



Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Committee



*Bob Norrbom, Chairperson
Brian Henricksen, Vice Chairperson*

General Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 25, 2021, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual meeting by WebEx

Members Present: Stephen Akre, Mike Bates, Brian Henricksen, Steve Herzberg, Mark LaGrave, Jim Levy, KT McNulty, Bob Norrbom, Jeff Schach, Fred Seydel, Sean Sullivan, Brian Cyr, Jeff Snow.

Members Absent: Tim Aboudara, Linda Anderson, Todd Axberg, Brad Silvestro, Mike Bates,

Others Present: Jen Banks, Bryan Cleaver, Kristina Griffith, James Salvante, Carly Sullivan, Joanne Chapman, Ryan DeHart, Chris Ottolini, Ambrose Stevens, Bronwyn Golly, Patrick McAlpin, others possible not recorded.

I. Welcome and Introductions

12:31 call to order.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 2020 meeting

Fred Seydel moved to approve, Steve Akre second.

III. Public Comment Period

Steve Akre - thank you to KT McNulty and staff for REDCOM handling of storm event over the weekend.
Steve Suter – Working with CSU on low level or basic transport, doing COVID testing on site, working to prevent hospital visits for COVID testing. Thank you to all the agencies working on this issue.

IV. Old Business

- Annual Report

No comments have come back regarding the annual report.

Steve Akre motions to submit as written report to Board of Supervisors, Fred Seydel seconds.
Vote taken all approved. CVEMSA will investigate proper method to send to BOS.

V. New Business

- EMCC bi-law review – Action Item

James Salvante - Document has not been updated since 2013. EMCC has made errors in the past that we need to address and correct. We should be taking nominations to Board for a vote. By-laws imply that all seats need to be voted on by BOS. We involved county council to help “get us right” with bi-laws and the County. Bob Norrbom did some research and agrees that all need to be approved by BOS. Looking for suggestion for clean-up and clarify. James Salvante and Bob Norrbom would like to set up a sub-committee to take this on. Brian Henricksen and Jeff Snow offered to be on the sub-committee. All changes will need to be approved by County Counsel and EMCC board members before finalized. Bi-Laws available on CVEMSA website for review.

No other comments.

- Jeff Snow appointment – has been appointed by supervisor Coursey. Supervisor Coursey has expressed a significant level of interest in the EMCC.

No other comments.

- Dave Smith Retirement and replacement – Action Item

James Salvante would like to hold off until the issue of board notification has been addressed.



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Steve Herzberg wants to know what the process is for at-large position available. James Salvante addressed the question, stating his understanding is the EMCC is to notify appropriate staff at County Administrators office that the open seat is available.

Steve Akre, would like to nominate Steve Suter for at large position. Steve Suter acknowledged he would take it if offered.

- CMS-ET3 Emergency Triage, Treatment, and Transportation – Brian Henricksen gave presentation on this program. Project launched by Medicare/Medicaid program. Piolet project requested applications to participate. AMR applied 3 years ago, and found out in March of 2020 that they had been selected. Treatment in place through telemedicine is what AMR focused on. To increase efficiency of EMS services, by not being on calls where they are not needed. Working with EMS to initiate program.

Chris Ottolini is interested in this program looking for more information. No current way to have more people on the program, but there may be more options available after it is implemented. Mark Luoto is impressed with process and supports its use. Will help with wall times and congestion at EDs.

A question regarding resources on scene time effects? BH that other programs are finding it adds about 20 minutes to time at scene. Still a saved resource time. Paramedics are getting a benefit from being involved with physician assessment.

VI. Coastal Valleys Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency

- Sonoma County EMS Ad Hoc Committee
- RFP Update – James Salvante commented on both Ad Hoc Committee and RFP Looking for a board date to present RFP to Board of supervisors the finished RFP. Changes in structure is major change, content remains mostly the same. Looking to put RFP as soon as possible after BOS review. Steve Hertzberg asked if maps had been altered to reflect 201 rights? James cannot answer, but maps will be available when RFP goes out.
- PHP Carly Sullivan and PHP team present. PHP team is up to full staff, and will be taking over Health Care Coalition grants. Continue to push on ImageTrend user participation. Ryan DeHart reports out for PHP prioritization. Revamp DOC model. Develop training to administer to new hires on DOC process. Quarterly DOC exercise will be coming up. Structure of HCC will be changing.
- Mendocino Update Jen Banks committed to doing a lot of COVID responses. PG&E disaster relief fund, presented proposal to Mendocino BOS for approximately 3 million dollars, funding to offset EMS supply costs as well as other items. Funding was approved and roll out has started. College of Siskiyous is running Paramedic program and will have a program next year
- SRMH trauma agreement – Jen Banks gives update on level II trauma hospital. Assessments and request were sent out to other hospitals with no interests, so SRMH will continue to serve. Neighbor group has asked for meeting to give formal public comments on this. Neighbors meeting should be mid-November but not firm date has been set yet.
- MAC committee Mark Luoto gives update – Policy discussion. Highlighting recommended BLS and ALS changes working in the COVID environment that will be sent out. All persons with a Handtevy certificate will be expiring at the end of Jan 2022, however not certificate is necessary to continue program. Lucinda Gardner has APOT report.



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Bob questions if we are doing better with times. Lucinda states it continues to be a problem. Reports are going to all hospitals with their data weekly. EMS is working with hospital leadership regarding reports, issues and communications.

Brian Henriksen would like additional information on impacts to Ambulance services to be included in reports.

Bob asks about creating a subcommittee to help address APOT issue.

VII. Standing Items –

- Save Lives Sonoma
James Salvante, nothing to report
- REDCOM
KT nothing to report
- Fire Chiefs report
Steve Akre – paramedic training and recruitment and retention discussed. Sonoma County Fire district has consolidated with Bodega Bay and Reach agreements.
- BOS district rep update
No comments.
- Hospitals
No comments.
- Ambulance providers
No comments.
- Training program
CLS – Chris Ottolini CLS was awarded Rural EMS training grant, began second EMR course to complete in December. Expanding training department.
SRJC – Erin Olsen – currently wrapping up last academy. Got students back in hospitals and ambulances. Next academy starts in January has 50+ applicants.

VIII. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

No comments.

IX. Announcements and Items from the Membership

James Salvante Ambulance rates survey is done and link will be in chat and is posted on website.

X. Adjournment – Fred Seydel adjourns, Jeff Schach seconds.

NEXT MEETING-January 24, 2022

TBD:

EMSA Legislative Link: http://www.emsa.ca.gov/legislative_activity