



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes  
December 8, 2021

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Chair: James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i></b>  <b>Vice Chair: Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></b>  <b>David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i></b></p> <p>Rea Anne Arcangel <i>American Heart Association</i>            Marshall Bennett <i>EMS Agency Director</i>            Archie Bowles <i>District II</i>            Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>            Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            Joseph Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i>            Senai Kidane <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>            Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i>            Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i>            CJ Price <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i>            Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i>            Jim Selover <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>            Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i></p> <p><b><u>Members Absent Representing</u></b>  <b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Kacey Hansen <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i></b></p> <p>Angie Linsangan <i>District V</i>            Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p>	<p><b>STAFF PRESENT</b>            Joanny All <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Aaron Doyle <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>            Marcy Dixon <i>John Muir Medical Center</i>            Joe Greaves <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Ari Kestler <i>John Muir Medical Center</i>            Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i>            Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p>

**Committee Chair Lambert** called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from September 8, 2021 regular meeting and October 6, 2021 special meeting</i> Member King motioned to approve the minutes from the September 8, 2021 regular meeting and October 6, 2021 special meeting. Member Schnaider seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. September 2021 and October 2021 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> New EMCC Chair Lambert thanked the Committee for the opportunity to act as Committee Chair.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Report
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> On behalf of the Contra Costa County Fire Chiefs, Member Carey wished Happy Holidays to everyone with no other information to pass on at this meeting.
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report
8.	<i>Staff Report: EMCC Annual (Draft) Report Action: Review/Approve for Submission to the Board of Supervisors</i> The 2021 EMCC Annual Report draft was motioned to be approved. There was no discussion. Member Selover moved for the report to be accepted; seconded by Member King; none opposed. Motion passed. Annual EMCC draft report approved and will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors in January as a consent item.

9.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Call volume continues to be above seasonal norms, currently at what can be considered flu volume, wintertime call volumes since approximately August. This presents challenges, but compliance requirements are still being met.</li> <li>-Working with the LEMSA to meet with PES after requests from Labor group representing Alliance employees on the ambulances to look at improved safety measures at the PES facility to ensure safety of those employees when bringing patients to the facility.</li> <li>-Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT) are at seemingly historical highs. The Alliance has been meeting with the LEMSA and Hospital Council and is anticipating a future meeting to continue discussions.</li> </ul>
10.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Continue to support provider agencies as they complete 4<sup>th</sup> quarter training. The biggest update is the introduction of TXA, which will be rolled out on January 1, 2022.</li> <li>-Supporting Contra Costa County Fire Protection District and the Alliance in the development of their ET3 Program, specifically development of telehealth intervention that sign out against medical advice or fall under release at scene policy. This is seen as a customer service enhancement for the system. Will be tracking and trending AMA and release at scene numbers to make sure we are not incentivizing these pathways in lieu of transport to the hospital.</li> <li>-The four-prong approach to tackling the opioid epidemic, specifically the novel Buprenorphine in the field trial that reached the one-year anniversary mark in September, saw over 30 administrations of the medication over the one-year period. Will update the State EMS Authority soon as part of the requirement for the program. The program has been gaining recognition throughout the state and nationally with many counties trying to emulate what has been achieved in Contra Costa County.</li> <li>-Supporting San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District's new mental health pilot project and are planning on attending upcoming trainings they have developed for their field providers.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For the ambulance ordinance item, it is on its final pass through with County Counsel before it will go to the Board of Supervisors. All items discussed on the October 6 special meeting will be included except for one item deemed redundant to other material already in the draft. County Counsel is making some minor changes to the language and added one definition that is not substantive to the ordinance. There is no current timeline regarding presenting it to the Board of Supervisors, but optimistic it will be before 2023. Once County Counsel has completed their review and sent the document back to the LEMSA, staff Morris will send it to the Committee.</li> <li>- For Kaiser work action occurring in mid-November, member Bennett shared an overview and some lessons learned. The LEMSA had met with Kaiser leadership and individual facilities prior to the work action. An administrative bulletin (AB) was sent out to all stakeholders and hospital leadership prior to the work action to inform of potential impacts, and to inform of the commitment from each Kaiser facility to monitor their capabilities in real time and update their status, as appropriate. The LEMSA used ReddiNet platform and pulled data from a three-day period during the work action and compared it to a three-day period with similar call volume two weeks apart (all 911 volume included – only). It was suggested to add in non-911 volume. The LEMSA is also looking to see if wording of "CT divert" needs to be changed in any way, potentially to "stroke divert". Member Leng recommended in discussion that we add a separate "stroke divert" rather than changing the current "CT divert" to stroke divert. The LEMSA did not receive any engagement on the AB; seems that it may have been not received or overlooked by some facilities based on questions received during the strike. If a similar situation occurs in the future, would reach out to the Base Hospital, and then to facilities directly, as appropriate.</li> </ul>
12.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for March 9, 2022</i></p> <p>No items.</p>
13.	<p><i>Adjournment at 4:34 pm</i></p>