

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

December 19, 2019

1:00 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle, Morris Jones, Karen Wilson, Justin Lang, Esther McIlvain, Eric McWeeney, Preston Smith, Chip Griffin, Nick Munoz, Chris Ramirez, John Morgan

STAFF: Jim Whitworth, Dr. Greg Kann

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nanette Wardle called the meeting to order at 1:04 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 (Karen Wilson/Chip Griffin) To approve the agenda as written.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Item 10 – Medical Director Name should be spelled Keren Hilgar.

M/S/C (Karen Wilson/Preston Smith) To approve the minutes from October 17, 2019.

F. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Nanette Wardle

The hospital is working on getting an MRI trailer placed permanently on site.

- HPP Grant Discussion – Nanette Wardle

- There was some discussion about the Statewide Medical Health Exercise.
- With Merced County there is a requirement to have a pediatric surge plan. Nanette will be working with the coalition and will bring the draft document to the EMCC as well.

2. **MCSO** – Chris Ramirez
 - No report
 - Jim Whitworth asked if the Sheriff's deputies are carrying Narcan. Chris Ramirez responded it is being carried by all of the patrol deputies, sergeants and administrators. There have not been any administrations.
3. **American Red Cross** – Not present
4. **CHP** – Not present
5. **MCHHSA** – Morris Jones
 - No report
6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – John Morgan
 - With County Fire under the umbrella CalFire, County Fire is moving their base medical training level to Public Safety First Aid for the volunteer firefighters.
 - EMRs and EMTs are encouraged to maintain their levels of training and certification.
7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Preston Smith
 - There is a new PCR program.
8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Esther McIlvain
 - In the process of getting blood. The refrigerator, cooler and freezer are set up. There is a current saline trial to prove to the Red Cross that the blood can be kept in the proper temperature range. Expect to have blood on the aircraft in January 2020.
 - Currently being trained on the LUCAS device so they can transport an arresting patient.
 - Out-of-pocket cost average for patients flown out of Mariposa County is \$136 based on the work the patient advocates are able to do with the insurance companies.
 - Committee discussion addressed logistics of using the LUCAS device in flight as well as protocols/jurisdiction for administering thrombolytics to treat critical cardiac patients in and out of Yosemite National Park. Jim Whitworth invited the air ambulance and Park Clinic representatives to attend the regional STEMI and Stroke meetings at MVEMSA in January 2020.
9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth
 - The Agency is recruiting for an EMS Critical Care Coordinator and an EMS Education/Disaster Coordinator. Both are paramedic level positions and the recruitment flyers close on January 31, 2020.

10. **YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC** – Chip Griffin

- The clinic has ramped up its emergency medical care capability. Some new equipment has been purchased to improve capabilities.
- Dr. Hilgar has been reaching out to her professional affiliations to academic medical centers to provide some training and bring in some residents and fellows in wilderness medicine to do patient care.
- The Committee is invited to hold one of its meetings in the Park.
- The EMS Operations Supervisor position is currently vacant. Hiring is expected within the next few months.
- Jim Whitworth requested a copy of the updated protocol book.
- Commander Nick Munoz was introduced as a Public Health Service Officer serving in the clinic.

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

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

- Residents in the Greeley Hill area are still waiting for a replacement clinic.
- Nanette Wardle said the hospital is looking at a school and still waiting for building approval before moving forward.

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

G. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, February 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM

H. **ADJOURNMENT** – Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:46 PM.