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Director

Tim Williams, EMT-P, MHOAC  
EMS Administrator

Emergency Medical Care Committee  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 10, 2022

Committee Members Present

Agency/Facility

Scott Silveira.....	Chairman Board of Supervisors
Sima Asadil, MD.....	County Health Officer
Mike Van Loben Sels.....	Merced County Fire Department
Adam Amaral.....	OES
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 ED Physician
Genevieve Valentine.....	MCBHR, Director of BHRS
Kraig Riggs.....	(SEMSA) Ambulance Company Representative
Jennifer Caposella.....	CALSTAR Ambulance Company Representative
Steve Melander.....	EMS Educator (Merced City College)
Ruben Chavez.....	Law Enforcement Representative
Luis Lara.....	CHP Representative
Mickey Brunelli.....	Field Personnel Representative

Ex-Officio Members Present

Agency/Facility

Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp.....	Public Health Director
Dr. Ajinder Singh.....	Merced County EMSA Medical Director

Committee Members absent

Agency/Facility

Mason Hurley.....	Fire Service Representative
Olivia Gomez.....	District 1 Representative
Jeff Pate.....	Hospital Representative
Anthony Lima.....	Field Personnel Representative
Ted Shelby.....	E.D. Nurse

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
Mary Jo Quintero.....	Children’s Hospital Central California
Dr. Eric Rudnick.....	Dignity Health
Dennis Brazil.....	Westside Ambulance
Robin Siminoff.....	MCDPH
Yadira Vazquez.....	MCDPH
Nancy Toy.....	SEMSA/Riggs

Alexandra Guras.....Mercy Air  
Louis Alberto.....Mercy Air  
Jared Christiansen.....Merced County Counsel  
Kristynn Sullivan.....MCDPH

Call to Order: Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.; introductions were made and all were welcomed.

California Emergency Declaration: Chairman Silveira informed the committee of the California Emergency Declaration that allows virtual attendance for committee members, Chairman Silveira called for a motion for approval. A motion was made by Luis Lara to accept; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Rahn. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

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 Dewayne Jones to accept the agenda; the motion was seconded by Jeremy Rahn. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the May 11th, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Action): A Motion was made by Adam Amaral to accept the meeting minutes; the motion was seconded by Ruben Chavez. The meeting minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

EMS Agency Reports: (Info)

Dr. AJ Singh (EMS Medical Director Report): Dr. Singh gave thanks to all those first responders that have and continue to serve our community, he apologized for the quality control work that has lagged due to continued disasters happening around us.

Dr. Singh reported that he would like to have all AED's within our county located and tracked to better support our community and first responders. Dr. Singh would like to work with Law Enforcement in obtaining a list of PSAP's, Ruben Chavez offered to provide a list.

Tim Williams (EMS Policy and Procedure): Tim Williams reported that he is looking to get the sub committees (Trauma, CQI, Policy & Procedures, etc.) back on the calendar and that he will be sending out invites via email. Tim reported that recently EMS Policy and Procedures were released on July 11, 2022. One of the new policies allowed first responders to leave the scene of a lower priority call for a higher priority call when appropriate per the EMS Policy. Tim has received several questions in regards to the new policy and informed the committee that it is only to be utilized per the EMS Policy and not to just leave the scene to go back into service.

In addition, Tim reported that he is working on a possible APOT Policy to improve patient off load times, especially in light of the APOT times with Mercy Medical Center Merced (MMCM). Tim informed the committee that the daily APOT report for August 8, 2022, showed no wall time delays; however, there have been units on the wall for up to 4 hours.

Tim reported that there was an EMSAAC call last week that included all the LEMSA's and the State EMS Authority in which they discussed the APOT report that was released from the APOT

committee as well as the staffing shortages that are occurring throughout the state. EMCC members asked questions and discussed different circumstances of APOT reporting as well as staffing issues within county.

*Sima Asadil (Public Health Officer Report):* Dr. Asadil introduced herself to the committee and reported the following:

- Discussed some of the needs she has identified within Merced County.
  - The need to give praise to those supporting our community.
  - The need to understand why we are having such a fast turnover rate with staffing.
  - The need to mentor our new grads within our EMS system.
  - The need to “stay in your lane” by focusing on your own scope of practice.

*T. Williams (EMCC Membership Update):* Tim reported to the committee of the current EMCC membership status.

- There are twenty-one (21) positions identified in the Emergency Medical Care Committee Bylaws;
- Currently, there are twenty-one (21) Board-appointed members on the Emergency Medical Care Committee. There are currently no vacancies; however, Mason Hurley asked that his position be replaced as he recently retired, with emphasis on selecting representation from the west side of the community.
- 11 members constitute a Quorum.

*K. Sullivan (Ground Ambulance Response Compliance):* Kristynn Sullivan reported on the April to June 2022 Ground Ambulance Response Compliance. Kristynn covered the following power point. <https://www.countyofmerced.com/DocumentCenter/View/31148/Response-Time-Compliance-report-for-August-8-2022-> Members discussed circumstance around some of the reporting and how they can improve on it. Suggestions were made to change the forgiveness portion of the reporting process.

*Informational Items:*

None.

*Action Items:*

None.

*Agenda Items for Next Meeting: (Action)*

None.

*Adjournment (Action):* at 1:57 PM.

*Additional comments:*

None.

The Next EMCC meeting will be held November 9th, 2022 – 12PM