

**Stanislaus County
Emergency Medical Services Committee
March 14, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Health Education and Conference Center
McHenry Village
1700 McHenry Ave., #60B
Modesto, CA 95350

Time: 2:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Paul Baxter, Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski, Toby Wells, Robert Ott, Dr. Niamh Seavy, Dan Cummins, Richard Murdock, Dr. Bruce Laverty

Committee Members Absent: Sharon Young, Bryan Whitemyer

Guests: Barry Hurd, Erik Klevmyer, Tim Tietjen

Staff: Lance Doyle – Executive Director, Cindy Murdaugh – Deputy Director, Tom Morton – Data Systems/Communications Coordinator, Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/ Financial Services Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by Chairman Paul Baxter with a quorum of six members present.

2. Introductions

Committee members, Agency staff, and audience provided introductions.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Lilly-Tengowski/Cummins) To approve the agenda as written.

Vote: 6-0

Motion Passed

4. Correspondence

There were five pieces of correspondence:

- a. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors letter, dated December 18, 2018, re-appointing Robert Ott to the Committee for a term expiring on 12/31/2021.
- b. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors letter, dated December 18, 2018, re-appointing Daniel Cummins to the Committee for a term expiring on 12/31/2021.
- c. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors letter, dated December 18, 2018, re-appointing Dr. Niamh Seavy to the Committee for a term expiring on 12/31/2021.
- d. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors letter, dated December 18, 2018, re-appointing Sharon Young to the Committee for a term expiring on 12/31/2021.
- e. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors letter, dated December 31, 2018, thanking Stephen Sterner for his service with the Committee.

5. Public Comment Period

None.

Let the record show Dr. Seavy arrived at 2:07 PM.

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6. Approval of Consent Calendar

Two consent items were discussed:

- a. Consent Item #2, Stanislaus County EMS System Report – December 2018 showed several areas of late responses for AMR. Lance Doyle explained there had been some staffing issues for a period of time but that the provider has since reinstated mandate staffing.
- b. Consent Item #5, System Enhancement Fund Application Tracking Log showed money still available for some of the designated projects. The Committee discussed options for returning unspent monies to the fund and requested the Agency bring this issue back to Committee on a future agenda.

M/S/C (Wells/Cummins) To approve the consent calendar items as submitted.

Vote: 7-0

Motion Passed

7. Committee Reports

- a) System Status – Barry Hurd

The System Status group today. There were no changes to the System Status Plan.

- b) SCHEPC – Susan Watson

The Coalition is restructuring its meetings to a quarterly report and education meeting supported by specific project workgroups who will meet monthly.

Chief Murdock shared that Chief Eric Holly will discuss the Stanislaus County Emergency Operations Plan at the April 1, 2019 meeting. The Pediatric Surge Work Plan will be exercised later this year.

- c) OES – Chief Murdock

There will be a Disaster Cost Recover Class in April 2018.

Water levels in the rivers feeding into Stanislaus County are currently being kept under monitoring stage. The Modesto shelter under the 9th Street bridge would need to be evacuated if the river levels become too high.

8. Agency Medical Director

Lance Doyle reported Dr. Mackey will be leaving Mountain-Valley EMS Agency as the Agency Medical Director. A recruitment process for the Agency Medical Director began on March 1, 2019. The first review of applicants will take place on April 1, 2019. Dr. Mackey has been extended through June 20, 2019 and will stay on a month or two for transition if needed.

Chief Murdock asked if Dr. Mackey will stay on as the alternate for the Community Paramedicine. Lance replied it is not necessary as the Western Institutional Review Board for the Community Paramedic Study has now expired and does not need to be renewed.

9. RFP Update

Lance Doyle presented an update of the RFP process for 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Services with ALS Transport and BLS Transport in Stanislaus County.

- a. After the last EMSC meeting, the RFP was approved by the Stanislaus Board of Supervisors and the Mountain-Valley EMS Agency JPA Board of Directors in February 2019. The RFP was released on February 14, 2019.
- b. One hundred twenty-five written questions were received and answered.

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- c. The Proposers Conference was held on March 8, 2019. Five eligible ambulance providers attended plus other local stakeholders.
 - 1) Paul Baxter confirmed it was a public meeting and requested the names of the six eligible providers. Lance recited AMR, Paramedics Plus, Falck, American Ambulance and Priority Ambulance.
 - 2) Paul Baxter asked if any of those providers other than AMR are in a reasonable geographic proximity to Stanislaus County. Lance replied that Falck is in Alameda County; American Ambulance is in Fresno; Paramedics Plus is not local but they do have operations in California; and Priority Ambulance is not in California, but it is not a prerequisite to bid. They are a large provider
- d. Deadline for Letters of Intent is March 15, 2019.
- e. Proposals are due April 15, 2019.
- f. Submitted proposals will go to a review committee with oral presentations on April 25, 2019.
- g. Notice of Intent to Award is scheduled for April 29, 2019.

Paul Baxter asked how long AMR has been extended with their current contract. Lance replied there were a total of three extension amendments with the current providers now extended through December 31, 2019. The Agency is still working with AMR to obtain signature on the most current extension amendment.

Let the record show Dr. Lavery arrived at 2:24 PM.

10. System Enhancement Fund Application

Lance Doyle presented an application from Mountain-Valley EMS Agency to use System Enhancement Funds for FirstWatch modifications needed to support the EMS System Integration resulting from the EMS system assessment and RFP. The Agency will be monitoring the compliance of fire departments as they will be an integrated part of the EMS system with a specific response time requirement. This requires building a FirstWatch Online Compliance Utility (OCU) for the fire departments. Additionally, the current ambulance OCU and reports must be updated to the new contract language. The amount of the request is \$77,694.00: \$10,000 to update the current ambulance provider OCU and \$67,694 to build out the Fire OCU to include three additional years of ongoing support and maintenance.

In Committee discussion, Chief Murdock raised the concern for fire first responders to see the difference between their arrival on scene and the arrival of an ambulance and asked if that information will be tied into a single incident number. Cindy Murdaugh explained CAD-to-CAD can link the two call records and FirstWatch can then pull the call to run reports.

Erik Klevmyer said the increased amount of medical dispatch information flooding the fire CAD screens makes it hard to see necessary fire information. Through further discussion it was determined that more work is needed to understand the specific pieces of information acceptable on the Fire CAD screen.

Lance emphasized that CAD-to-CAD is a mandatory requirement for the new system to go live on January 1, 2020. Otherwise it will not be possible to monitor / manage the integrated system. He will set up a workgroup to include Fire, VRECC and SR911 if one does not already exist and insert the Agency into the process.

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Chief Murdock requested the CAD-to-CAD update be added as a standing item on the EMSC meeting agenda,

Chief Murdock also requested an update on FirstPass. Tom Morton reported the quality indicators have all been built out as of yesterday. The next step is for the Local Quality Improvement Group to come up with a plan to validate those indicators.

M/S/C (Cummins/Murdock) To accept the application and recommend it be sent forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Vote: 7-0

Motion Passed

11. Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, June 13, 2019

12. Adjournment

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 2:41 PM.