



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 2019

Members Present Representing	
<p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Jon King Police Chiefs' Association</b>  <b>Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</b></p> <p>Michele Bell <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>            Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            John Duggan <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>            Mark Forrette <i>District II</i>            Pat Frost <i>EMS Agency Director</i>            David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>            Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i>            Cameron Metzger <i>EMS Training Institution</i>            Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i>            Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i>            Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u>  <b>Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract)</b>            Ara Gregorian <i>California Highway Patrol</i>            James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i>            David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i>            Jennifer Lucas <i>American Red Cross</i>            David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u>            Marshall Bennett <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Mia Fairbanks <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Gia Prado <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>            Michael Johnson <i>American Medical Response</i>            Bhavin Mehta <i>Falcon CCT</i>            Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i>            Jill Ray <i>District II</i>            Hannah Robbins <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p>

**Executive Committee Member Leng** called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> Meeting members and guests observed a moment of silence in honor of the 9/11 anniversary.
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2019</i> Member Vorhauer motioned to approve the Minutes from June 12, 2019. Member King seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. June 2019 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report - David Goldstein, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> Member Goldstein reported fourth quarter training is coming up and gave a brief overview of changes, including adding two new medications for ALS and BLS scopes; changing a significant piece of airway equipment from King airway to i-gel; adding hemostatic gauze in the Spring.
4.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
5.	<i>Chair's Report</i> No Report
6.	<i>Members' Reports</i> Presentation of new slate of officers for EMCC Executive Committee – staff support Morris requested a motion to delay the nominations for new officers to the December meeting. More time is needed to identify who is going to be nominated. Member King motioned to delay the nominations for new officers to the December meeting. Member Forrette seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. Both medical and non-medical members were encouraged to participate on the Executive Committee.
7.	<i>Health Care Coalition Biannual Report to EMCC – Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, Contra Costa Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</i>

	<p>Health Services staff Lisa Vajgrt-Smith provided the biannual report of Contra Costa Med-Health Preparedness Coalition (HPP Emergency Preparedness) activities. Report highlights include continued efforts trying to onboard more coalition members; developments of the MHPC Response Plan and MHOAC Guide; held incident command training for SNFS; in April held Hazmat full scale exercise involving participation from all eight hospitals testing the systems response to a cyanide exposure. The largest deliverable for HPP was creating the Med Health Preparedness Coalition Response Plan &amp; MHOAC guide. This is a hybrid document that is meant to assist the Operational Area with response coordination. The MRC has been very active; deployed to the Butte and Camp fires as part of responses. The MRC was awarded a 20,000 dollar grant to work with national MRC to come up with training standards.</p>
8.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> Member Samuelson (ENA representative) not present. Member Frost referred to a copy of a letter in the meeting materials packet regarding AB 1544; Contra Costa County is in support of alternative destinations. It has been an active legislative season with various groups trying to move legislation. It is important to keep patient care as the main priority.</p>
9.	<p><i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> -Reached agreement for CCCFPD to partner with REACH. As of 9/28/19, will have two staffed aircraft based out of Concord. Aircraft will be staffed with both REACH and CCCFPD personnel. -On 9/14/19 there will be line of duty death ceremony at CCCFPD from 10:00-11:30. This is an annual event and all are welcome to attend. -CCCFPD is having an open house on 11/2/19 at the Training Center. -Participated with law enforcement partners from 9/3 to 9/6 in an active shooter drill at John Muir.</p>
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> -Continuing to work on wall time issues, trying to come up with innovative solutions on how to free up ambulances more quickly. Reached an agreement with County; agreement included purchase of a new gurney so an occupied gurney can be switched out, if needed. -Dips experienced in compliance numbers. The threshold is 90 percent; haven't gone below the threshold but have experienced challenge. Improvements have been made, including increased staffing, allowing compliance numbers to stay closer to 95 percent. -Sonoma County EMS stakeholders visited Contra Costa County to learn more about the Alliance model; meeting was well received. -AMR staff Chad Newland reported on deployed personnel responding to Hurricane Dorian; locally sent three people and all came back safely.</p>
11.	<p><i>Discussion and Request for Letter of Support for Additional EMS System Dedicated Funding</i> Member Frost addressed the Committee; the EMCC has been updated over the last 18 months on reports to the County Finance Committee on EMS system funding. As reported Measure H funds are the only dedicated funding supporting enhancement of the County's high-performance EMS System. Measure H funding was established over 40 years ago with no cost of living adjustment built in. Since then costs have increased and it has been reported to the finance committee that additional funds are required. The Agency was successful in getting a onetime allocation of 550,000 dollars, with direction from the Finance Committee, Chairs Supervisors Gioia and Mitchoff, to determine interest in EMS stakeholders supporting a ballot measure to support future EMS System funding. The Agency is requesting a letter of support for dedicated EMS System funding from the EMCC to the BOS. A motion was made to support a letter of support in concept; however, that motion did not pass. After more discussion, it was suggested that a draft of the requested letter be composed and reviewed by the EMCC prior to voting on moving it forward to the BOS on behalf of the EMCC. The Committee would like to review the letter a month prior to the next scheduled EMCC meeting, scheduled for December 11, 2019. Member King motioned to have Member Frost draft a letter of support for EMS System Funding to be reviewed by the EMCC three to four weeks prior to next EMCC meeting. Member Vorhauer seconded; none opposed. Motion passed.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Pat Frost, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> - Ambulance Ordinance – Still in progress; anticipated scheduling of stakeholder workshop before end of year to review before bringing to BOS. - San Ramon RFP – current contract to be extended through April 30, 2020; still some ambiguity on the interpretation of 201/224 rights. - EMS Authority (EMSA) Updates – there is a new interim Acting Director, Julie Souliere CHHS Assistant Secretary. EMSA retroactively denied our system plan and have denied our current system plan. We are still waiting to hear back on the appeal and to get a hearing date. The area of denial is associated with the transportation part of the plan. A number of long-standing guidelines LEMSAs have been required to use as part of system planning and exclusive operating area procurement have been taken down after allegations of underground regulation were made by Cal Chiefs, and it is unclear what the next steps will be. -No update on closure of Alta Bates. Efforts are still being made in Alameda County. -PG&amp;E power shutoffs – public education being conducted which shifts the preparedness responsibility to the community.</p>

13.	<i>Proposed agenda item(s) for December 11, 2019:</i> Presentation of new slate of officers; Review and vote on draft letter of support for funding letter.
14.	<i>Adjournment at 5:39pm</i>