



Sonoma County Emergency Medical Care Committee



*Bob Norrbom, Chairperson
Dean Anderson, Vice Chairperson*

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

Virtual meeting by WebEx

Members Present: Tim Aboudara, Stephen Akre, Linda Anderson, Todd Axberg, Mike Bates, Brian Henricksen, Steve Herzberg, Mark LaGrave, Jim Levy, KT McNulty, Bob Norrbom, Jeff Schach, Fred Seydel, Brad Silvestro, Dave Smith,

Members Absent: Mark Andrews, Ellie Lowry,

Others Present: Jen Banks, Bryan Cleaver, Kristina Griffith, James Salvante, Carly Sullivan, Joanne Chapman, Evan Dilks, Willow Farey, Erin Olson, Steve Suter, Ambrose Stevens, Ben Gould, Doug Williams, Evonne Stevens, Janet Uhde, Jeff Cress, Mark Luoto, Michele Lawrence, Patrick McAlpin, Paul Ricci, others possible not recorded.

I. Welcome and Introductions

Bob Norrbom called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM, and voting members were recorded for count of a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes from October 2020 meeting

October 2020 minutes were approved as written., Motion to approve - Linda Anderson, Second - Mark LaGrave

III. Public Comment Period

None

IV. New Business

• BOS report

A BOS report is a requirement of new EMS ordinance. Bob Norrbom will start working on one and asked for contributions from the group. To include EMS ordinance as well as other items. Will send out a draft to group.

1. Questions or Comments

Steve Akre voiced his appreciation for getting the report done.

• Nominations for Vice Chair

Thank you Dean for your services and welcome Brian Henricksen as new member.

1. Open nominations for Vice Chair position

Linda Anderson nominates - Brian Henricksen

Steve Herzberg nominates - Mike Bates

The discussion regarding voting procedure included a call for vote via email and a call for an immediate open vote. James Salvante read from the EMCC by laws that the vote should happen at this meeting.

2. Vote:

8 votes for Henricksen - Anderson, Henricksen, LaGrave, Norrbom, Silvestro, McNulty, Seydel & Smith

7 votes for Bates – Axberg, Aboudara, Akre, Bates, Herzberg, Levy & Schach
Andrews and Lowry not on call.

a. Brian Henricksen voted in as Vice Chair.

3 Comments or Questions –

Linda Anderson would like representation across the board, not just fire or law.



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- EMT's to vaccination discussion
 - Sonoma Valley Fire and Bodega Bay Fire have several EMTs and Paramedics that have been training to provide vaccinations. Steve Herzberg would like to thank CVEMSA for training materials. CVEMSA and EMCC leadership appreciate how ALS providers are stepping up and working together to get the training done and EMS providers vaccinated.
 - Carly Sullivan comments on Counties participation of vaccine coordination and that County is relying on community partners, for example the Sonoma County Medical Association, in heading up coordination of volunteers working at the fairgrounds. County if going to rely heavily on CVS and other facilities that can do mass output.
 - Clinics can submit resource request to receive vaccine through County.
 - Grant funding may be available to help cover cost not covered by FEMA.
- 1. Comments or questions.
 - Steve Akre would like DHS to be clearing house for FEMA funds. Tim Aboudara would like more information from county about what roll out plan is, and who is coordinating it.
 - Steve Herzberg wants to know if contracts being issued for vaccination clinics and who has them?
AMR does have a contract for COVID services, but not vaccination services. James Salvante provided some information on contracts through the county, and other pathways to reimbursement.
 - Steve Suter is wanting to know what the requests for EMTs is going to be and how they are going to be paid for.
- 2. Bob Norrbom suggest setting up ADHOC committee for this issue.
Mike Bates motions for ADHOC committee and Tim Aboudara seconds.
Bates, Aboudara, Akre, Henricksen, Janet Uhde Carly Sullivan and Bryan Cleaver from CVEMSA on committee.
- CVEMSA Evaluations
Bob Norrbom reached out to Barbie Robinson via letter, email and voice mail for input, and has received no response.
 - 1. Comments or Questions
 - James Salvante, CVEMSA cannot comment, cannot facilitate evaluation.
 - Steve Herzberg notes that there was a survey done and there have been no results provided.
 - Bob Norrbom suggests a new survey be sent out.
 - Tim Aboudara would like to have an ADHOC to discuss getting results from DHS.

V. Coastal Valleys Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency

- Sonoma County EMS Ad Hoc Committee
James reported EMS Ad Hoc continues to meet EMS agency, DHS consultants, and County administrator. Discussion regarding LEMSA evaluation will be brought up at committee meeting.
Looking to provide guidance to EMS agency and consultants that were hired to do the RFP.
- RFP Update
The draft RFP will be going to Board of Supervisors, no specific date as yet.



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Consultants, EndPoint, working on updating timeline.

1. Comments:

- Steve Herzberg would like to know about the public comment availability.
- PHP
 - Additional funding provided to support PHP section of ImageTrend. Staffing changes, EMS to continue to provide support. Need to identify a new health care coalition lead. Healthcare coalition encouraged more representatives from EMCC group. Monthly 1.5 hour meetings, contact Carly if you are interested. No questions or comments.
- Mendocino Update
 - Jen Banks. A lot of time and management going into COVID conversations. No comments or questions.
- MAC committee
 - Mark Luoto. EMT-P and EMT1 policy for review committee ready maybe February. Scheduled policy for review committee regarding EMT vaccination. APOT data to be reviewed for each hospital. Excellent data compared to state, but notice of longer times in the last few months. ED experienced a decreased number of patients, but those numbers are on the rise. Transferred patients finding difficulty finding beds. MAC committee is looking for sources to remedy the situation. No comments or questions.

VI. Standing Items –

- Save Lives Sonoma
 - Potential funding source for Pulse Point looked into. No updates for SLS from Dave Smith except funding and working on increasing reliability of EDD database.
 - No comments or questions.
- REDCOM
 - No update on REDCOM from KT McNulty
 - Comment or Question -Tim Aboudara, does dispatch times effect EMCC group? No further discussion regarding this issue.
- Fire Chiefs report
 - Steve Akre - most important items have already been touched on. Managing the workload of employees is important. Additions asked through OES request being managed. Happy to be partnering with other agencies.
 - Comments or questions – Pulse point will be on next REDCOM agenda meeting.
- BOS district rep update
 - Steve Hertzberg 5th, Supervisor Hopkins is helping with vaccination plan for rural areas, created measure B, tax measure to increase funding for Bodega Bay Emergency funding.
 - No other districts had comments.
 - No questions or comment.
- Hospitals – No comments from hospitals.
- Ambulance providers
 - Brian Henricksen happy to work with other regarding First responder's vaccinations.
- Training program
 - Coast Life Support District– Chris Ottolini with reported on CLSD progress with training grant, current EMT class has 26 attendees for class starting soon. One public safety first responder done with good turnout. Good things coming from grant.



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- SRJC – Erin Olsen – Changing start date for Paramedic program to January Date, to help with Paramedic placement that is interrupted by fire season. 23 students in academy started this week. Thank all agencies and partners for help with students getting clinic skills. Internship placement to start in May, if preceptors are available please reach out. Jan 2022 will be first new start of Paramedic program. Students working through summer, hoping to have new students out and available in October. Will update information in the next meeting.
No questions or comments.

VII. Agenda Topics for Next Meeting

- “Wall times/APOT Time” for ambulances.
- LEMSA report on MADIE fund and EMS trust fund revenues.

VIII. Announcements and Items from the Membership

- Sonoma County fire district has issued an RFQ, on Sonoma County Fire district website

IX. Adjournment

Fred Seydel moves to adjourn, Dave Smith seconds.
1:45PM

NEXT MEETING-April 26. 2021

TBD: either Webex or physical meeting

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