



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2020

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Chair: Jon King Police Chiefs' Association</b>  <b>Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen Trauma Center (CC Contract)</b>  <b>Ellen Leng Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</b>  <b>James Lambert Hospital Council Bay Area Division</b></p> <p>Terence Carey <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i>            Jack Clapp <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            Mark Forrette <i>District II</i>            Joseph Gorton <i>Public Managers' Association</i>            Elaina Petrucci <i>Gunn American Heart Association</i>            Michael Lyons <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Cameron Metzger <i>EMS Training Institution</i>            David Samuelson <i>Emergency Nurses Assoc. East Bay</i>            Karin Schnaider <i>District III</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i>            Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i>            Mike Williams <i>EMS Agency Director</i></p> <p><u>Members Absent Representing</u>            John Duggan <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>            David Goldstein <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>            Ara Gregorian <i>California Highway Patrol</i>            David Lilienstein <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i>            Jennifer Lucas <i>American Red Cross</i>            Denise Pangelinan <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i></p>	<p><u>STAFF PRESENT</u>            Marshall Bennett <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Aaron Doyle <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Mia Fairbanks <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Ben Keizer <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Senai Kidane <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>            Michael Johnson <i>American Medical Response</i>            Jill Ray <i>District II</i>            Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i>            Jim Selover <i>San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District</i>            Troy Vincent <i>American Medical Response</i></p>

**Committee Chair King** called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from December 11, 2019</i> Member Tobias motioned to approve the Minutes from December 11, 2019. Member Leng seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. December 2019 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> Chair King thanked everyone for their work and dedication during the COVID-19 pandemic.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> - As part of the COVID-19 response, fire and ambulance providers along with Public Health and care facilities have been learning how to work together and have smoothed out processes and procedures. - Had worked on wall time issues in latter part of 2019. A workgroup was established, and good relationships came from that. There is more work to be done. - At the December EMCC meeting, there was a request to discuss the October fires. This did not occur in March as the March EMCC meeting was canceled because of the COVID-19 response. As a remedy, Member Carey provided a written presentation to the Committee at this June meeting.
7.	<i>Health Care Coalition Biannual Report to EMCC – Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, Contra Costa Emergency Preparedness Coordinator</i> Health Services staff Lisa Vajgrt-Smith provided the biannual report of Contra Costa Med-Health Preparedness Coalition (HPP Emergency Preparedness) activities. The report went back to fire season as that had been requested at the December EMCC meeting, but Vajgrt-Smith was unable to give that report in March as the March EMCC meeting was canceled because of the

	<p>COVID-19 response. Report highlights include the 2019 Significant Events timeline, covering large scale fires and PSPS events from October to November 2019. Kaiser Walnut Creek completed the Coalition Surge Test, exercising healthcare leadership on procedures for hospital evacuation on November 21, 2019. Vajgrt-Smith covered the impacts of PSPS and how it affected the Coalition, and what the health department did for outreach to vulnerable populations. The current focus of the Coalition is on COVID-19, which has been a big learning opportunity. The Coalition will be acting as a support mechanism for the next six months. There will be a focus on making sure enough PPE is stocked. The Coalition will also focus on non COVID-19 related issues including but not limited to wildfires.</p>
8.	<p><i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Update</p>
9.	<p><i>Update on Ambulance Ordinance</i> EMS Staff member Marshall Bennett reported that EMS staff has possession of the current draft version of the ordinance. Next steps include planning how best to reach out to stakeholders to discuss and optimize the plan before bringing the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors.</p>
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Alliance contract with the County has been extended for five years through 2025. Contra Costa Fire also came to an agreement with AMR to extend that contract.</li> <li>- COVID-19 update – the response caused the County EOC to be upstaffed to unprecedented levels. The Fire Branch was staffed at the same level. Currently not fully staffed, but communication continues. Daily temperature checks were instituted. 60 people are being tracked that were potentially exposed to COVID and could be positive. Four people from one engine company have tested positive, as well as one additional person from a different engine company. Policies were quickly adjusted by the LEMSA to help those in the field.</li> <li>- Transports dropped 27 percent, so as part of the staffing plan for the Alliance, the Fire District worked with AMR to a 10 percent reduction in staffing. AMR raised the cap of number of people who could be out on vacation. No employees have been laid off or furloughed as a result. Staffing levels will be increased as appropriate.</li> <li>- The Alliance continues to keep up compliance numbers between 96-97 percent. The threshold is 90 percent.</li> <li>- ConAir currently has one active aircraft, which is going well. The goal is to have a second aircraft in the air in the first part of July 2020.</li> <li>-The Fire District has worked with LEMSA staff Ben Keizer in affiliation with the CE Provider Program. They look forward to moving forward.</li> </ul>
11.	<p><i>Approval of 2019 EMS System Plan Objectives (Action Item)</i> The objectives are an annual action item submitted to the EMCC are a part of the annual system plan which is submitted to the State. The objectives lay out what we accomplish regarding our regulatory compliance. EMS Staff member Mia Fairbanks requested a motion to approve. Member Tobias motioned to approve, Member Hansen seconded; none opposed. 2019 System Plan Objectives approved.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Assistant Medical Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EMS Staff member Mia Fairbanks introduced Dr. Senai Kidane who is the new EMS Assistant Medical Director.</li> <li>- Dr. Kidane reported that during the County Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) meeting, the group was able to go over the new proposed field treatment guidelines which were well received.</li> <li>- The County is waiting for approval for an opioid trial study for Buprenorphine. Contra Costa County is in a unique position to be able to funnel patients into treatment programs in the County. Limited Paramedics with training would be able to administer the drug under supervision.</li> <li>- EMS staff member Ben Keizer gave a presentation on behalf of Dr. David Goldstein regarding the Contra Costa County EMS Response to COVID-19. The presentation included an overview of the overall response structure for CCHS, as well as the responsibilities of the EMS Duty Officer and EMS Branch within that response structure. Keizer shared some data and went over a timeline from January to May, including major external events happening in the world, as well as the specific LEMSA response to those events. The presentation closed with steps to move forward.</li> </ul>
13.	<p><i>EMS Director's Report – Mike Williams, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EMS Director Mike Williams introduced himself to the Committee as the New EMS Director.</li> <li>- Referenced the ongoing issues that have been going on with ambulance offload times. Announced that the workgroup meetings will reconvene regarding APOT at the request of the Board of Supervisors.</li> <li>- As Director, Williams' mission is to work closely with the EMCC. He would like the Committee to take a strategic role moving forward. He plans to call a special meeting prior to the next regular scheduled meeting to discuss a strategic process.</li> </ul>
14.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for September 9, 2020</i> - No items proposed.</p>
15.	<p><i>Adjournment at 5:30 pm</i></p>