

Annual Report for 2019

Advisory Body Name: Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are held at the EMS Agency office, 777 Arnold Drive, Suite 110, Martinez, unless otherwise noted.

Chair: Kacey Hansen (December 2015 – December 2019)

Staff Person: Rachel Morris (January 2017 – Present), Health Services, Emergency Medical Services

Reporting Period: January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019

I. Activities:

The EMCC, over four (4) regular meetings in the past year, was involved in or kept its membership informed about the following:

- Alliance annual report was given with discussion at the Board of Supervisors on ambulance patient offload times (APOT) impact on EMS system and providers.
- Local EMS Agency (LEMSA) establishes optional scope for use of epinephrine and narcan in first responder BLS protocols. Once established, new protocols created an opportunity for all BLS fire first responder agencies to use.
- The continued process to update the county ambulance ordinance. Final draft ambulance ordinance anticipated to be released soon from County Counsel. EMCC Stakeholder Workshop to be held prior to bringing the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. Updates in ordinance are focused on non-emergency ambulance services and public safety, and integration of emergency and non-emergency transport providers in mass casualty and disaster events.
- LEMSA participation with CCHS partners and system stakeholders on opiate overdose workgroup.
- The Board of Supervisors recognized May 19-25th 2019 as National EMS Week, and May 22nd as EMS for Children Day.
- Monitor the continued status of potential closure of Alta Bates Hospital, Alameda County and City of Berkeley workgroup, and concerns of impact to West County.
- San Ramon RFP contract extended by the Board of Supervisors to April 30, 2020.
- EMSA approved EMS for Children (EMSC) regulations; LEMSA staff working on the local efforts for Contra Costa EMS for Children system of care.
- On November 20th, EMS hosted the 4th annual Contra Costa County Survivors Reunion Luncheon to show tangible continuum of care, and where survivors meet their rescuers.
- Treatment guidelines and policies updated towards the end of a year are mostly finished for sending out for public comment. Implementation is January 1st, 2020.
- The LEMSA along with other Contra Costa County divisions, stakeholders and outside agencies, all worked together during the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).
- Biannual activity reported for the Contra Costa Med-Health Coalition to comply with Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) program requirements.
- Continued adverse impacts on 9-1-1 ambulance providers and patient care associated with prolonged ambulance patient offload delays (APOT).
- LEMSA reports to Board of Supervisor Finance Committee addressing needs for sustainable EMS System funding to support continuity of operations of a high-performance EMS system.
- EMSA denials of Contra Costa 2016 & 2017 EMS system plans and appeals associated with the County Alliance procurement process in 2014.
- Launch of Contra Costa Community College Paramedic Program.
- Appointment of Dr. David Goldstein as new interim EMS Director.

II. Accomplishments

- Approval of EMCC 2018 Annual Report.
- LEMSA recognized with the Mission Lifeline: Gold Plus Award for their STEMI system, along with AMR Concord, CCCFPD, ECCFPD, El Cerrito Fire Department, MOFD, Pinole Fire Department, Richmond Fire Department, Rodeo-Hercules Fire District, SRVFPD.
- Recognition of the AMR Contra Costa Team for their response to disasters during the past five (5) years.
- New Slate of Officers nominations, elections, and appointments for the 2019-2021 term.

III. Attendance/Representation

The EMCC is a multidisciplinary committee with membership consisting of representation of specific EMS stakeholder groups and organizations plus one (1) consumer member nominated by each Board of Supervisor member. There are twenty-one (21) filled member seats on the EMCC. Three (3) seats are unfilled. A quorum was achieved at four (4) of the four (4) EMCC meetings in 2019.

IV. Training/Certification

Each EMCC representative was given a copy of the Advisory Body Handbook and copies of the “The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance Training Video” and “Ethics Orientation for County Officials” video (updated to “Ethics for Local Government Officials” video offered by the Fair Political Practices Commission) during their two (2) year term. Responsibilities of County Boards were discussed including the responsibility to view the videos and submit signed certifications. Certification forms have been received from 13 of 21 of the representatives. The two certificates received this year are attached.

V. Proposed Work Plan/Objectives for Next Year

Report to the local EMS Agency and to the Board of Supervisors as appropriate its observations and recommendations relative to its review of:

- Continue to support and foster Alliance/EMS partnerships to enhance efficiencies and workflows supporting EMS System improvement.
- Continue to explore opportunities and efforts to procure sustainable funding for EMS System emergency communications, dispatch and data infrastructure enhancements to optimize patient care in day to day and disaster conditions.
- Support Medical Health Disaster Coalition preparedness and engagement throughout EMS System in accordance with CMS Emergency Preparedness provider requirements.
- Engage stakeholders in supporting Medical Reserve Corps’ capability for children and special needs populations.
- Approve new county ambulance ordinance.
- Continue to support LEMSA EMS System Plan(s) and Alliance procurement appeals to EMS Commission.
- Receive updates on State EMS Authority the 2018 EMS System Plan, Quality, Trauma, Stroke, STEMI and EMS for Children programs.
- Continue to monitor and report on EMS System impacts due to changing economics and health care reform.
- Receive 2018 Annual EMS System performance report.
- Support exploration on innovative models of EMS service delivery with hospital community.
- Support emergency ambulance provider and community hospitals efforts to reduce patient transfer of care extended delays that impact the availability of ambulances for the next 9-1-1 call.
- Support EMS System program (STEMI, Stroke, Cardiac Arrest, EMSC, Quality/Patient Safety and Trauma) initiatives.
- Support and sustain community education and outreach, e.g. *HeartSafe*, Child Injury Prevention.
- Support appropriate use of 9-1-1, CPR Anytime, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) programs through partnerships with law enforcement, CERT, fire first responders and community coalitions.
- Continue to support 5th Annual Contra Costa Survivors Reunion.
- Continue to monitor West County EMS System associated with closure of Doctors Medical Center and pending closure of Alta Bates Summit.
- Receive updates on the Contra Costa Med/Health Coalition as required by the Contra Costa Med/Health Coalition Charter.
- Receive updates on status of Community Paramedic and EMT training programs.
- Receive updates on treatment guidelines and policies for 2020.
- Receive updates on EMS Quality Partnership tool “First Pass” supporting enhanced provider level compliance associated with prehospital patient care workflows.