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EMCC MEETING MINUTES
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Committee Members Present: Jerry O'Banion, Timothy Livermore M.D., Ken Mitten, Fred Buckingham, Walt Parton, Kraig Riggs, Carrie Grissom, Mike Harris, Ed Banks, Jennifer Aanstad, James Andrews, M.D. and Teresa Castro.

Committee Members Absent: Kevin Smith, Tammy Moss Chandler, Chuck Coelho, Ron Wolfe, Dewayne Jones, Tim Morrison, Monica McMillan, M.D., Zenaida Rodriguez, and Michael Richard.

Guests: Don Campbell, Stacie Bradford, Mike McLaughlin, Chuck Baucom, Danny Suarez, Mickey Burnelli, Amanda Knish, Steve Melander, and B.J. Jones.

Staff: Linda Diaz and Ron Duran.

Call to Order: Supervisor O'Banion called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor O'Banion.

Approval/Additions/Deletions to the Agenda (ACTION): On a motion by Ken Mitten, seconded by Mike Harris, the agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of the Minutes of the October 5, 2011 meeting (ACTION): On a motion by Fred Buckingham, seconded by Ken Mitten, 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 Walt Parton.

EMS Authority and State Legislation Update: Linda Diaz stated the EMS Authority's primary revenue source, a federal block grant, is in jeopardy. Dr. Backer, the current director of the EMS Authority, is not proposing to pass the cost to the counties, but this is a concern of the EMS Agencies.

A proposal the governor is evaluating would merge EMS Authority into the California Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Office, such an alignment is also being proposed at the Federal level.

AB 1387 continues to be modified and a final draft of the bill language is expected to be published soon. The language on AB 201 looks to be positive.

Ground Ambulance RFP Update: Linda Diaz stated the RFP proposal has been drafted and submitted to the State EMS Authority for their approval, once that process is complete the document will be submitted to the Merced County Board of Supervisors and the bid document should be available to

the public by February, 2012.

Mercy Medical Center Stroke Program: Amanda Lantz stated MMC's Stroke Program is aimed at rapid treatment of the Acute Ischemic Stroke patient and operates under the slogan "time is brain." A new overhead code called Stroke Alert will notify personnel of a potential stroke patient is in the facility and then will also page an on-call neurologist from the Mercy Neurological Institute to consult on our patients in Merced by using telestroke services. EMS and the community play a key role in making our program successful. Community outreach activities will be a large part of the program.

Inter-Operable Communications, Platinum 10: Mike McLaughlin stated the Platinum Ten concept is developed to ensure a rapid multi-jurisdictional communications, across all radio frequency spectrums within the county. This process is nearing completion and should be online within the next couple of months.

Statewide Medical Health Exercise: Linda Diaz thanked all the agencies that participated in the drill. Overall the drill went very well and there were areas identified for improvement. The EMS Agency has developed an action plan to address those opportunities.

SNS drill is slated for June 2012.

Participant Roundtable (INFO): Ed Banks updated the committee on EOC, the next phase should be in mid summer or early fall. The Merced Community EOP project is underway and some cities have adopted the plan. EBS provider is almost complete and Everbridge appears to be the likely recipient of the contract.

Mike McLaughlin stated the countywide infection control plan is in progress and close to completion.

Dr. Timothy Livermore stated the flu and pertussis cases have went down, the average was 0-1 cases and the decrease may be due to vaccinations that were required for school age children.

Supervisor O'Banion adjourned the meeting at 12:56 PM., and the next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2012.