

**Stanislaus County
Emergency Medical Services Committee
December 14, 2017
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, Dan Cummins, Dr. Bruce Laverty, Mary Ann Lee, Dale Skiles, Stephen Sterner, Toby Well, Bryan Whitemyer

Committee Members Absent: Robert Ott, Dr. Niamh Seavy, Sharon Young

Guests: Casey Comer, Chad Braner, Cindy Woolston, Deb Thrasher, Erik Klevmyer, Barry Hurd, John Brooks, Rich Silva, Christina Powers, Gene French, Tonya Rossi, Mike Wapnowski

Staff: Richard Murdock – Executive Director, Jim Whitworth – EMS Critical Care Coordinator, 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 eight members present.

2. Introductions

Committee members, Agency staff, and audience provided introductions.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Laverty/Lee) To approve the agenda as written.

Vote: 8-0

Motion Passed

4. Correspondence

There were two pieces of correspondence:

- Mountain-Valley EMS Agency letter dated November 7, 2017, requesting to vacate the position of the representative for County Administration.
- Mountain-Valley EMS Agency letter dated November 7, 2017, requesting the reappointment of Bryan Whitemyer as the representative for Rural City Administration.

5. Public Comment Period

None.

6. Approval of Consent Calendar

In response to the Committee's question, Richard Murdock explained the large increase in System Enhancement Funds received as an accumulation of invoices due to some further investigation by the Agency regarding exemption requests from AMR for some calls that occurred during the CAD upgrade.

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

Vote: 8-0

Motion Passed

7. **Committee Reports**

a) **System Status** – Cindy Woolston

The System Status Committee met last week and went over the standing agenda items. The Committee received an update from Richard Murdock on the County's EMS System Assessment and Strategic Planning presently in process.

b) **SCHEPC** – Jim Whitworth

There is a subcommittee working to identify gaps in the County if there were a pediatric surge. The project is in the data gathering phase at this point.

c) **OES** – Dale Skiles

- 1) Since the Sonoma and Napa fires, evacuation notifications and timing are a focus for evaluation. The State is trying to come up with a standardized system.
- 2) The State Mutual Aid Plan involves elements from Public Health, EMS, Fire and Law. It will likely be rewritten through the legislative process to better meet the demonstrated demands on the overall system.
- 3) The Threat Assessment Group met with all five hospitals looking at the surge capacity in the Emergency Departments. The prevailing question is what can be done collectively to mitigate the impact on the hospitals during the peak of the influenza season expected in January and February. Discussions are on-going.

8. **Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Service Agreement for Inter-Facility Transfers with Sacramento Valley Ambulance**

Richard Murdock presented the agreement for non-emergency ground ambulance inter-facility transfer service in Stanislaus County by Sacramento Valley Ambulance. The scope of work, regulatory and application requirements were explained and have been met by the provider.

The MVEMSA JPA Board of Directors approved the agreement on 12/13/17 contingent upon the approval of the agreement by the Stanislaus County EMSC.

In response to Committee discussion, Sacramento Valley Ambulance could only be called to serve in the 911 system temporarily if there were a State Declaration or Local Proclamation of Emergency.

M/S/C (Wells/Cummins) To approve the agreement with Sacramento Valley Ambulance to provide Non-Emergency Ground Ambulance Service for Inter-Facility Transfers.

Vote: 8-0

Motion Passed

9. **Ketamine Study**

Richard Murdock described the origin and purpose of the study to administer Ketamine as a pain medication for trauma patients. Agency Assistant Medical Director, Dr. Mackey developed the curriculum and presented it to the State EMS Authority. MVEMSA is hosting the study for the State. Jim Whitworth is the key lead for collecting the data. The expected implementation date is 2/1/18 and the study will last approximately 18 months. There are four counties outside of the MVEMSA region who are participating in the study.

Agency Medical Director, Dr. Shafer is providing the medical oversight. Most of the providers in Stanislaus County have signed on to participate. Pro-Transport is presently waiting on its Board for their approval. An updated report will be presented at the March 2018 EMSC meeting.

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10. Special Meeting

The Committee agreed to convene a Special Meeting on February 8, 2018 to receive a presentation of the EMS Strategic Plan. In Paul Baxter's absence, Mary Ann Lee will chair the meeting.

11. Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 2:00 pm

Paul Baxter and Richard Murdock thanked Chief Skiles for his long service to the County and to the Committee.

15. Adjournment

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 2:28 pm.