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**EMCC MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2011**

Committee Members Present: Jerry O'Banion, Fred Buckingham, Dewayne Jones, Monica McMillian, M.D., Walt Parton, Kraig Riggs, Carrie Grissom, Mike Harris, Ed Banks, Tim Marrison, Jennifer Aanstad, Michael Richard and James Andrews

Committee Members Absent: Tim Liveremore, M.D., Tammy Moss Chandler, Kevin Smith, Ken Mitten, Chuck Coelho, Zenaida Rodriguez, Teresa Castro, Ron Wolff.

Guests: Don Vonarx, Don Campbell, John Wagner, Stacie Bradford and Mike McLaughlin

Staff: Linda Diaz, Ron Duran, Chuck Baucom

Call to Order: Supervisor O'Banion called the meeting to order at 12:25 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dewayne Jones.

Approval/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda (ACTION): On a motion by Fred Buckingham, seconded by Dewayne Jones, the agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes of the April 6, 2011 meeting (ACTION): On a motion by Ed Banks, seconded by Fred Buckingham, the minutes were approved as presented.

Public Forum: No comments from the public were offered and the forum was closed.

Consent Agenda: The Consent Agenda was approved as presented on a motion from Mike Harris, seconded by Fred Buckingham.

Presentation to Joanne Wyatt (Info): Delayed to the end of the agenda.

Update on Ground Ambulance RFP Process (INFO) Chuck Baucom gave a brief update on the Ground Ambulance RFP process. Chuck stated that the Abaris Group has been selected as the consultant to assist the county with the process. Both Chuck and Abaris representatives have attended the last of six (6) city council meetings, the County Board of Supervisors meeting and the Fire Chief's Association meeting. Westside will still be a sub-contractor for whatever provider is selected as the RFP recipient and that they will still be required to post for that respective agency as directed. Mike Williams from the Abaris Group completed a draft RFP and will be submitting it to county administration for review prior to sending it to the State for their approval. It is anticipated that the first part of the process will be completed by mid march and the *intent to award* completed by May. The final contract will then be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for final review and if approved the contract would be ready to begin on September 1, 2012.

AB 210/AB 1387(INFO): Chuck advised that the language from AB 210 had been moved to AB 1387 and made into a two(2) year bill. There have been several disagreements regarding the interpretation of Health and Safety Code 1797.201 and those discussions remain ongoing. Based on the current language in AB1387, cities providing EMS services since June 2001 should be considered a qualified 201 city. That interpretation suggests that any city or fire district equipped with a band-aid could now govern their own EMS System individually, severely impacting a counties ability to provide service. Chuck stated that the conversations have been quite lively and that he will continue to participate in these discussions at the state level thru EMSAAC.

STEMI Program Update (INFO): Linda stated that they have received three (3) STEMI Center Applications Emanuel Hospital, Turlock, Memorial Medical Center, Modesto and Doctor's Medical Center, Modesto. A Cardiac Center survey team is scheduled to conduct a designation survey in October with a full designation anticipated by January, 2012. There are some concerns regarding the patient volume reported by Emanuel. Their cardiac service started in June of this year.

Participant Roundtable (INFO): Joanne Wyatt retired from Mercy Hospital, Merced College and the EMCC. Joanne served as the EMT course administrator at the college and served on the EMCC for 23 years. Chuck Baucom expressed his appreciation and her dedication to the emergency medical services within Merced County. Though Joanne wasn't present at the meeting, a plaque was read to the attendees outlining her career and service. The plaque will be delivered to her in her absence.

Supervisor O'Banion presented a proclamation and two plaques to Chuck Baucom on his retirement and expressed his appreciation on behalf of the County. Chuck served as the first EMS Agency Manager for the County and has been with the County for the last 20 years.

Chuck Baucom spoke about a new paramedic program under development at the college. Chuck advised that the specifics are still being rolled out, but that Brian Donnelly will assume the administrator roll and that the program has the potential to be a huge asset within the county.

EMCC participants each addressed Chuck citing his accomplishments and history throughout the years. All extended their best wishes to him in his retirement.

Supervisor O'Banion suggested that thirty more county personnel are retiring from the county and that a lot of changes are happening in both local and State government.

Ed Banks updated the committee regarding two interoperable communication exercise to be conducted, a table-top scheduled for the end of October and functional exercise on November 8.

Supervisor O'Banion adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM. and the next Meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2012.