



Sonoma County
Emergency Medical Care Council

Dean Anderson, Chairperson

EMCC Minutes April 27, 2009

Present: Ellie Lowry, Mark Luoto, John Managlia, Bob Norrbom, Malissa Opulencia, James Salvante, Fred Seydel, Bill Shubin, Joshua Weil, Mark Andrews, Tucker Bierbaum, Joanne Chapman, Bryan Cleaver, Kent Coxon, Dan Epperson, Steve Francis, Henry Fuhs, Linda Anderson, Eric Freed, Dick Luttrell, John Baker, Jim Levy, Alan Ross, Don Campbell, Randy Lyman

1. Welcome and Introductions

Bill Shubin, EMCC Vice-Chair opened the meeting at 12:30. Introductions were made around the room.

2. Minutes approved

Minutes from the January 26, 2009 meeting were approved as presented.

3. Public Comment Period

No public comments were made.

4. EMS Agency Report

• **Contract Compliance**

Steve Francis reported that the EMCC Contract Compliance Sub Committee met following January's EMCC meeting. Members received binders with all 2008 monthly compliance reports for the period of March 2008 to December 2008. The electronic process for compliance review through AMR CAD is up to date (through March 2009). There have been some technological issues with the data flow from the County 911 CAD back up server to the AMR Cad. These connection issues are being worked on by AMR, County ISD, and the Agency.

• **Disaster Planning/Exercises**

Kent Coxon gave an update on the Swine Flu issue stating there are no confirmed cases in Sonoma County at this time. He suggests going over standard PPE with all personnel and upon transporting patients with flu like symptoms to report to receiving hospitals. He recommended standard precautions such as maintaining a six-foot distance from patients, using a 95 mask and eye protection. The county has opened a surge center at Public Health and is preparing to allocate a stockpile of Relenza and Tamaflu drugs.

• **MAC Committees**

- a. **TAC-** Joanne Chapman discussed SRMH's ACS re-verification last week that was very successful, and expects a report from ACS in 30 days. UVMC is in process to be designated a level IV Trauma Center in Mendocino County, which won't change the point of entry for trauma patients, but will help UVMC achieve a Level III designation in the future.



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- b. **MCI-** Kent Coxon is still working with the committee to develop the policies which are field related; including communication, on scene activities and patient destinations, and system related to concepts that study small to large disasters.
- c. **Aircraft-** Steve Francis reports work to standardize HELO LZ management to be sure all EMS providers meet standards for consistency and safety. We continue reviewing the State task force work to follow advisories with possible regulation changes upcoming. We are working with all providers to ensure continuity of training and safety operations and procedures. We continue working with pilots to improve air to air communication to keep the air space as safe as possible.
- d. **QI-** James Salvante thanked Eric Freed for volunteering to assist with ALS Update classes. He discussed QI looking into Intraosseous usage from 2008-April 2009 there have been 25 cases with the majority being used on cardiac arrest patients. There have been some minor deviations to P&P on their use, but no major ones. James suggests some changes to training to ensure the highest possible level of quality.

5. Old Business

- **Napa County Vision Process**

Bryan Cleaver reported that Napa County has retained the services of Fitch & Associates to complete the franchise planning process and development of the EOA RFP. In addition to the franchise project Fitch & Associates will develop ambulance ordinances. There will be more details to come and will be reported further at the next MAC meeting, Bryan encourages attendance for the July 1st MAC meeting.

- **REDCOM RFP** Dick Luttrell states they are moving towards a contract to address the most outstanding issues related to reduced funding.
- **Legislation** Bryan Cleaver said there are no significant new legislatures to report. We are very close to drafting the regulations for the upcoming EMT 2010 new mandates and these will be distributed when complete.
- **Hospital Boarding Letter** Steve Francis discussed the letter sent after the January meeting to the Director of Health Services and her response with recommendations. It was agreed that the Chair would follow up with the DHS Directors recommendations. This item will be followed up at the next meeting.
- **New Business** Bryan Cleaver informed the attendees of the potential fees change. The work analysis has been sent to the EMS Directors Group and we will wait for three counties to approve prior to moving forward.

Fitch & Associates has been contracted to complete an analysis of the Mendocino County EMS system.



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New Business (cont)

Steve Francis requested the membership review the Bylaws, specifically regarding membership. Several appointed members have been unable to attend/meet the required number of meetings for quite some time. It is appropriate at this time for the EMCC Membership to be reappointed by the BOS. The Agency will be sending letters to constituent groups for their recommendations/appointees for their representation. Additionally, since the seating of new BOS members in January 2009, BOS representatives will need to be reviewed and potentially reselected or appointed. Follow-up will occur at the next meeting

6. **Announcements and Items from the Membership**
None.
7. **Meeting Adjourned at 1:30 pm**