

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

February 20, 2020

1:00 PM

SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE
5099 Old Hwy N
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle, Morris Jones, Karen Wilson, Esther McIlvain, Preston Smith, Chris Ramirez, John Morgan, Heather Geske, Adam Tolbert, Jesse Figueroa, Tom Wilkinson

STAFF: Jim Whitworth

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nanette Wardle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with a quorum present.

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

Self-introductions were made by all participants.

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Jesse Figueroa/Karen Wilson) To approve the agenda as written.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C (Jesse Figueroa/Karen Wilson) To approve the minutes from December 19, 2019.

F. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Nanette Wardle

Prior to this meeting there was some discussion about training for:

- Hospital Incident Command System
- Workplace Violence
- Upcoming Course in Anniston: Frame for Healthcare Emergency Management

Present Coronavirus precautions include:

- Signs up for all presenting patients to stay outside.
- If they come inside, the receptionist will interview for possible exposure to COVID-19. If positive answers, the patient is immediately given a mask and sent back outside.

- Using Room 4 as an isolation area. The room contains the HEPA filter. The door stays closed. The nurse will don all PPE and bring the patient inside. Staff contacts limited to MD, Nurse, Respiratory Therapy, and Imaging.
- Signage on the back door if there is an isolation patient being treated. EMS crews should not come through the door if the signage is present. Alternative entry is through the North Door or through the lobby.
- PPE supplies are being monitored. There are some HPP stores of PPE.
- FIT Testing can be done at the hospital.
- For the Greeley Hill clinic, there were some plans to put a modular clinic in the parking lot. However, another option came up that may make it possible to restore the original clinic location to full function in 2-3 months.
- The hospital has a Negative Pressure Unit that is a tent. It would be used if there were a need to house an isolation patient for any length of time. There will be ongoing discussion on the location and safety concerns.

There was some committee discussion regarding the availability and use of Ketamine at the hospital and in the field.

- HPP Grant Discussion – Nanette Wardle
 - No report
2. **MCSO** – Chris Ramirez
 - New Area Commander at CHP is Gill Pearsall from Fresno.
 3. **American Red Cross** – Not present
 4. **CHP** – Not present
 5. **MCHHSA** – Morris Jones
 - COVID-19 situation is being actively monitored.
 6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – John Morgan
 - Cal Fire/County Fire has moved forward with the Public Safety First Aid training standard and are seriously looking at trying to get Narcan on the engines.
 - Some discussion evolved around getting additional Narcan. Present supply is expired.
 7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Jesse Figueroa
 - No report.

8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Esther McIlvain

- No blood updates.
- All have been trained on the LUCAS device.
- For staffing, one paramedic and one nurse are needed; but the schedule is 100% full.

9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth

- The Agency extended the recruiting for an EMS Critical Care Coordinator and an EMS Education/Disaster Coordinator to February 14, 2020 and updated the flyers to include nurse level applicants as well.
- The EMS Education Coordinator will be developing a mobile training simulation lab for all five member counties. The Agency's high-fidelity manikin will be placed in the back of an ambulance and taken onsite to provide training for stakeholders to include fire agencies, ground and air ambulance providers.
- The Agency has established a workgroup to go through every clinical policy and protocol during 2020 to update the format and the language.

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

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

12. **NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE** – Karen Wilson

- There was an active shooter incident on Valentine's Day. Since then several citizens have asked for some training.
- Chris Ramirez said STAR has some community group-oriented presentations available for various age groups.

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

G. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, April 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM

H. **ADJOURNMENT** – Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:24 PM.