



FUTURE VISION MEETING MINUTES

November 7, 2008

In Attendance:

Antognazzi, Sharon	CVEMSA	Ojeda, Noel	Angwin Ambulance
Ashby, Sean	St Helena Fire Dept.	Potter, Steve	Napa Police Department
Carlson, Cori	QVMC ED	Randolph, Mike	Napa Fire Department
Conley, Mike	Napa State Hospital Fire	Samous, Amy	QVMC
Cook, Ty	CVEMSA	Slipiec, Stewart	Piner Ambulance
Green, Kara	QVMC	Twohey, Kevin	St Helena Fire Dept.
Husted, Lois	QVMC	Ward, Kristan	QVMC

Ty Cook welcomed everyone to the Eight and Last Future Vision meeting; then started the introductions around the table.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Communications

Mike Randolph stated that there was no report; there was nothing to work on at this time even though there are still big ticket items that need to be addressed; they are beyond our control at this time.

Training and Education

Ty explained that Amy LaPan could not attend today due to the new proposed budget cut Napa Valley College received from the Governors' Office. Amy told Ty there is currently no model or set of guidelines available so the committee will have to develop a set of guidelines and expectations for the paramedic standard of practice. This group will continue to meet.

Public Information and Education (P I E)

Ty stated that Jenny Courtemanche wasn't able to attend but that she was taking a sort of wait and see what the Training and Education models will look like so she will know what resources are available. Jenny is also looking towards teaching the "Hands Only" CPR. One of the recommendations is to see a program in all the high schools where all students would have to complete a CPR class before being able to graduate. Currently the American Heart Association has approved the "Hands Only" CPR but the text books won't be available until 2010.

Mike Randolph stated that Napa High and Vintage High are in the process of developing a fire science class through ROP. He said he would follow up with the schools and see if the curriculum could include CPR.

Response and Transportation and System Organization and Management

Stewart Slipiec stated they discussed: (1) response times in urban areas being 8 minutes and 59 seconds or 7 minutes 59 seconds, (2) map zone changes in certain areas, (3) EMS assessment districts specifically in Calistoga and St Helena, (4) EMS Agency Staffing, using Maddy and Richie funds, (5) number of ALS and BLS transports

in Napa Valley, (6) subscription programs, (7) CCT triple care transport paramedic program, (8) deteriorating paramedics skills levels, (9) BLS units with better defib skills, (10) enhanced scope for EMT-P's: doing well baby checks or giving flu shots or home health checks (11) law enforcement doing more: getting AED's (12) nurses or paramedics on sheriffs boat at Lake Berryessa, (13) Public Utility Model, discussed with Solano County and (14) Angwin Ambulance to ALS. This concluded Stewarts report.

Facilities and Critical Care Centers

Lois Husted stated that Queen of the Valley Hospital is ready to educate their physicians and nurses regarding trauma bypass and destination decision. QVMC would like to see some level of MICN nurse who would follow an algorithm or flow chart when answering the radio rather than the physician having to go to the radio each time. Lois stated that CVEMS has policies, but not all the players are following them exactly. She feels the policy needs change or everyone needs to follow the policy.

Ty stated that there is a policy book merger in the works and it's about 2/3's of the way done. When it comes out, it will come out as a draft for all to review. Ty encouraged all to review all draft policies and make comments.

Mike Randolph added, during these times we all need to be heard; especially to be heard by the RFP contractor to be sure we get a Napa RFP, not a Coastal Valleys RFP.

Ty stated that when it comes to the RFP, Napa County is its own entity. It's Napa County negotiated, it's Dr. Smith, Randy Snowden, Nancy Watt, and the Board of Supervisors overseen, and it is not regional. This RFP is a Napa County process. Ty mentioned that Solano County is in the middle of an RFP process. They are moving towards a Public Utility model which has their LEMSA doing all the billing and collections for the ambulance transport service.

Ty continued by stating that the RFQ was released. The RFQ is looking for a consultant to assist Napa County with the Ambulance Ordinance and the Ambulance Franchise process.. Three proposals to the RFQ were received. These will be reviewed and a consultant will be chosen. The consultant person should be on board right after the first of the year.

Data Collection and System Evaluation

This subcommittee finished up a while back with not much success at this time. Although Zoll (who is the software company the ambulance companies use) has bought out RMS (the software company the fire departments use), it will be a few years yet before the two will merge. CVEMSA tried to get everyone using the same software; it didn't work regionally. Until something better comes along, the region will stay as it is now.

It was noted that during the RFP process we need to watch that a bidder doesn't come in with yet another data application. Also, to watch that we can see the response time standards in a timely manner, and check if the response times are being met, adjustments made, or penalties applied. It was also noted during this new RFP process that we need to look back at all the various changes during our current contract, like the population increase, or the take-over for the failed Mercy St Helena Ambulance. Everyone seemed to agree we don't want to step backwards from the progress the EMS system has made on the whole. Currently we are a two separate response areas and the City of Napa is not included in either of them.

Noel Ojeda stated it's important that Angwin Community Ambulance remain. It's a huge area with a very low call volume, the population won't be increasing much, and without Angwin Ambulance there would be great delays in response times with ambulances coming up from the valley floor.

Sub-Committee Recommendations:

Communication: Only long term issues left; that will remain ongoing.

Education: This committee is inventing the wheel when it comes to the evidence-based practice set of guidelines and expectations for the paramedic standard of practice. Education as a sub-committee may be a group that will need to continue, that will request information as needed, and meet as needed.

Kevin Twohey asked where are these recommendations and the information from these meetings going and Ty stated to Dr. Smith, the consultant, Randy Snowden and to all the stakeholders. Mike Randolph summed it up by stating that Ty is taking from the different committees that met, any hot topics or discussion items, including any recommendations to compile a report. Ty will then send this report to all of us, the stakeholders, as well as the consultant.

The next question is, should this committee continue? After some discussion two items were determined: (1) that the Education Committee needs to continue feeding information into the training project which will continue throughout the RFP process and (2) that during the RFP process the education sub committee is the only committee that the stakeholders could continue working on without interfering with the integrity of the RFP process.

Ty thanked everyone for their participation in the EMS Visions Project.

Meeting adjourned.