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Emergency Medical Care Committee
MEETING MINUTES
April, 7 2021

Committee Members Present: Scott Silveira, EMCC Chair & Board of Supervisors Member, Dr. Tushar Patel, Memorial Hospital Los Banos ER Physician, Jeff Pate, Hospital Representative (Los Banos Memorial Hospital), Derek Parker, Supervisor District 2, Olivia Gomez, District 1 Representative, Fire Chief Mason Hurley, Jeremy Rahn, Supervisor District 3, Fire Service Representative (Los Banos Fire), Joshua Brace, District 4 Representative, Jennifer Caposella, CALSTAR Ambulance Company Representative, Ruben Chavez, Law Enforcement Representative, Luis Lara, CHP Representative, Mickey Brunelli, Field Personnel Representative, Bryan Donnelly, EMS Educator (Merced College), and David Scheurich, Office of Emergency Services.

Ex-Officio Members Present: Dr. Ajinder Singh, EMS Medical Director, Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp, Public Health Director and Dr. Salvador Sandoval, County Health Officer

Committee Members Absent: Kraig Riggs, Ambulance Company Representative (SEMSA), Dewayne Jones, Supervisor District 5, Genevieve Valentine, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery services (Director of BHRs), Anthony Lima, Field Personnel Representative

EMS Agency Staff Present: James Clark, EMS Administrator, Tim Williams, EMS Coordinator and Frank Romero, OAIII.

Guests Present: Carly Alley, SEMSA/Riggs, John Slate, County OES, MaryJo Quintero, Greg Padilla, DeeAnn Dion, David Murphy, SEMSA/Riggs, Jenna Anderson, Merced County Counsel and Michael Courtney, Westside Ambulance, Ruby Awesome, MCDPH, Heather Geske, Kristynn Sullivan, Jared Christensen, Laura Rodriguez-Mascorro, Russel Honeycut, Thomas England, Pate J. and Dr. Rudneck.

Call to Order: Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.; introductions were made and all were welcomed. Jenna Anderson introduced Jared Christensen who will take over for her as County Counsel.

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

Quorum Status Check (8 members required): A Quorum of EMCC voting members were present.

Approval/Additions/Deletions of the Agenda (Action): A Motion was made by Mickey Brunelli to accept the agenda; the motion was seconded by Olivia Gomez. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the January 27th, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action): A Motion was made by Jeremy Rahn to accept the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Chief Mason Hurley. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Vicki Jones, MPA, REHS
Environmental Health Director

Jessica Montoya-Juarez, MS
Assistant Public Health Director

Yadira Vazquez, MBA
Assistant Public Health Director

James Clark, MICP, MHOAC
EMS Administrator

EMS Agency Reports: (Info)

Dr. AJ Singh (EMS Medical Director Report): Dr. Singh reported that things remain the same as before, preparing for an unknown surge of Covid-19 cases.

Dr. Sandoval (Public Health Officer Report): Dr. Sandoval reported that we continue to be in the purple tier due to a data dump that occurred over the weekend. Our projection was to be in the red tier. Vaccines continue to roll out, we continue to coordinate with clinics to ensure we don't repeat work. Looking forward to utilize the one shot vaccine from Johnson & Johnson. Dr. Sandoval spoke of a critical situation occurring with Medi-Cal and what could have caused patients to be transferred out causing congestion within the system in many ways. Agreements have been created to offset for the next few years.

M. Hurley (Policy and Procedure Subcommittee Report) Chief Hurley mentioned the report would be brief due to no meeting occurring. Chief spoke of a few policies that will be reviewing, he promised more details to come at the next meeting.

Informational Items:

C. Alley (Ground Ambulance Update Quarterly update/report): Carley spoke of the new contract and transitioning during the Covid-19 pandemic. Carley shared the first quarter numbers with the committee mentioning that since the beginning of the year to March 31, 2021 they have responded to 1483 priority 3 calls that resulted in transportation of 1,054 patients with an average response time of 13 minutes and 53 seconds. Carley continued to cover response times with the committee. Dr. Patel had asked Carley a question that was un-audible and Carley responded from what she could make out. Carly spoke of some of the changes due to the new contract that affects CCT and BLS Transfers. Members discussed the need to include EMD's at EMCC perhaps as a subcommittee.

J. Clark (EMS System Enhancement Fund Projects, Update of ePCR & AED Procurement): Jim provided the members with the ePCR and AED updates. Jim mentioned that both are currently in the works. Currently they are working with Merced City Fire and Los Banos City Fire to get them set up with the ESO platform. Jim responded to Chief Rahn's question from the last EMCC meeting where he had asked if County Fire would be included, Jim had said yes but since then there has been a person from Cal Fire in Sacramento that is working on an Image Trend ePCR for County Fire. Jim believes Cal Fire will be working independently with Image Trend. Currently there are three contracts that are being worked on. Chief Brunelli spoke of the current contracts timelines. Jim informed the committee of the AED Procurement status that funding has been provided from the EMCC assessment fund and a purchase order has been sent to the vendor. The vendor gave a six month timeline for delivery.

J. Clark (EMCC Membership Update):

The following EMCC memberships are currently vacant:

- One (1) Merced County Fire Department Representative (Chief John Slate Pending Appointment)
- One (1) E.R. Nurse (Base Hospital)

Since the January 27, 2020 EMCC meeting, there have been two (2) committee member appointments:

Appointments:

1. Derek Parker, District 2 Representative
2. Joshua Brace, District 4 Representative

- There are currently 19 members on the Emergency Medical Care Committee; 10 members constitute a Quorum.

The two new members introduced themselves and provided a brief background of their careers.

Action Items:

Proposal: EMS System Enhancement Fund Use D. Parker Proposal to fund CAD to CAD interface (Merced to EMS Dispatch) Chief Parker shared a power point presentation with the committee with the proposal to enhance the dispatching. Members asked if there has been research on updating the entire system opposed to just one agency, Chief Parker responded that it has not been but could be. Members discussed the current status of the systems CAD's. Chief Rahn made a motion to table the proposal until the next EMCC in July; the motion was seconded by Chief Chavez. The motion was passed with one (1) abstention (D. Parker).

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: (Action)

Scott Silveira would like to go back to in-person meetings beginning the July 7, 2021 EMCC meeting.

Adjournment (Action): at 1:37 PM.

Additional comments:

The Next EMCC meeting will be held July 7, 2021 – 12PM