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Emergency Medical Care Committee
MEETING MINUTES
May 24, 2023

Committee Members Present

Agency/Facility

Scott Silveira	Chairman Board of Supervisors
Derek Parker	District 2 Representative
Jennifer Caposella	CALSTAR Ambulance Company Representative
Steve Melander	EMS Educator (Merced City College)
Luis Lara	CHP Representative
Mickey Brunelli	Field Personnel Representative
Kimiko Vang	Director of BHRS
John Slate	Merced County Fire Department
Paul Tualla	Fire Service Representative
Dewayne Jones	District 5 Representative
Olivia Gomez	District 1 Representative
Anthony Lima	Field Personnel Representative
Ruben Chavez	Law Enforcement Representative

Committee Members Absent

Agency/Facility

Jeremy Rahn	District 3 Representative
Ted Shelby	E.D. Nurse
Joshua Brace	District 4 Representative
Kraig Riggs	(SEMSA) Ambulance Company Representative
Adam Amaral	OES
Dr. Tushar Patel	Memorial Hospital Los Banos ED Physician
Jessie Saucedo	Hospital Representative

Ex-Officio Members Present

Agency/Facility

Dr. Salvador Sandoval	County Health Officer
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Ex-Officio Members Absent

Agency/Facility

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

EMS Agency Staff Present

Agency/Facility

Tim Williams	EMSA Administrator
Michael Garrett	EMSA Coordinator
Frank Romero	EMSA OA III

<u>Guests Present</u>	<u>Agency/Facility</u>
Alexandra Guras	Mercy Air
Michael Courtney	Westside Ambulance
Carrie Woolley	Merced County Counsel
Mike Swenson	SEMSA/Riggs
Manny Garcia	SEMSA/Riggs
Kevin Daniel	SEMSA/Riggs
Carley Strong	SEMSA/Riggs
Mike Van Loben Sels.....	Merced County Fire Department
Mandy Hall	Mercy Medical Center Merced
Eva Ybarra	SEMSA/Riggs

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 (11 members required): Quorum of EMCC voting members was present.

Approval/Additions/Deletions of the Agenda (Action): Motion was made by Micky Brunelli to accept the agenda; the motion was seconded by Luis Lara. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of the February 8, 2023, Meeting Minutes (Action): Motion was made by Olivia Gomez to accept the agenda; the motion was seconded by Mickey Brunelli. The agenda was approved by unanimous vote.

EMS Agency Reports: (Info)

Dr. AJ Singh (EMS Medical Director Report AED Pulse Point Update):

- Dr. Singh was absent and asked Tim to present the PulsePoint (AED) Program to committee members. Tim deferred to Chief Parker’s presentation later in the agenda under Action Items.

Tim Williams (EMS Administrator Report):

- Tim reported that the EMS Agency is still looking for an EMS Coordinator, either a Nurse or Paramedic can apply, and the application is online.
- Tim reported that the EMS Agency would like to start a CQI, Trauma and a Base Hospital Committee soon.
- Tim reported that the EMS Plans (2020, 2021, 2022) have been submitted to the State EMS Authority awaiting approval.

Dr. Sandoval (Public Health Officer Report):

- Dr. Sandoval reported that the State of Emergency has come to an end as of May 11, 2023, and that all masking requirements have become optional.

- Dr. Sandoval reported that the main testing has declined. Wastewater testing continues in the cities of Merced and Los Banos.
- Dr. Sandoval reported to the committee that there continues to be one (1) death every four (4) minutes nationally from COVID-19.

Tim Williams/Derek Parker (EMS Policy & Procedure):

- Tim reported that the Policy and Procedures Subcommittee has continued to work on reviewing EMS Policy and Procedures. Recently 17 policies have been updated, Tim asked committee members to review the draft policies and comment during the 30-day review.

Tim Williams (Ground Ambulance Response Compliance):

- Tim reported on the following response time compliance for the months of January through March 2023 (Q3), <https://www.countyofmerced.com/DocumentCenter/View/35884/Response-Time-Compliance-5242023>
- Committee members discussed the clinical compliance report card versus the transport response compliance report. Paul Tualla was concerned that the clinical compliance report card was wiping out the fines and penalties from the transport response compliance, which seemed wrong, Many of the EMCC members concurred. It was determined by many of the committee members that total forgiveness was not the intention and maybe the clinical compliance report should be reevaluated.
- Carley Strong gave a report on SEMSA/Riggs regarding:
 - Operations
 - Paramedic Staffing Issues
 - APOT
 - Transport Response Compliance – unable to meet due to staffing issues
- There was also a discussion regarding sending BLS units to ALS request, like what was being done prior to November 1, 2022. Tim reported that BLS units responding to ALS requests went against the RFP, EMS Policy and Procedures and was stopped on November 1, 2022. The EMS Agency was tasked to have discussions and explore response options within the RFP to potentially get better coverage for ALS requests. The EMS Agency will schedule a meeting with EMS Providers to discuss options.

Informational Items:

- Steve Melander updated the committee with the status of the Paramedic Program at Merced College.

Action Items:

D. Parker (PulsePoint – EMS Enhancement funds request)

- Chief Parker requested **\$59,500.00** of EMS Enhancement Funds to bring back the PulsePoint system that would identify the locations of layperson AEDs within Merced County to potentially be used during a confirmed cardiac arrest. Chief Parker gave a PowerPoint presentation including an [EMS Enhancement Funds application and a quote](#) for startup and annual fee for the EMCC members to review.

- EMCC members discussed and agreed on allowing year-by-year access to funding if the PulsePoint system was determined to be beneficial to the EMS System.
- Paul Tualla made a motion to approve, the motion was seconded by Steve Melander. The request was approved by unanimous vote.

M. Brunelli (Active Shooter Kits – EMS Enhancement funds request)

- Chief Brunelli requested **\$2,856.00** of EMS Enhancement Funds to replace the Active Shooter Trauma Kits equipment that has expired and needs replacing. These kits were provided throughout the county's EMS system many years ago. Chief Brunelli reported that the expired equipment needs to be replaced not the entire Active Shooter Trauma Kits. He presented an [EMS Enhancement Funds application and a quote](#) for the EMCC members to review.
- Steve Melander made a motion to approve, the motion was seconded by Derek Parker. The request was approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: (Action)

None.

Adjournment (Action): at 1:38 PM.

Additional comments: None.

The Next EMCC meeting will be held August 9, 2023, at Merced County Public Health Auditorium @ 260 East 15th Street. Merced Ca, 95341.