

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 15, 2021

1:00 PM

Via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Sergienko, Nanette Wardle, John Morgan, Katrina Poitras

STAFF: Jim Whitworth, Justin Murdock

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nanette Wardle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM. There was not a quorum present.

B. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

All meeting participants introduced themselves.

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No quorum present to approve the agenda.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No quorum present to approve the minutes.

F. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Nanette Wardle

Gonzalo Tafoya is the new CNO so there will be several upcoming changes under his leadership.

Several candidates have been interviewed for the new ER Acute Manager position with the selection expected in the next week or so.

The hospital is continuing preparations that have been in place to take care of COVID patients. The negative pressure tent is being moved from the front lawn to behind the Emergency Department. It can be used for surge and minor COVID patients. There will not be any COVID patients admitted to the hospital if at all possible because the SNF has been moved back into some shared hallways with acute, so the potential for cross-contamination exists.

- HPP Grant Discussion
 - Still working to spend down the COVID grant funding. Looking at buying a couple of negative pressure units for ED and for acute.

- Working on purchasing a couple of portable satellite WiFi units for the ambulances to use when they are in areas of limited communications.
- Merced contracted with LA County to write the pediatric surge plan and burn surge plan. Nanette will bring those plans to the June meeting for review and begin work on an exercise or training to acquaint stakeholders with both plans.

2. **MCSO** – Not Present

3. **American Red Cross** – Katrina Poitras

The organization is starting to get ready for fire season.

The annual “Sound the Alarm” is being done virtually this year. They are trying to get 100 homes made safer via phone call. Volunteers are needed to make 5 phone calls to family and friends. Training and materials will be provided.

Nanette requested the information be sent to her.

4. **CHP** – Not Present

5. **MCHHSA** – Dr. Sergienko

Rob Smith is the new public health emergency preparedness person. He has a real strength in EMS and is getting up to speed on the EF8 and MHOAC functions. He should be ready for fire season.

EMS Continuing Education will be back to in-person on the third Wednesday of each month. They will meet in the HHS building.

6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – Chief Morgan

Karen Wilson retired from the fire department. He is not sure at what capacity she would continue with this group.

Did the Greeley Hill clinic open yet? Nanette said they were still waiting on an inspection and then will be ready to reopen.

7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Not Present

8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Not Present

9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth

The Agency continues to help out and fill in where needed in the MHOAC role in all of our member counties. Regular work is resuming where possible in the Quality Improvement, Stroke and STEMI roles.

The Mobile Simulation Lab is up and going. The Agency is planning to get the lab to Mariposa on the date of the next EMCC meeting. The coordinator for the Sim Lab program is Michael Vitro.

10. **YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC** – Not Present

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not Present

12. **NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not Present

13. **SOUTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not Present

G. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, June 17, 2021 at 1:00 PM

There was general discussion on how to update the membership and re-engage the Committee members. Nanette Wardle will reach out to the members and update their representative/alternate information and see if changes need to be appointed through the Board of Supervisors.

It was felt a return to an in-person meeting in June would attract more people to participate.

Dr. Sergienko suggested he, Rob Smith and Nanette Wardle meet to go over the list by the end of April and then move forward with a consent item for the Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

H. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.