

**Stanislaus County
Emergency Medical Services Committee
June 8, 2017
Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

Time: 2:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Dan Cummins, Dr. Bruce Laverty, Paul Baxter, Mary Ann Lee, Bryan Whitemyer, Robert Ott, Stephen Sterner

Committee Members Absent: Dr. Niamh Seavy, Dale Skiles, Sharon Young

Guests: John Korgan, Dr. Walker, Deborah Thrasher, John Brooks, Jim Ferrera, Adam French, Wendy Silva, Melissa Popnoe, Barry Hurd, Tim Tietjen, Mike Wapnowski, Erik Klevmyr, Gabe Mabita, Tom Lambert

Staff: Richard Murdock – Executive Director, Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/ Financial Services Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chairman Paul Baxter with a quorum of seven members present.

2. Introductions

Committee members, Agency staff, and audience provided introductions.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Richard Murdock requested removal of Agenda Item #11, EMT Regulations.

M/S/C (Cummins/Lee) To remove Agenda Item #11 and approve the agenda as revised.

Vote: 7-0

Motion Passed

4. Correspondence

There was one piece of correspondence:

Mountain-Valley EMS Agency letter dated June 2, 2017, requesting the Committee position for James Holgersson as the Urban City Administrator representative be vacated.

A nomination from the City Managers group to fill the Committee vacancy is currently being processed.

5. Public Comment Period

None.

6. Approval of Consent Calendar

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

Vote: 7-0

Motion Passed

7. Committee Reports

a) System Status – Richard Murdock

The June 2017 meeting was canceled and will reconvene in July 2017. There is no update.

- b) SCHEPC – Richard Murdock
- 1) Planning for the fall Statewide Medical Health Exercise has started.
 - 2) The Coalition has formed a Pediatric Surge Workgroup.
 - 3) Pre-season review of the County Health Plan has been completed.
 - 4) Currently closing out the EMS projects from the FY 16/17 HPP Grant are being completed to include the transition from an MCI to a Mass Casualty response; patient tracking and family reunification; and the transport of suspected Ebola patients via ambulance.
- c) OES
 No Report.

8. ALS First Responder Agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

Richard Murdock presented the components of the ALS First Responder Agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District, to include the rationale for entering into the agreement as an enhancement to the EMS system within the District's areas of service. The first ALS station will be at Station 26 in Riverbank. This is the busiest fire station and serves 26,000 residents.

There will be no change in scope and manner of work and the presence of an ALS First Responder engine company does not stop the response time clock for the ground ambulance providers. Fiscal costs will be handled within the Fire District operating budget. Supply replenishments will come from Oak Valley Hospital District.

The initial term of the agreement is aligned with the 2018 expiration date for the ground ambulance providers. Mountain-Valley EMS Agency will recommend approval of the agreement to the JPA Board of Directors.

M/S/C (Sterner/Whitemyer) To recommend approval of the ALS First Responder Agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District

Vote: 6-0 (Cummins recused)

Motion Passed

9. EMS Strategic Plan Development

Richard Murdock referred to the Project Status Report in the Consent Calendar to explain and review the present status of the EMS System Assessment, a first stage in the development of the County's EMS Strategic Plan.

Deb Thrasher of Health Services Agency is working in conjunction with Richard Murdock to develop the assessment. The data components are a combination of FirstWatch, OES and Fire data. The report will identify what the EMS system has now as well as the opportunities for improvement. The information will be presented to stakeholders on 7/31/17.

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Richard Murdock requested the Committee place a temporary freeze on access to System Enhancement Funds until the EMS Strategic Plan is developed. It was agreed that all eligible stakeholders would be notified via memo.

M/S/C (Whitemyer/Lee) To approve a temporary freeze on access to System Enhancement Funds until the EMS Strategic Plan is developed.

Vote: 7-0

Motion Passed

10. MVEMSA Medical Director

Richard Murdock reported that Dr. Mackey tendered a resignation as Agency Medical Director effective 6/30/17. He will stay on through 6/30/18 as an Assistant Medical Director to perform duties as the Lead Investigator for the Community Paramedic Program. Dr. Mackey will also lead the Ketamine Study.

The Agency is currently recruiting for a new Medical Director through EMSAAC and two physicians groups. There are presently two qualified candidates who work outside the MVEMSA member counties. The candidates will be reviewed with the Agency's JPA Board of Directors next week.

Stakeholders will be notified electronically when the new Medical Director is hired.

11. EMT Regulations – dropped from the Agenda

12. Community Paramedicine Program

Richard Murdock shared data from the current project from 9/1/15 through 6/7/17.

13. Community Paramedicine Legislation (AB 1650)

Richard Murdock explained the provisions of AB 1650. It was introduced on 2/17/17 by Assembly Member Mainschein but the sponsor has recently asked to change it to a 2-year bill. There will be no legislative movement until 2018.

The California Ambulance Association will work with Mainschein's staff to find common ground with opposition groups.

The EMS Authority will apply to OSHPD for another 1-year extension of the present Community Paramedicine projects.

Dr. Walker reported that Dr. Backer of the EMS Authority gave a detailed briefing to the Board of Health Officers, who were generally very supportive of the Community Paramedicine projects.

14. Next Meeting

Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 2:00 pm

15. Adjournment

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 2:53 pm.