Alternate) – Amador County; Debbie Ponte – Calaveras County; Jim DeMartini – Stanislaus County

Board Members Absent: Louis Boitano – Amador County (Chair); John Carrier – Mariposa County (Vice-Chair)

Guests: Michael Murray; Brian Dickson; Keith Cantrell

Staff: Richard Murdock - Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/Financial Services Assistant; Lance Doyle – Quality Improvement Coordinator

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Supervisor Jim DeMartini with a quorum of members present. In the absence of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the Board members present selected an Acting Chair to preside over this meeting.

M/S/C (Woodrow/Plasse) To Appoint Supervisor Jim DeMartini the Acting Chair to conduct the meeting.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

B. Welcome and Introductions

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

C. Correspondence

None.

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

Mr. Murdock requested removal of Item M, FY 14/15 Inspironix Contract.

Mr. Murdock requested removal of Item R, Executive Session.

Mr. Murdock requested removal of Item S, Results of Executive Session.

E. Public Forum

None.

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

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

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

G. FY 12/13 Financial Audit Report

Ms. Watson presented a summary of the FY 12/13 Financial Audit Report prepared by Fechter & Company, Certified Public Accountants.

M/S/C (Plasse/Woodrow) To Accept the FY 12/13 Financial Audit Report.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

H. FY 14/15 EMS Authority Regional Agreement

Mr. Murdock presented the provisions of the FY 14/15 EMS Authority Regional Agreement, highlighting several differences from prior years that became effective on July 1, 2014. Systemic data reporting challenges involving the state and federal EMS Information System databases as well as new performance evaluation assessments highlighted the discussion of the new contract.

M/S/C (Woodrow/Plasse) To Approve the FY 14/15 EMS Authority Regional Agreement and sign a Board Resolution indicating the approval.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

I. California Department of Public Health Agreement for Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) Grant Funding

Mr. Murdock reviewed the provisions of the new agreement with the California Department of Public Health to fund the Agency's participation in the Hospital Preparedness Program. The agreement is for a period of three years and will expire on June 30, 2017.

M/S/C (Plasse/Woodrow) To Approve the Agreement, Authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract, and sign a Board Resolution citing this action.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

J. Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement for Copperopolis Fire Protection District

Mr. Murdock discussed the renewal of the Advanced Life Support First Responder Agreement for Copperopolis Fire Protection District. Some minor contract language changes

include a provision for the Fire Protection District to enter into a mutual aid agreement with American Legion Ambulance that describes certain occasions when the ambulance provider can use the fire district's ambulance to transport a patient.

M/S/C (Woodrow/Ponte) To Approve the Agreement and Authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

K. EMS Aircraft Services Agreement for California Shock Trauma Air Rescue (CALSTAR)

Mr. Murdock explained minor changes to the agreement renewal with California Shock Trauma Air Rescue. Amador County Counsel has reviewed the agreement and approved it as to form.

M/S/C (Plasse/Ponte) To Approve the Agreement and Authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

L. BLS Agreement for NORCAL Ambulance Services in Stanislaus County

Mr. Murdock introduced the new agreement with NORCAL Ambulance for Basic Life Support Non-Emergency ambulance services in Stanislaus County. The agreement is pending approval from the Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Committee (EMSC) and has an effective date of November 1, 2014. Supervisor DeMartini noted the unusual request that the Board approve this agreement contingent upon approval by the EMSC.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Woodrow) To Approve the Agreement and Authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract, contingent upon approval of the agreement by the Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Committee.

Vote: 4-0

Motion Passed

M. FY 14/15 Inspironix Contract

Item Removed.

N. American Legion Ambulance Contract in Amador County

Mr. Murdock reported the agreement between the Agency and American Legion Ambulance for services in Amador County remains under review and discussion. Changes in population density prompted new response area maps to be produced. Potential impact to call response times and the imposition of Code 2 response time standards are main topics of negotiation at this time.

As ambulance provider contracts are expiring, the Agency is using a phased-in approach to improve contract language to meet national industry standards. Supervisor Ponte noted the need to educate the public and help improve perception/expectations of the 911 response system, particularly in remote areas.

O. Advanced EMT Course

Mr. Murdock updated the Board on the status of the beta-test for this course in Calaveras County. Mr. Murdock is the program director. Dr. Mackey is the Medical Director. The curriculum and location is in place. Mark Twain Medical Center is using some grant funding to provide seats in the class for students from the fire agencies. The first 9-week course begins in December 2014.

P. Community Paramedicine Pilot Project

Mr. Murdock described the Community Paramedicine Pilot Project planned for Stanislaus County. A select group of AMR paramedics will be trained to make a determination on-scene if a behavioral health patient can be medically cleared and transported to a behavioral health center, rather than a hospital Emergency Department. This would reduce the patient load in emergency rooms and have a positive impact on the overall prehospital EMS system.

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) will issue its final decision regarding Pilot Study approval by early November 2014. The ultimate hope of the project is to change state law regarding Paramedic scope of practice.

Q. Calaveras RFP

Mr. Murdock said the end of the Calaveras RFP process is approaching. The evaluators have completed their work. There was no competition in the zones. Notice of Intent letters have been sent to Ebbetts Pass Fire District and American Legion Ambulance. The agreements are currently being developed.

R. Executive Session

Item removed.

S. Result of Executive Session

Item removed.

T. Agency and County Reports

Alpine County – No report.

Amador County – No report.

Calaveras County – The county is pleased with the RFP process.

Stanislaus County – Future JPA BOD meetings should adhere to the original schedule.

Meeting agendas need to be received NLT the Friday before each meeting.

U. Next Scheduled Meeting

December 10, 2014, 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

V. Adjournment

Acting Chair DeMartini adjourned the meeting at 10:35 AM.