

**Stanislaus County  
Emergency Medical Services Committee  
April 5, 2018  
Special Meeting Minutes**

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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, Toby Wells, Robert Ott, Sharon Young, Dr. Niamh Seavy

Committee Members Absent: Stephen Sterner, Bryan Whitemyer

Guests: Cindy Woolston, Deb Thrasher, Erik Klevmyer, Barry Hurd, Richard Murdock, Dave Dalman, Tim Tietjen, Rob Smith, Dave Murphy, Paul Willette, Karin Hennings, John McCormick, Rich Silva, Matthew O'Leary, Scotty Douglas, Mike Wapnowski.

Staff: Cindy Murdaugh – Interim Executive Director, Lance Doyle – QI/Trauma Coordinator, Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/ Financial Services Assistant

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**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 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** (Lee/Young) To approve the agenda as written.

**Vote:** 8-0

**Motion Passed**

**4. Public Comment Period**

None.

**5. EMS Strategic Plan Presentation**

Deb Thrasher reviewed the history and background of the EMS Strategic Plan process. There was a stakeholder meeting held on March 28, 2018 and some stakeholder recommendations for the Plan as a result of that meeting.

Richard Murdock gave an overview of the Strategic Plan development. It began with a System Assessment that considered the County's current EMS delivery system as well as surveillance and response compliance data collected over the past three years. Patient satisfaction surveys were a consideration as well as models of other high performance EMS delivery systems.

The objectives of the EMS Strategic Plan were developed out of the System Assessment with the ultimate goal of improved patient outcomes. The main goals address enhancing system efficiency; creating financial sustainability; improving communication capabilities; and enhancing communication, coordination and collaboration among stakeholders.

Deb Thrasher discussed next steps which include extending the current ambulance provider agreements to allow time for development of a Request for Proposal and the processing of future ambulance provider agreements. Upon recommendation of the EMSC, the Strategic Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors for their approval on April 17, 2018. MVEMSA would issue an RFQ on April 23, 2018 for an EMS Consultant to help develop the RFP for Ambulance Services.

In Committee discussion, the timeline was clarified to be approximately three to five years for the project vision, but an expectation of having a completed RFP and new contract in place by the end of the one year contract extensions for the present provider agreements.

Cindy Murdaugh is currently negotiating with the ambulance providers for the terms of the contract extensions. The agreements will go to both the MVEMSA JPA Board of Directors and Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. There is a possibility of excluding the imposition of response compliance fines and penalties during the extension period, although the Agency will continue to monitor compliance and will publicly report the results.

Further discussion addressed the structure of the plan; developing an evidence-based system rather than response times to measure response compliance; and the required role of the health care districts to serve their constituents.

**M/S/C (Seavy/Wells) To recommend forwarding the EMS Strategic Plan to the Board of Supervisors for approval.**

**Vote: 8-0**

**Motion Passed**

#### **6. System Enhancement Fund Applications**

- a. Cindy Murdaugh presented a request from MVEMSA for a Consultant to Develop a Request for Proposal for the Provision of Emergency Ground Ambulance Services. This is in support of the EMS Strategic Plan next steps. The amount requested is NTE \$200,000.

**M/S/C (Lee/Laverty) To recommend forwarding the application as written from MVEMSA for a Consultant to develop the RFP for Emergency Ground Ambulance Services to the Board of Supervisors for approval.**

**Vote: 8-0**

**Motion Passed**

- b. Richard Murdock presented a request from OES for the purchase of LUCAS Chest Compression System devices to be utilized by all fire first responder agencies and public ambulance providers in Stanislaus County. A demonstration of the device was provided by Modesto Fire. The amount requested is \$1,016,898.71 to provide fifty devices as an overall system enhancement in the area of cardiac arrest response efficiency and improved safety for EMS field personnel performing CPR.

Committee discussion identified concerns of legal certainty for compliance with purchasing rules; the need for additional documented evidence to support a compelling argument to request this large amount from the System Enhancement Fund; and the placement of the devices particularly in the rural fire districts. On-going maintenance costs would be borne by the receiving agencies. Mountain-Valley EMS Agency would maintain the audit trail for the purchase as well as identify training requirements and set the parameters for on-going responsibilities.

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**M/S/C** (Cummins/Ott) To recommend forwarding the application from OES for the purchase of LUCAS devices to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

**Vote:** 8-0

**Motion Passed**

7. **Next Regular Meeting**

Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 2:00 pm

8. **Adjournment**

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 3:54 pm.