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Emergency Medical Care Committee
MEETING MINUTES
May 11th, 2022

Committee Members Present

Agency/Facility

Scott Silveira.....	Chairman Board of Supervisors
John Slate.....	Merced County Fire Department
Olivia Gomez.....	District 1 Representative
Derek Parker.....	District 2 Representative
Jeremy Rahn.....	District 3 Representative
Dewayne Jones.....	District 5 Representative
Kraig Riggs.....	(SEMSA) Ambulance Company Representative
Jennifer Caposella.....	CALSTAR Ambulance Company Representative
Ruben Chavez.....	Law Enforcement Representative
Luis Lara.....	CHP Representative
Mickey Brunelli.....	Field Personnel Representative
Ted Shelby.....	E.D. Nurse

Ex-Officio Members Present

Agency/Facility

Dr. Ajinder Singh.....	Merced County EMSA Medical Director
Dr. Salvador Sandoval MD.....	County Health Officer

Ex-Officio Members absent

Agency/Facility

Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp.....	Public Health Director
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Committee Members absent

Agency/Facility

Bryan Donnelly.....	EMS Educator (Merced College)
Genevieve Valentine.....	MCBHRS, Director of BHRS
Joshua Brace.....	District 4 Representative
Jeff Pate.....	Hospital Representative
Anthony Lima.....	Field Personnel Representative
Mason Hurley.....	Fire Service Representative
Dr. Tushar Patel.....	Memorial Hospital Los Banos ED Physician

EMS Agency Staff Present

Agency/Facility

Tim Williams.....	EMS Administrator
Frank Romero.....	Merced County EMSA OA III

Guests Present

Agency/Facility

Carly Alley.....	SEMSA/Riggs
Michael Courtney.....	Westside Ambulance
Jacqueline Coulter.....	BHRS
Dennis Brazil.....	Westside Ambulance
Mary-Jo Quintero.....	BHRS
DeeAnn Dion.....	SEMSA/Riggs

Yadira Vazquez.....MCDPH
 Nancy Toy.....SEMSA/Riggs
 Greg Padilla.....CalFire/OES
 Adam Amara.....OES
 Steve Melander.....EMS Educator (Merced College)
 Heather Geske.....Air Methods
 Louis Alberto.....Air Methods
 Raul Mendez.....Merced County CEO
 Tom Ebersole..... Merced County Counsel
 Kristynn Sullivan.....MCDPH

Call to Order: Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 12:00 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 (11 members required): A Quorum of EMCC voting members were present.

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

Approval of the November 3rd, 2021 Meeting Minutes (Action): A Motion was made by Mickey Brunelli to accept the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Luis Lara. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

EMS Agency Reports: (Info)

Dr. AJ Singh (EMS Medical Director Report): Dr. Singh reported that he has been working on policy and procedure updates that have been placed for public comment online.

Dr. Singh thanked Chief Parker and spoke of the need to track and make available AED’s throughout the system to better enhance CPR/Shock response times.

Dr. Singh spoke of trauma, thanking the partners from SEMSA/Riggs for their help. He mentioned the occasions of over/under triaging of patient’s and how this is something he would like to improve.

Dr. Sandoval (Public Health Officer Report): Dr. Sandoval reported that the county is slowly showing increase in COVID-19 Cases but not enough to report on. New COVID-19 variants are being monitored, new treatments are available as well as vaccines for the community. Mrs. Sullivan spoke of Optum Serve and that they are providing service at Los Banos fairgrounds and Merced County Public Health for testing and treatment options in the same location.

Tim Williams (EMS Policy and Procedure) Tim informed the committee that there is 17 new draft policy and procedures on the EMS website <https://www.co.merced.ca.us/2261/Emergency-Medical-Services> for review and comment until June 6th and will be implemented June 13th, 2022. Tim gave thanks to Jim and SEMSA for working on getting these done. Tim mentioned one new policy that is included in the review #430.00 System Resource Response Management Policy, this policy is already in use in other counties throughout California. This new policy will assist

responders to get off scene when they have a Code 2 or priority 3 patient and get a higher priority call that needs response.

T. Williams (EMCC Membership Update): Tim informed the committee that David Scheurich will be replaced by Adam Amaral and Bryan Donnelly to be replaced by Steve Melander. Both applications are scheduled to go to the Board of Supervisors for review on May 24th, 2022 so we should have a full committee by next meeting.

- There are twenty-one (21) positions identified in the Emergency Medical Care Committee Bylaws;
- Currently, there are nineteen (19) Board-appointed members on the Emergency Medical Care Committee. There is two (2) vacancy's which is the "Office of Emergency Services" and "EMS Educator" members;
- 11 members constitute a Quorum.

K. Sullivan (Ground Ambulance Response Compliance October 2021- March 2022) Mrs. Sullivan provided the following response time compliance report:

<https://www.co.merced.ca.us/DocumentCenter/View/29418/Response-Time-Compliance-5112022> Members discussed the presentation. Dr. Singh asked what metric was not met in her first Q2 report, David Murphy informed the Doctor that it was a STEMI call that was about a minute late.

Mickey Brunelli asked if the level of response is being considered such as a system surge where ALS is not available so a BLS responded, Mickey wanted to know if this was factored in. Tim informed Mickey that it is currently tracked. Mickey asked what the process of reviewing clinical reviews and applying them to the protocol adjustments moving forward will be.

Tim mentioned the use of the FirstWatch platform that produces a compliance response time performance report, which then is reviewed by David Murphy to determine appeals. Tim then reviews all calls appealed or have been submitted by David for consideration. The EMS Agency has final decision on all considered calls.

Informational Items:

Chief Derek Parker (Pulse Point presentation) Chief Parker spoke to the committee in regards to reintroducing the Pulse Point program that covers improvement in cardiac response by providing AED locations within our counties EMS system. In the past it was not met with the appropriate support and was discontinued.

Jeremy Rahn asked if there has been buy in from healthcare providers. He suggests that this would be our first step in consideration of implementation of Pulse Point. Chairman Silveira asked if the cost was known. Chief Parker reported the cost for larger cities was known but not for our specific system. Again, the consideration of an all agency buy in will be our first step. Tim Williams mentioned the Pulse Point App is available for committee members to look at and can be found at <https://www.pulsepoint.org/download>

Action Items:

Scott Silveira (Elect EMCC Vice-Chair)

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). Chairman Silveira nominated Jeremy Rahn, the motion was seconded by Ruban Chavez. The nomination was approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: (Action)

- Chief Mickey Brunelli asked to reform the M4C committee.

Adjournment (Action): at 1:03 PM.

Additional comments:

The Next EMCC meeting will be held August 10th, 2022 – 12PM