

**Stanislaus County
Emergency Medical Services Committee
June 13, 2019
Regular Meeting Minutes**

Location: Doctors Medical Center
Conference Room 4
1441 Florida Ave.
Modesto, CA 95350

Time: 2:00 PM

Committee Members Present: Paul Baxter, Dr. Bruce Laverty, Mary Ann Lilly-Tengowski, Richard Murdock, Toby Wells, Sharon Young

Committee Members Absent: Dan Cummins, Robert Ott, Dr. Niamh Seavy, Bryan Whitemyer

Guests: Casey Comer, David Dalman, Matt Hasley, Barry Hurd, Reymundo Marquez, Christina Powers, Ron Reid, Rich Silva, Deb Thrasher, Cindy Woolston

Staff: Lance Doyle – Executive Director, Cindy Murdaugh – Deputy Director, Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/ Financial Services Assistant

1. Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:09 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

Mr. Doyle asked to add information item SB438. Chairman Baxter assigned the new item as Agenda Item #12.

M/S/C (Lilly-Tengowski/Laverty) To approve the agenda as amended.

Vote: 6-0

Motion Passed

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Public Comment Period

None.

6. Approval of Consent Calendar

Two consent items were discussed:

- a. Chairman Baxter asked which future agenda will contain modified language for returning unused funds to the System Enhancement Fund as cited in the meeting minutes from March 14, 2019. Mr. Doyle responded this will be on the September 2019 meeting agenda.
- b. Chairman Baxter questioned an apparent unusual statistic on the EMS System Report for March 2019, Transports by Provider section, which shows 40.19% transport cancellation for Patterson District Ambulance. Mr. Doyle explained this could be impacted by mutual aid frequently shared with Westside Ambulance, but indicated the Agency will research it further.

M/S/C (Murdock/Laverty) To approve the consent calendar items as submitted.

Vote: 6-0

Motion Passed

7. Committee Reports

a) System Status – Cindy Woolston

The System Status group today. There has been an increase in call volume as well as in variety of calls from April and May into June. AMR and Oak Valley District Ambulance have changed their posting plans. AMR changed to twelve hour staffing on power units dedicated to Code 3 in high volume areas.

b) SCHEPC – Chief Richard Murdock

There will be an annual kick-off meeting on July 1, 2019 which will feature guest speakers to include Kevin Sheehan from the federal Department of Health and Human Services; Kristin Weivoda, Region IV RDMHC; and Dr. Vaishampayan.

The Statewide Medical Health Exercise tabletop exercise will be on September 18, 2019 at the Sutter Health Education Center.

c) OES – Chief Richard Murdock

The 2019 Cooling Zones and Heat Contingency Plan have been posted on the website at stanoes.com

OES is participating with the City of Modesto and Stanislaus County to develop a standard for addressing 5150 issues.

8. Agency Medical Director

Mr. Doyle reported the Agency received five qualified resumes. An interview panel convened to recommend three for a second interview with Mr. Doyle and Dr. Mackey. Two of those candidates were referred to the Agency JPA Board of Directors for final interviews which were conducted yesterday. Mr. Doyle was given direction to make an offer to one of those individuals, and that will happen in the next day or two.

Dr. Mackey will stay on as long as needed and will help with up to a 60 day transition period once the new Medical Director starts.

9. Community Paramedicine

Mr. Doyle explained the Agency has been participating in the 5150 Task Force and noted a recent particularly large increase in 5150 patients which impacted both the 911 system as well as the hospital emergency departments.

Community paramedicine will continue 24/7. There are new draft regulations out for a 45 day public comment period which ultimately will allow alternative transports to behavioral health centers or sobering centers.

In the meantime, the County is working on some direct intake procedures and community paramedics will be able to help with those procedures.

Chief Murdock asked if the public comment period has closed on the draft regulations. Mr. Doyle said it will be closed soon.

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Mrs. Lilly-Tengowski asked the status of the pilot program. Mr. Doyle explained we are in another current one year extension as a result of the Governor's veto of a prior bill and pending the outcome of the draft regulations to allow transport to alternate destinations. Dr. Mackey is still available to provide guidance to community paramedics until the next Agency Medical Director is in place.

10. CAD-to-CAD Update

Mr. Doyle reported that SR911 is moving forward with the CAD-to-CAD. There will be an update to a fire console on July 21, 2019. The goal is to Go Live in early August 2019. There will be demonstrations for the fire agencies between now and the go live date.

11. Recommendation to Accept the Winning Provider from RFP# MVEMS-2018-12

Mr. Doyle gave a comprehensive presentation to discuss the history and goals of the EMS Strategic Plan development culminating in the decision by the Board of Supervisor to go out for bid for emergency ground ambulance services in Stanislaus County. He reviewed the key elements of the EMS System Redesign, the RFP development process, the approval from the State EMS Authority, and the detailed steps taken to ensure a fair competitive process and ultimate selection of American Medical Response West as the winning provider. In addition, Mr. Doyle shared key elements of the winning proposal which met and exceeded the RFP requirements and contained a commitment from AMR to receive the Malcomb Baldrige Award.

Chief Murdock asked how many of AMR's other locations have already won the Malcomb Baldrige Award. Cindy Woolston replied this will be the first.

Mr. Wells affirmed the target effective date remains January 1, 2020 and asked if there are contracts required with local agencies. Mr. Doyle said the Agency will contract with the providers as well as the fire agencies.

Mrs. Lilly-Tengowski asked if the FirstWatch surveillance platform modifications will be complete to also be available as of January 1, 2020. Ms. Murdaugh stated the work is in process.

Chairman Baxter asked how response time compliance will be addressed in the new contract. Mr. Doyle explained the response times in the integrated system with the fire agencies. Chairman Baxter asked how the system would be impacted if funding to public service agencies was reduced. Mr. Doyle explained the opt-out provisions and the response times that remain in place for the provider.

M/S/C (Murdock/Wells) To accept the winning provider from RFP# MVEMS-2018-12 and recommend it be sent forward to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Vote: 6-0

Motion Passed

12. SB438

Mr. Doyle shared an analysis of SB438 written by attorney Derek Cole for the EMS Administrators Association of California. If enacted as currently written, the bill would prohibit local EMS agencies from allowing private EMS providers to receive and dispatch 911 medical calls. This would impact Stanislaus County as 911 medical calls are currently dispatched by Valley Regional Emergency Communication Center (VRECC) which is privately owned by American Medical Response.

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Wendy Silva has convened a workgroup to address some of the bill provisions. Potentially the medical control exercised by MVEMSA could be compromised. The bill further requires public 911 medical dispatch be in place by January 1, 2020.

The bill is being brought forward by the CalChiefs and Fire Chiefs Associations. The chances of the bill succeeding appear to be very good at this time although there have been many letters of opposition sent to the State legislature.

Another update will be provided at the next EMSC meeting.

13. Next Regular Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019

14. Adjournment

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 3:10 PM.