

**Mountain-Valley  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
February 13, 2019**

Location: Copperopolis Fire Station  
Training Room  
370 Main St.  
Copperopolis, CA 95228

Time: 9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Terry Woodrow (Chairperson) – Alpine County; Jeff Brown – Amador County; Gary Tofanelli – Calaveras County; Miles Menetrey – Mariposa County; Jim DeMartini (Vice-Chairperson) – Stanislaus County

Guests: Chief Alan Ernst, Ted Novelli, Alan McNany, Rob Lawrence

Staff: Lance Doyle – Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/Financial Services Assistant

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Vice-Chairperson DeMartini with a quorum of four members present.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

The Vice-Chairperson welcomed those present and self-introductions were conducted.

**C. Correspondence**

There were two pieces of correspondence:

- Letter dated January 15, 2019 from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors appointing Supervisor Miles Menetrey as the representative to the Agency and Supervisor Rosemarie Smallcombe as the alternate.
- Letter dated January 17, 2019 from the County of Alpine Office of the County Clerk, appointing Supervisor Terry Woodrow as the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Agency and appointing Supervisor David Griffith as the alternate.

**D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda**

There were no additions, deletions or corrections to the meeting agenda.

**E. Public Forum**

None

**F. Approval of Consent Calendar**

M/S/C (Tofanelli/Menetrey) To approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**G. Amendment to STEMI Receiving Center Agreement with Memorial Medical Center**

Mr. Doyle presented the second amendment to the STEMI Center Agreement with Memorial Medical Center to further extend the term thru September 30, 2019. The extension will allow enough time for legal review and resolution of an ongoing issue regarding naming the Agency and JPA Board of Directors as additional insured in the contractually required insurance coverage.

M/S/C (Tofanelli/Brown) To approve the Second Amendment to the STEMI Receiving Center Agreement with Memorial Medical Center and authorize the Executive Director to sign the agreement.

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

*Let the record show Chairperson Terry Woodrow arrived at 9:14 am and Vice-Chairperson DeMartini relinquished control of the meeting.*

**H. CARES Coordination Agreement with the County of Sonoma**

Mr. Doyle explained the Agency has been contributing Cardiac Arrest Survival data for the past four years under AMR's contract with the national database. The Agency relies on the database for reporting and quality improvement initiatives. Recently, the State of California joined the CARES database as a state and has named Sonoma County as its data manager. Local EMS Agencies are now required to enter into an agreement with Sonoma County in order to continue participation in the CARES database. There is an associated agreement fee comprised of both a base flat fee and a population-based fee. The fee will be updated annually.

M/S/C (Menetrey/Brown) To approve the CARES Coordination Agreement with the County of Sonoma and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**I. Amendment to FRALS Agreement with City of Modesto Fire Department**

Mr. Doyle reported the purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the present agreement thru December 31, 2019 and bring the renewal agreement in line with the new ambulance provider contracts expected to begin January 1, 2020.

Supervisor DeMartini affirmed the contract extension is needed.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Menetrey) To approve the Amendment to the FRALS Agreement with the City of Modesto Fire Department and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract extension.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**J. Amendment to FRALS Agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District**

Mr. Doyle reported the purpose of the amendment is to extend the term of the present agreement thru December 31, 2019 and bring the renewal agreement in line with the new ambulance provider contracts expected to begin January 1, 2020.

Supervisor DeMartini affirmed the contract extension is needed.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Menetrey) To approve the Amendment to the FRALS Agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract extension.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**K. Amendment to Agency Medical Director Agreement**

Mr. Doyle shared Dr. Kevin Mackey is not able to continue serving as the Agency Medical Director due to his contractual obligations with Sacramento Fire. He has agreed to stay through the recruitment and transition period for a new Medical Director. The amendment extends the present agreement thru June 30, 2019.

Recruitment for a new Medical Director will begin within a week.

M/S/C (Menetrey/Brown) To approve the Amendment to the Agency Medical Director Agreement with Dr. Kevin Mackey and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**L. Stanislaus County RFP**

Mr. Doyle gave a presentation on the RFP for Emergency Ground Ambulance Services in Stanislaus County. The history of the EMS System Assessment and EMS Strategic Plan were review as well as goals for the EMS System moving forward.

The work of the RFP Consultant was reviewed with an emphasis that the RFP was not a canned document, but rather has been developed from scratch in consideration of the EMS Strategic Plan, stakeholder interviews, fiscal analysis and the recommendations of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors.

Operational system enhancements will include the integration of the Fire Service into the EMS System; improved response time standards and compliance incentives; on scene restocking of disposable supplies by the ambulance provider for the responding fire agency; and a consolidation of non-exclusive operating zones into the contractual exclusive service area.

Clinical enhancements will include the integration of the Fire Service into the EMS System; shorter response times; clinical performance measurements through FirstPass; additional training and education for EMS personnel; and EMT Program with flexible hours to accommodate volunteer EMS fire service personnel at little to no cost to the volunteers; a mobile hands-on training to benefit all EMS providers; expanded quality improvement; and standardized electronic patient care reporting.

The penalty structure includes elimination of the per minute fines and will be based on a requirement of 90% zone compliance. All money collected from penalties will continue to be held in the System Enhancement Fund.

Future opportunities include community paramedicine; mental health alternative transport solutions; ALS and BLS transport ambulance priority response based on EMD; and nurse level triage protocols at the dispatch center.

In discussion, Supervisor DeMartini stated the provisions of the RFP had been well hashed out and the Board of Supervisors was satisfied with the document.

Supervisor Tofanelli noted the proposer is expected to provide medical dispatch. Mr. Doyle explained with the exception of Turlock City Fire, the fire service is dispatched by SR911 and the technology integration with medical dispatch will be finished before the new ambulance provider contract begins.

Supervisor DeMartini also noted the fire service should not be sent out on EMS calls unnecessarily.

Chief Ernst thanked the Agency and the Board of Supervisors for their work and stated his appreciation that the value of the Fire Service is being recognized. His hope is for a single point dispatch center with each Fire Chief setting the level of acuity to govern a Fire Service response.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Tofanelli) To approve the public release of RFP #MVEMS-2018-12, Request for Proposals for 9-1-1 Emergency Ambulance Services with Advanced Life Support and Basic Life Support Transport in Stanislaus County.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**M. Contract Extensions for Stanislaus County Emergency Ground Ambulance Providers**

Mr. Doyle requested approval of the third amendments to the present ground ambulance provider agreements in Stanislaus County. The affected providers are AMR, Oak Valley Ambulance, Patterson District Ambulance, ProTransport-1, and Westside Community Ambulance.

The amendments would extend the term of the present agreement thru December 31, 2019, which will allow continuity of service until the new ambulance provider contracts begin on January 1, 2020.

Supervisor DeMartini affirmed the extensions are needed. The hospital districts were left alone in the RFP process; and the response area in the RFP includes those areas currently serviced by AMR and ProTransport.

Supervisor Tofanelli asked if the providers were in agreement with the proposed extension and requested future agreements be submitted with the contractor's signature in place to signal their acceptance of the agreement terms.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Tofanelli) To approve the third amendments to the Stanislaus County Emergency Ground Ambulance Providers and authorize the Executive Director to sign the contracts.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**N. Agency and County Reports**

*Agency* – Mr. Doyle reported the online certification renewal process is up and running. The online MCI Refresher Training Modules have been updated.

In Mariposa County, the population density map has been received and the Agency is working on an overlay for response zones. FirstWatch Integration of the CalFire CAD is a work in progress. I

In Amador County the contract renewal with American Legion Ambulance is on schedule. FirstWatch data integration with the Sheriff's Office CAD is a work in progress. A meeting is being scheduled with the new UnderSheriff.

In Calaveras County, the FirstWatch data integration is nearly finished.

In Alpine County, there will be a disaster drill and MCI refresher training as part of an HPP Grant deliverable.

*Alpine County* – No report.

*Amador County* – No report.

*Calaveras County* – Supervisor Tofanelli and Supervisor Mills met with the consultants and Lance Doyle to kick off the Calaveras RFP.

*Mariposa County* – No report.

*Stanislaus County* – Nothing further.

**O. Next Scheduled Meeting**

Regular Meeting April 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

**P. Adjournment**

Chairperson Woodrow adjourned the meeting at 10:16 AM.