

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

April 4, 2019
1:00 PM

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle, Jesse Figueroa, Gonzalo Tafoya, Karen Wilson, Kristina Allen, Craig Balbalian, Morris Jones, Jeremy Brieze, Steven Lewis

STAFF: Jim Whitworth

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

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**

There was no quorum present to approve the agenda.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There was no quorum present to approve the minutes.

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

Tabled as the nomination committee has not been able to meet.

G. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Gonzalo Tafoya
No report.

- HPP Grant Discussion – Nanette Wardle
 - The Hazard Vulnerability Analysis is currently being updated per the CMS annual requirement.
 - Mass Casualty drill and training will probably be scheduled for Fall 2019 along with an active shooter exercise.

2. **MCSO** – Jeremy Brieze
No report.

3. **American Red Cross** – Not present
4. **CHP** – Steven Lewis
No report.
5. **MCHHSA** – Kristina Allen
 - There are a lot of grants available now to help fight the opioid crisis, so the health department will be collecting data from the hospital and Mercy Ambulance to help support a possible funding application.
 - The County opioid response team continues to meet monthly.
 - An access point grant application has been submitted to help refurbish the jail medical room to serve inmates going through withdrawal.
 - Committee discussion focused on general opioid crisis mitigation measures available to the County as well as the logistics of storage, distribution and replenishment of Narcan supplies.
6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – Not present
7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Jesse Figueroa
No report.
8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Gonzalo Tafoya
 - The Satellite Air helicopter is regularly seen at the hospital as opposed to the Mercy Air helicopter.
 - Air Methods owns both Mercy Air and Satellite Air.
 - Jim Whitworth requested questions regarding staffing be directed to him.
 - Craig Balbalian requested a point of contact for Air Methods so the Park can confirm if night vision capability exists and Air Methods can be called for an alternative to PHI if needed.
9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth
 - The State adopted several new EMT skills which the Agency Medical Director agreed to include intramuscular administration of Narcan, Epipen administration, glucometer checks and the placement of an I-Gel or King airway.
 - Train-the trainer will be rolled out in the next month or so.
 - A paramedic must give the training to the EMTs initially.
 - All training must be completed by July 1, 2019 or the EMT will not be able to recertify.
 - The Agency is currently in an RFP process in Calaveras County and has hired a GIS Consultant to look at response criteria. That same consultant will be hired to look at the response criteria in Mariposa County as the ambulance provider contract is updated for Mercy Ambulance.

- The Agency has also started discussions for FirstWatch to be implemented into the dispatch center in Mariposa. This will eventually lead to FirstPass, a clinical platform so the Agency can look at indicators regionally rather than just in individual counties.

10. **YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC** – Craig Balbalian

- The Park is in the process of recruiting a US Public Service Health Officer to be the new medical director. The present director will leave in August 2019.
- Public Health Service Nurse Jennifer Marshall (formerly Jennifer Liggett) has been replaced by Nurse Practitioner, Nick Nunez. His contact information is nick_nunez@nps.gov
- There are six ALS ambulances in the Park.
 - Two in Yosemite Valley are staffed 24/7/365
 - Others are staffed by Law Enforcement officers who have EMS as a collateral duty.
 - Nanette Wardle requested the ambulance information to be added into the MCI Plan.
- There is still a lot of snow in the Park. It will be a high water year once the snow pack starts melting. Drownings are the number one cause of death in the Park.

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

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

- County Fire will be moving their headquarters and all their training to the Spring Hill campus in July 2019. CalFire will be located there as well.
- County Fire is thinking about moving from EMR to Public Safety First Aid and is working with Mountain-Valley EMS Agency to gain approval.
- In North County, all eleven employees at Greeley Hill Elementary School have been recertified in CPR. The school is trying to get an AED to place on the campus. One is presently available at the Community Center.
- Private community CPR classes are not routinely available in Mariposa County, but County Fire can schedule a class based on public demand.
- The present academy classes are about halfway done.

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

H. **NEXT MEETING** – Nanette Wardle

Dr. Sergienko has a Health Officers meeting in Sacramento on the first Thursday of the month and has asked this Committee to consider meeting a different day. Comparing schedules, the third Thursday of the month looks possible. Committee discussion supported this change. There will be a possible vote by email. For now, the next meeting will be:

Thursday, June 20, 2019 at 1:00 PM

I. **ADJOURNMENT** - Chairperson Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:39 PM.