

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

October 4, 2018

1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Sergienko, Morris Jones, Rob Smith, Heather Geske, Steve Crabtree, John Morgan, Anthony Lassos, Chip Griffin, Karen Wilson, Katrina Poitras

STAFF: Jim Whitworth

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Dr. Eric Sergienko. In the absence of a quorum it was an informational meeting only.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Committee members were welcomed and self-introductions were conducted.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tabled for lack of quorum.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Tabled for lack of quorum.

F. REVIEW OF COMMITTEE CONSTITUENCY AND MEMBERSHIP

Tabled for lack of quorum.

G. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING SUBCOMMITTEE

Tabled for lack of quorum.

H. MASS CASUALTY PLAN WORKING GROUP

Dr. Sergienko reviewed the attempts of the working group to convene over the past months. Mountain-Valley EMS Agency offered to take the lead on editing the medical/health portion of the County Mass Casualty Plan.

Jim Whitworth explained the Agency's methodology in reviewing and editing the plan. Copies were provided to the meeting attendees. John C. Fremont Hospital, Mariposa County Fire, Yosemite Medical Clinic, and the Health Department were asked to review and update the equipment / ambulance/ bus tables as appropriate. The document will be discussed again on November 8, 2018 during the Healthcare Coalition, so any comments and suggestions should be provided to the Agency by November 1, 2018.

Dr. Sergienko raised the question of what constitutes a mutual aid request through the CalFire dispatch system versus the trigger to escalate to a request for an ambulance strike team through the MHOAC process. Should there be a planning assumption for the trigger included in the County Mass Casualty Plan? A possible trigger could be an ambulance strike team would be needed if number of immediate patients exceeded 6. Jim Whitworth reminded the group the plan should align with the MCI Activation Policy and such a trigger should exist in both documents.

The plan will again be reviewed at the December 6, 2018 EMCC meeting and there will be a tabletop exercise as well.

I. REPORTS:

A. JCFHCD:

- HPP Grant Discussion – Dr. Sergienko
 - There will be some limited participation in the Statewide Medical Health Exercise via a tabletop exercise on November 15, 2018. It is a communicable disease theme so there will be little EMS involvement.
 - There will be an active shooter training for hospital employees to include a law enforcement representative and EMS representative. There have been some threats against the clinic which warrant the training.
 - Morris Jones and Nanette Wardle are going to Anniston, Alabama in late October 2018 for hospital preparedness training.

B. MCSO:

- Not present.

C. American Red Cross:

- Katrina Poitras to meet with Dr. Sergienko to review the role of ARC in the EMCC.

D. CHP:

- Sergeant Lassos will provide the email contact for the training officer from CHP for active shooter training.
- Sergeant Lassos is retiring next month so a different representative will be assigned to this committee.
- Due to the burn scars from the wildfires, CalTrans closes Highway 140 as storm cells come through the river canyon. This is for protection from possible landslides. Impact on EMS may involve additional use of air resources.

E. MCHD:

- No Report

F. CAL FIRE / COUNTY FIRE:

- John Morgan stated Narcan is still not in use at this time. County Fire still needs to create policy on this topic.

G. MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT:

- Not present.

H. AIR AMBULANCE:

- Steve Crabtree explained Air Methods is taking over the clinical operations in Mariposa County effective in November 2018. Heather Geske will be the local contact.

I. MVEMSA:

- Lance Doyle has been promoted to the Agency Executive Director.
- Dr. Katherine Shafer resigned her position as Agency Medical Director in early September 2018. Dr. Mackey is our Interim Medical Director for a period of six months.
- Jim Whitworth has been promoted to the Quality Improvement/Trauma Coordinator and will remain as a liaison with Mariposa County.
- The Agency is moving toward an online certification process that will be available soon.

J. YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC:

- Chip Griffin explained there are presently 4 ambulances active in the valley at this time.
- There have been recent seasonal changeovers in the paramedic staffing. The Park recently approved hiring of permanent paramedics to provide year-round continuity.
- Dr. Shafer had provided a memorandum to authorize patient handoffs from Park paramedic to ambulance paramedic at Badger Pass A-Frame. Jim Whitworth will coordinate with Dr. Mackey to verify if this arrangement is still acceptable.

K. PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE:

- Dr. Sergienko cited a different physician representative is needed as Dr. Rose has been unable to attend EMCC meetings.

L. NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE:

- Karen Wilson asked how the written exams for EMR training programs will be handled now that online certification will be offered by MVEMSA. Jim Whitworth will take that question back to the Agency for clarification.

M. SOUTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE:

- Not present

N. NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, December 6, 2018 at 1:00 PM

O. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 1:37 PM