

**Mountain-Valley  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2019**

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

Time: 9:00 AM

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

Board Members Absent: Terry Woodrow (Chairperson) – Alpine County

Guests: None

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 Chairperson DeMartini with a quorum of four members present.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairperson welcomed those present.

**C. Correspondence**

None:

**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 (Brown/Tofanelli) To approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**G. STEMI Agreement with Memorial Medical Center**

Mr. Doyle explained the STEMI agreement with Memorial Medical Center had been successfully revised to address insurance issues with the guidance of legal counsel, Derek Cole. All insurance requirements have been met by the hospital.

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

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**H. FY 19/20 Alpine County Agreement**

Mr. Doyle reported the Alpine County Counsel requested insurance language be added into the agreement. The Agency's revisions are in line with the insurance requirements in the other member county agreements.

**M/S/C (Tofanelli/Menetrety) To approve the FY 19/20 Alpine County Agreement as revised..**

Vote: 4-0

**Motion Passed**

**I. Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District ALS Service**

Mr. Doyle cited the present challenges in the ability of Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District to continue its First Responder ALS service. The City of Oakdale did not renew its agreement with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District. As a result, Modesto Fire has attracted several paramedics away from Stanislaus Consolidated Fire, leaving a depleted staff. The Agency has granted the fire district's request to suspend First Responder ALS service until December 2019 to allow for rebuilding of the paramedic staff. Chief Wapnowski hopes to accomplish that sooner. The district is hiring an EMS Coordinator and there are seven paramedics currently in background checks.

Supervisor DeMartini noted the County does not expect Stanislaus Consolidated Fire to come back due to the financial status of the district at this time.

**J. Calaveras RFP Update**

Mr. Doyle stated the RFP for emergency ambulance services in Calaveras County has been written. It was sent to the State EMS Authority approximately 5 weeks ago. The RFP contains some good improvements to the EMS system and provides for some cost efficient changes. It will be presented to the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors on August 27, 2019. The Agency will likely need to request a special JPA Board meeting to authorize the release of the RFP once it comes back from the State EMS Authority.

Supervisors DeMartini and Tofanelli indicated a special meeting by phone would work well.

**K. Ambulance Provider Contract Development in Stanislaus County**

Mr. Doyle reported contract negotiations with AMR took place in July 2019. Feedback from AMR's legal counsel is expected this week. The agreement will then be sent to Agency legal counsel, Derek Cole and the goal is to bring a completed agreement to the October JPA Board meeting.

Agreements for the First Responder ALS fire agencies; volunteer fire departments, and hospital district ambulance providers are all in process. The Agency remains on track for January 2020 implementation.

**L. SB 438**

Mr. Doyle explained there have been significant changes to the language in SB 438 since the last update. Private dispatch centers already contracted will be grandfathered in. This means the current EMS dispatching system in Stanislaus County would remain as is. The bill is likely to pass.

**M. Agency and County Reports**

Amador – No report

Stanislaus –

- The focus has been on the ambulance contracts and the problems with Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District.

Calaveras – No EMS report.

- Cannabis regulations have been a main focus.

Mariposa –

- The County allows no commercial cannabis groves or sales.
- There is a current moratorium on hemp as guidelines don't exist.
- A flight crew from Mercy Air Ambulance presented to the Board of Supervisors last week. They are averaging 22 missions a month.
- There were no fires in July, but three fires last week.

Agency –

- Kaiser is requiring the Medical Director agreement for Dr. Kann be an agreement with The Permanente Medical Group. The Agency is working through the changes. There may be a need to bring the agreement back to a special JPA Board meeting. Dr. Kann may not officially start on September 1, 2019 as originally planned.
- The Agency has inventoried all critical medical infrastructure in all five counties to prepare for possible impact by the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs.
- The Board asked to review the Joint Powers Authority Agreement and ByLaws at the October 2019 meeting.
- The Agency is requesting another meeting with the UnderSheriff in Amador County regarding proceeding with the implementation of FirstWatch.
- The GIS Contractor is preparing maps supportive of the contract renewal with American Legion Ambulance in Amador County. The present agreement terms on December 31, 2019.
- Data for the FirstWatch system in Calaveras County is currently being verified. The Agency expects FirstWatch to be ready by July 1, 2020.
- FirstWatch for Mariposa County is in the queue with CalFire.
- The GIS Contractor is preparing maps supportive of the contract renewal with Mercy Medical Transport in Mariposa County. There will be significant changes in the new agreement. The present agreement terms December 31, 2019.
- Westside Community Ambulance in Stanislaus County is dissolving its contract with AMR as of September 6, 2019. There is a new Board of Directors. Joshua Brace has been hired as the operations manager.

**N. Next Scheduled Regular Meeting**

October 9, 2019 at 9:00 AM Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

**O. Adjournment**

Chairperson DeMartini adjourned the meeting at 9:42 AM.