

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

August 15, 2019

1:00 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle, Tom Wilkinson, Preston Smith, Karen Wilson, Dr. Sergienko, Chris Ramirez, Rick Lindgren, Steven Lewis, Justin Lang, Jesse Figueroa, Morris Jones.

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 (Dr. Sergienko/Karen Wilson) To approve the agenda as written.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

M/S/C (Dr. Sergienko/Karen Wilson) To approve all past minutes as written.

F. **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON**

Jesse Figueroa reported the committee has selected Nanette Wardle and Dr. Sergienko as the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, but the committee wants to leave the choice of role to each candidate. Nanette Wardle stated she is willing to continue as Chairperson.

M/S/C (Jesse Figueroa/Chris Ramirez) To appoint Nanette Wardle as Chairperson and Dr. Sergienko as Vice-Chairperson.

G. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Tom Wilkinson

The hospital is in the midst of rearranging. Tom Wilkinson is now the CNO, but is continuing as ED Manager while a recruitment process for that role is underway.

There was a fire in April 2019 at the Greeley Hill clinic which closed the building. Patients were encouraged to come over to Mariposa if possible; and some in-home visits were performed as well.

The hospital is pursuing another building, but the timeframe is unknown at this time.

- HPP Grant Discussion – Nanette Wardle
  - The approved budget has not yet been received from CDPH-EPO.
  - In the budget there are some satellite phones for Mercy Ambulance.
  - The grant is requiring more exercises. This year there has to be a pediatric surge drill. In subsequent years there will be medical surge drills based on other scenarios.
  - CMS has also published regulations that direct the hospital to conduct two exercises a year. One can be a tabletop exercise but the other has to be a functional or full-scale drill that is community-based.
  - EMCC members were asked if they have additional requirements for exercises, but it was concluded that some groundwork research is needed first regarding the grant requirements before decisions are made on which kind of training drills to develop in Committee discussions.
- 2. **MCSO** – Chris Ramirez
  - No report
  - Dr. Sergienko discussed exposure of First Responders to a type of organo-phosphates during seizure operations of illegal marijuana operations.
  - Nannette shared the hospital has a hazmat tent and PPE suits that were purchased through the grant in past years. There is group hazmat training available at Anniston.
  - Dr. Sergienko encouraged awareness training for EMS and Fire first responders.
  - Committee discussion continued regarding the County compliance requirements and law enforcement procedures regarding marijuana growing operations.
- 3. **American Red Cross** – Not present
- 4. **CHP** – Rick Lindren
  - No report
- 5. **MCHHSA** – Dr. Sergienko
  - Public Health will be doing a regional exercise in November 2019. The scenario will be an agricultural animal illness crossover to human disease in a functional exercise.

6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – Karen Wilson

- Karen Wilson reported for County Fire:
  - There will be some training on sepsis recognition at the end of the year.
  - Training will be developed now for hazardous material exposures to organo-phosphates.

7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Jesse Figueroa

No report.

8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Justin Lang

No report.

9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth

- The Agency has been working with a mapping consultant to identify population density within Mariposa County for EMS response.
- The mapping ties into the Agency's request for FirstWatch which is a compliance tool for response compliance for ambulances. There has been a good collaboration with MMU.
- Dr. Greg Kann has been hired as the Agency Medical Director effective September 1, 2019. Dr. Mackey will stay on for a transition period. Dr. Kann will attend the EMCC meeting in December and be introduced to the Committee.

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

Dr. Sergienko reported Craig Babalian is leaving the clinic to join the State Department to work on anti-terrorism EMS casualty response. The clinic has been operating in a primary care model and have shifted focus back to an urgent care model. The physician has been switched from a Family Practice physician to an ER physician. The clinic is trying to move toward service seven days a week.

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

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

- No report

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

H. **NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 1:00 PM**

I. **ADJOURNMENT** – Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.