

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

June 17, 2021

1:00 PM

MPUD Fire Station
5273 Highway 49 N
Mariposa, CA 95338

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Sergienko, Nanette Wardle, Scott Deaver, Justin Lang, Rob Smith, Karen Wilson, Preston Smith

STAFF: Jim Whitworth, Justin Murdock, Mike Vitro

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nanette Wardle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

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

All meeting participants introduced themselves.

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Dr. Sergienko/Karen Wilson) To approve the agenda.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C (Dr. Sergienko/Justin Lang) To approve the minutes from February 20, 2020; June 18, 2020; August 20, 2020; October 15, 2020; February 18, 2021 and April 15, 2021 with a name spelling correction noted for Gonzalo Tafoya in the minutes from April 15, 2021.

Motion Passed.

F. **REVIEW of COMMITTEE CONSTITUENCY AND MEMBERSHIP**

Nanette Wardle reported there had been discussion with Dr. Sergienko and Rob Smith regarding Committee membership. Yosemite National Park and Yosemite Medical Clinic will be added but it requires preparation of an item for the Board of Supervisors to approve. The item would also include update and renewal of existing members. Membership for the Sheriff's Office, CalFire, County Fire, South County Representative, and the Physician Representative all need to be updated. Nanette would like to add a second alternate for John C. Fremont hospital. Potential candidates for these positions were identified and will be contacted to gauge interest.

The Committee asked to continue offering a call-in or Zoom meeting option for attendees.

Nanette shared the Sheriff's Office is no longer available on the third Thursday of the month. A new meeting location or meeting dates and times should be considered. The Committee discussed alternative meeting dates and chose to move forward with the fourth Thursday every other month beginning in August 2021.

M/S/C (Dr. Sergienko/Justin Lang) To move the meeting times of the EMCC to the fourth Thursday every other month.

G. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Nanette Wardle

The new ED Manager is Paula Rhodes. She was unable to attend today, but will attend the August meeting. She has a lot of background in EMS and brings much energy to her new position at John C. Fremont.

- **HPP Grant Discussion**

- The allocation is \$124,000.
- Requests are being accepted for training or equipment that fall into the capabilities in the HPP grant.
- Dr. Sergienko asked if some of the funding could be set aside for travel nurses to receive MICN training.
- Dr, Sergienko also said the grant should re-address the MCI plan, training and exercise which were sidelined due to the COVID-19 response. Hiring an outside consultant to prepare and lead the exercise would be a good idea.
- For the Merced-Mariposa Health Care Coalition, two annexes for pediatric surge and burn surge were written as deliverables for the grant. On July 28, 2021 Merced will host a tabletop exercise for the pediatric surge. Nanette can provide both the annex and the exercise invitation to anyone interested.

2. **MCSO** – Not Present

3. **American Red Cross** – Not Present

4. **CHP** – Not Present

5. **MCHHSA** – Dr. Sergienko

Rob Smith is the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Coordinator and doing a great job.

EMS Continuing Education is back to regularly meeting in-person on the third Wednesday of each month. Classes meet from 1800 hrs to 2000 hrs in the Health and Human Services building.

COVID-19 is winding down in terms of response requirements.

6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – Scott Deaver

The departments are fully staffed for fire season among several personnel changes and promotions.

The question was asked regarding what time of year the MCI exercise will take place. Dr. Sergienko estimated in early 2022 before the fire season starts up.

Dr. Sergienko asked if CalFire is considering carrying Naloxone on the engines. Scott Deaver replied County Fire was looking at that, but he will have to check with State and get back to the Committee.

CalFire is working with Mercy Air to give them a dispatch as a heads up that they will be calling. The dispatch procedures will be stepped through and give them more pre-flight time as preparation for a faster response.

7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Preston Smith
No report.

8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Justin Lang
The LUCAS II will be in service by the end of next week.

Restaffing efforts are underway.

If a ground ambulance has a greater than 50 minute or extended response time, Mercy Air is willing to be used as a back-up resource.

9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth
The Agency continues to collaborate with Mariposa County and touches base with Rob Smith every couple of weeks. The Agency is ready to help where needed in the COVID-19 response.

There has been a leadership change at Mountain-Valley EMS Agency. Cindy Murdaugh is the Interim Executive Director until further notice.

The Mobile Simulation Lab is here today for a demonstration. Mike Vitro will conduct the walk-through and answer questions. Committee members were encouraged to book a Sim Lab session. Dr. Sergienko would like to have the Sim Lab at the Continuing Education classes occasionally. Nanette Wardle asked if hospital staff can be training as well. Mike Vitro indicated it would be appropriate for MICNs.

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

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not Present

12. **NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE** – Karen Wilson
The Greeley Hill Clinic has not yet opened. Nanette Wardle will ask the hospital for the status of the project.

Gonzalo Tafoya has passed most of the AHA training courses over to Karen Wilson. More instructors are needed. A few training supplies are still needed if grant funds can

be used to help with this. Justin Lang noted he has some expired items that could be used for training purposes as well. Nanette Wardle said she would check to see if grant funds can be used for any remaining items needed.

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

H. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM

I. **ADJOURNMENT** – Chairperson Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:43 PM.