

**Emergency Medical Care Committee**  
**November 3, 2021 - 12:00 PM – 2:00PM**  
**Virtual Meeting w/ ZOOM Conference**

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**EMCC MEMBERSHIP**

Scott Silveira, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors

Salvador Sandoval, MD  
County Health Officer

John Slate  
Merced County Fire Department

David Scheurich  
Office of Emergency Services

Olivia Gomez  
District 1 Representative

Derek Parker  
District 2 Representative

Jeremy Rahn  
District 3 Representative

Joshua Brace  
District 4 Representative

Dewayne Jones  
District 5 Representative

Dr. Tushar Patel  
Memorial Hospital Los Banos  
E.R. Physician

Genevieve Valentine  
Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services  
Director of BHRS

Kraig Riggs  
SEMSA  
Ambulance Company Representative

Jennifer Caposella  
CALSTAR  
Ambulance Company Representative

Bryan Donnelly  
EMS Educator

Ruben Chavez  
Law Enforcement Representative

Luis Lara  
CHP Representative

Jeff Pate, RN  
Hospital Representative

Mason Hurley  
Fire Service Representative

Anthony Lima  
Field Personnel Representative

Mickey Brunelli  
Field Personnel Representative

Ted Schelby  
E.R. Nurse

<u>Meeting Attachments</u>	<u>Agenda</u>	<u>Responsible Party</u>
<b>A – July 7, 2020</b> EMCC Meeting Minutes	1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance	S. Silveira
	2. Introductions	S. Silveira
	3. Public Forum <i>(Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the committee's jurisdiction)</i>	S. Silveira
	4. Quorum Status Check (11 Members Required)	S. Silveira
	5. Approval of today's Agenda (Action)	S. Silveira
	6. Approval of the July 7, 2020 EMCC Meeting Minutes	S. Silveira
	7. EMCC Meeting Minutes (Action)	S. Silveira
	<b>B – EMCC</b> Membership Update	8. EMS Agency Reports (Info)
a) EMS Medical Director Report		AJ Singh, MD
b) Public Health Officer Report		Dr. Sandoval
c) EMS Policy & Procedure		M. Hurley
d) EMCC Membership Update ➤ <i>All 21 member seats are filled</i>		J. Clark
e) Ground Ambulance Response Compliance ➤ <i>July 2020 to September 2021</i>		T. Williams
9. Informational Items (Info)		S. Silveira
a) 5150/5585 W&IC Presentation ➤ <i>Overview of 5150/5585 Welfare &amp; Institutional Code, detainment criteria and role of first responders</i>		G. Valentine
10. Action Items (Action)		S. Silveira
a) Elect EMCC Vice-Chair ➤ <i>The term of office for the Vice-Chair shall be four (4) years or shall end concomitantly with the expiration of the Vice-Chair's membership on the Emergency Medical Care Committee, whichever occurs first (EMCC Bylaws)</i>		S. Silveira
<b>C – EMCC Bylaws</b> (Sept. 10, 2019)	b) Designate Four (4) EMCC Meeting Dates/Year ➤ <i>The EMCC shall meet no less than four (4) times annually (EMCC Bylaws)</i>	S. Silva
	11. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Action)	S. Silveira
	12. Adjournment (Action)	S. Silveira

**Next Meeting Date is TBD**

Download the Complete EMCC Meeting Packet:

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/584/Emergency-Medical-Care-Committee>



Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp, DrPH  
Director

Salvador Sandoval, MD  
Health Officer

Emergency Medical Care Committee  
MEETING MINUTES  
July, 7 2021

Committee Members Present: Scott Silveira, EMCC Chair & Board of Supervisors Member, Dr. Tushar Patel, Memorial Hospital Los Banos ER Physician, Ted Shelby, E.R Nurse, Derek Parker, Supervisor District 2, Fire Chief Mason Hurley, Jeremy Rahn, Supervisor District 3, Fire Service Representative (Los Banos Fire), Jennifer Caposella, CALSTAR Ambulance Company Representative, John Slate, County OES, Genevieve Valentine, Merced County Behavioral Health & Recovery services (Director of BHRS), Ruben Chavez, Law Enforcement Representative, Luis Lara, CHP Representative, Mickey Brunelli, Field Personnel Representative, and Greg Padilla (stand in for 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: Bryan Donnelly, EMS Educator (Merced College), Joshua Brace, District 4 Representative, Olivia Gomez, District 1 Representative, Jeff Pate, Hospital Representative (Los Banos Memorial Hospital), Kraig Riggs, Ambulance Company Representative (SEMSA), Dewayne Jones, Supervisor District 5, Anthony Lima, Field Personnel Representative

EMS Agency Staff Present: Tim Williams, EMS Coordinator, Ron Duran, EMS Specialist and Frank Romero, OAIII.

Guests Present: Carly Alley, SEMSA/Riggs, MaryJo Quintero, DeeAnn Dion, Jared Christensen, Merced County Counsel, Michael Crabtree, Yadira Vazquez and Kristynn Sullivan.

Call to Order: Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.; introductions were made and all were welcomed.

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 Ted Shelby. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the April 7th, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action): A Motion was made by Chief Mason Hurley to accept the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Jennifer Caposella. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

EMS Agency Reports: (Info)

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

*Dr. AJ Singh (EMS Medical Director Report):* Dr. Singh was happy to return to meeting in person and continuing the work of EMCC, he mentioned auditing all sides of the medical field and gave praise to all involved with the response to COVID-19.

*Dr. Sandoval (Public Health Officer Report):* Dr. Sandoval had nothing to report asking Dr. Sullivan to report to the committee the plan of reopening the economy.

Dr. Sullivan reported our current uptick in COVID-19 cases within our county has been around 10 new cases a day. She reported that the county continues to push vaccination efforts targeting specific groups. Dr. Sullivan reported to the committee that our current positivity rate is at 2 percent, and many communicable diseases that continued to be of concern within our communities.

Members discussed with Dr. Sullivan the correlation of non-vaccinated individuals and outbreaks of the new Delta variant. The need for pin pointing specific individuals to increase vaccination numbers within the communities was discussed amongst members and Dr. Sullivan. Dr. Singh asked if employers were able to make it a requirement that employees get vaccinated, members discussed the different ways this is being handled.

*M. Hurley (Policy and Procedure Subcommittee Report)* Chief Hurley reported that on May 28, 2021, the committee met virtually. Chief Hurley covered the recent policy updates and what changes had occurred. Chief Hurley asked if anyone had questions or concerns in regards to policy and procedure needing updating, to direct their questions to him or Tim Williams at 209-381-1240.

Chief Hurley reported that Chief Slate would be replacing Chief Neely as the fire representative. Members discussed the effects of policy changes amongst hospitals and LEMSA's.

#### *Informational Items:*

*C. Alley (Ground Ambulance Update Quarterly update/report):* Carley spoke of the current contract but did not want to report on it due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and its effects. Carley reported to the committee regarding the effects of the community's fear of the emergency room. Patients are utilizing the ambulance as a mobile clinic, refusing transport to the E.R. with complaints other than COVID-19, which effects the system.

Things are going status quo and Riggs is beginning to get back out into the community and provide outreach. Carley was asked how staffing was for SEMSA/Riggs. She reported that is has become a problem nationwide and she explained some of the reasons why they are experiencing shortages in staff.

Committee members discussed changes that occurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on transports. Tim Williams informed the committee of a few ambulance companies that have been allowed into the system to assist with interfacility transfers.

*T. Williams (EMCC Membership Update):*

The following EMCC memberships are currently vacant:

- None

Since the April 7, 2021 EMCC meeting, there has been one (1) committee member appointment:

Appointment:

1. Ted Schelby, E.R. Nurse Representative

- There are currently 21 members on the Emergency Medical Care Committee; 11 members constitute a Quorum.

*(Ground Ambulance Response Data)* To be presented at the next EMCC on 10/6/2021.

Action Items:

- None

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: (Action)

- None

Adjournment (Action): at 1:24 PM.

*Additional comments:*

The Next EMCC meeting will be held October 6, 2021 – 12PM



Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp, DrPH  
Director

Salvador Sandoval, MD  
Health Officer

**ATTACHMENT #B**

November 3, 2021

To: Emergency Medical Care Committee

From: James Clark, EMS Administrator 

Subject: Emergency Medical Care Committee Membership Update

- There are twenty-one (21) positions identified in the Emergency Medical Care Committee Bylaws;
- Currently, there are 21 Board-appointed members on the Emergency Medical Care Committee. There are no vacancies;
- 11 members constitute a Quorum.

Vicki Jones, MPA, REHS  
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BYLAWS OF THE MERCED COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

PREAMBLE

These bylaws set forth the structure and purpose of the Merced County Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC) and delineate the policies and functions of the Merced County Board of Supervisors and the Merced County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency in relation to the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

PART I

PURPOSE OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

The Merced County Board of Supervisors has established and maintains the Emergency Medical Care Committee under the authority of Section 1797.272 of the California Health and Safety Code.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Supervisors and the Merced County Emergency Medical Services Agency on emergency medical services related matters.

Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Sections 1797.274 and 1797.276, the Emergency Medical Care Committee shall, at least annually, review the Emergency Medical Services system operating within the county and report to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority, Merced County EMS Agency and Merced County Board of Supervisors its observations and recommendations.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall engage in other advisory duties outlined herein.

PART II

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall be composed of twenty-one (21) voting members, four (4) of whom shall be designated by position and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board as follows:

- The County Fire Chief or his/her designee;
- The Director of Behavioral Health and Recovery Services;
- The Director of the Office of Emergency Services or his/her designee, and;
- The County Health Officer.

The Merced County Board of Supervisors shall appoint one (1) member from the County Board of Supervisors and each Supervisor shall appoint one (1) public representative. The remaining eleven (11) positions shall be filled according to the following distribution:

- One (1) Emergency Room Physician representing one (1) local acute care hospital;

- Two (2) Ambulance Company Representatives, each of whom are Merced County EMS Agency-approved providers of Advanced Life Support and shall represent a separate and distinct ambulance service;
- One (1) Emergency Medical Services Educator;
- One (1) Law Enforcement Representative;
- One (1) Hospital Representative;
- One (1) Base Hospital Nurse;
- Two (2) Emergency Medical Technician I or P;
- One (1) Fire Service Representative from an incorporated city within Merced County, and;
- One (1) California Highway Patrol Representative.

The Medical Director and Director of the Merced County Emergency Medical Services Agency shall serve as ex officio members of the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

The term of office for the members of the Emergency Medical Care Committee will be four (4) years, except for the designated members serving at the pleasure of the Board whose terms coincide with the term of their respective office.

All appointments of members, delegations of authority and establishments of policy made by the Emergency Medical Care Committee may be rescinded or terminated by the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

Attendance at regularly scheduled meetings is required. Any member that fails to attend three (3) or more meetings in any calendar year may, upon a majority vote of the members present at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, have his/her membership terminated.

### PART III

#### OFFICERS

The Chair of the Emergency Medical Care Committee shall be the Board-appointed member of the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair to serve on behalf of the Chair in his/her absence. The term of office for the Vice-Chair shall be four (4) years or shall end concomitantly with the expiration of the Vice-Chair's membership on the Emergency Medical Care Committee, whichever occurs first.

The Merced County Public Health Department is charged with the administrative management of the Emergency Medical Services System of Merced County. The Director of the Merced County Public Health Department or designee shall serve as Executive Officer of the Emergency Medical Care Committee. The Executive Officer shall keep minutes of all meetings and shall cause a copy to be distributed to each member and to any individual who shall make a written request.

PART IV  
CONDUCT OF MEETINGS

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall hold a minimum of four (4) meetings per year at a time and place specified by the Chair.

A quorum shall be required for formal action on items before the Emergency Medical Care Committee.

A quorum of the Emergency Medical Care Committee shall be achieved when a simple majority of the membership's appointed positions is present.

Emergency Medical Care Committee members shall be permitted to attend meetings by Video Teleconference or by Telephone provided that attendance is in full compliance with the provisions of California Government Code §54950 et. seq (Ralph M. Brown Act).

Video Teleconference or attendance by Telephone at Emergency Medical Care Committee meetings shall count toward the establishment of a quorum.

No Emergency Medical Care Committee member shall be permitted to vote by proxy.

Staff support for the Emergency Medical Care Committee will be provided by the Merced County Emergency Medical Services Agency.

PART V  
SUB-COMMITTEES

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall convene, at its discretion, Sub-Committees, Ad Hoc Committees and/or Task Forces as deemed necessary to conduct its business.

The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall have two (2) standing Sub-Committees:

- Emergency Medical Services Assessment Sub-Committee, and;
- Emergency Medical Services Policy and Procedure Sub-Committee.

A. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Emergency Medical Services Assessment Sub-Committee shall be made up of five (5) members of the Emergency Medical Care Committee for the purpose of formally assessing the Merced County Emergency Medical Services System. One (1) Chairperson shall be appointed by the Chair of the Emergency Medical Care Committee. The remaining four (4) Sub-Committee members shall be appointed by the Sub-Committee Chairperson. The term of office of the Sub-Committee Chair and members shall be for four (4) years or shall end concomitantly with the expiration of their membership on the Emergency Medical Care Committee, whichever occurs first.



The duties of the Emergency Medical Care Committee, as specified in California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.274, is to, at least annually, review the operations of each of the following:

- Ambulance services operating within the county.
- Emergency medical care offered within the county including programs for training large numbers of people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifesaving first aid techniques.
- First Aid practices in the county.

In accordance with California Health and Safety Code Section 1797.276, the Emergency Medical Care Committee shall, at least annually, report to the California Emergency Medical Services Authority and the Merced County Emergency Medical Services Agency the Sub-Committee's observations and recommendations relative to its review of the ambulance services, emergency medical care, and first aid practices, and programs for training people in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and lifesaving first aid techniques, and public participation in such programs in Merced County. The Emergency Medical Care Committee shall submit its observations and recommendations to the County Board of Supervisors which it serves and shall act in an advisory capacity to the County Board of Supervisors which it serves, and to the Local EMS Agency, on all matters relating to emergency medical services as directed by the Board of Supervisors. The Merced County Emergency Medical Services Agency will include the Emergency Medical Care Committee's observations and recommendations as part of the local Emergency Medical Services Plan annual update.

#### B. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES POLICY AND PROCEDURE SUB-COMMITTEE

The purpose of the Emergency Medical Services Policy and Procedure Sub-Committee shall be to assist and advise the Emergency Medical Services Agency in the development, revision and implementation of Emergency Medical Services policies, procedures and guidelines. The Sub-Committee members shall be appointed by their respective agency/facility administration. The Emergency Medical Services Policy and Procedure Sub-Committee shall be established with the following membership:

- One (1) Chairperson who shall be appointed by the Chair of the Emergency Medical Care Committee;
- One (1) representative from each of the Approved Advanced Life Support Ambulance Providers within Merced County;
- One (1) representative from each of the primary First Response agencies within Merced County;
- One (1) representative from each of the acute care hospitals within Merced County, and;
- The Base Hospital Liaison Nurse.

#### PART VI

#### AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Bylaws of the Merced County Emergency Medical Care Committee may be changed or amended at any regular or special meeting subject to two (2) weeks' notice of the proposed change or

## Emergency Medical Care Committee Bylaws 2019 Amendment

amendment to the members of the Emergency Medical Care Committee. The bylaws may be changed or amended upon a majority vote of the members present and do not take effect until ratified by the Merced County Board of Supervisors.

The foregoing bylaws were adopted by the Merced County Emergency Medical Care Committee on January 6, 1982 by a majority vote and amended on March 26, 1981, February 5, 1992, May 5, 1993, May 4, 1994, May 9, 1997, September 10, 2002, March 30, 2004, August 4, 2015 and September 10, 2019.