



EMERGENCY MEDICAL
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MINUTES EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

<u>DATE:</u>	Sept. 16, 2019	<u>TIME:</u>	8:30 AM
<u>PLACE:</u>	Aptos/La Selva Fire, 6934 Soquel Dr., Aptos, Conference Room		

ITEM:

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes– [8:30 am] – June minutes approved.
2. Written Correspondence Report – Appointments to the EMCC: Captain Craig Kunzler, Michael McGannon, Robyn McIntyre, Arnold Leff, MD
3. Oral Communications – new Health Officer for Santa Cruz County: Gail Newel – she will meet with the EMCC in the future.
4. EMS Administrator Report – EMS Coordinator position not filled yet. Recruitment soon. FirstWatch program may be ready in October for use for compliance. HIE/Health Information Exchange Grant update given. Shelley Huxtable now staffs the EMS office. Image Trend Users met in August to make improvements. This will help Dr. Ghilarducci access good data. Sacramento Valley Ambulance has requested a permit to operate BLS and possibly CCT. ProTransport also made an inquiry. Shelley is working on the EMCC calendar for 2020.
5. Prehospital Advisory Committee – No report – didn't meet in August
6. PG&E Power Shut Offs– PG&E has announced intention to do power shutoffs to prevent wildfires. Shutoffs could last 4 – 7 days or longer. Difficult for patients with power-dependent medical devices. Are trying to reach all who could be impacted. Over 150 people have said that they have power-dependent medical issues. Dominican will drill will using the hospital's generators. Local healthcare coalition had a handout on preparedness for September.
7. Statewide Exercise – November 13 and 14. Flood scenario for the exercise this year. Messaging will start on November 12th. The scenario includes many opportunities to test response capability.
8. Gilroy Garlic Festival Shooting – Brenda attended after-action review. Brenda was notified through facebook within minutes of event. Brenda will identify grant funds for vests to protect EMS responders. Lessons – people drive to closest hospital.
9. Sexual Assault Response Treatment Update – The Sheriff's Department (SO) is the lead agency for the program and contracts with Valley Medical Center (VMC). There is a MOU with Dominican Hospital (DH) to restore a site for the program locally. The nurse training is 6 months long and it is very difficult to maintain staffing. The SO will contract with nursing group. Pediatric sexual assault victims will still have to go to VMC as this requires very specialized procedures. Watsonville Hospital (WCH) has participated in this program in the past and might be willing to continue.
10. APOT (Ambulance Patient Offload Time) – This is the time from ambulance arriving to the ER and the handoff to the hospital. Historically in California this is has been a problem. State

requires local EMS to track and report the APOT data quarterly. Local numbers are good. Kudos to both hospitals for moving the patients from AMR to beds. Paul and Chris both commented that great communication from the field about the types of patients coming in has helped the hospitals be prepared to receive the patients. APOT at Natividad and VMC are problematic (anecdotally) for patients that aren't "trauma alerts". WCH last week addressed staff about continuing to streamline patient offload from AMR.

11. Watsonville Hospital Purchase Update – Mimi - Pajaro Valley Health Trust won't be purchasing the hospital but will continue as an entity. Halsen Healthcare is the purchaser and intends to complete the purchase by October 1, 2019. Since the next EMCC meeting will be held at Watsonville Hospital, the CEO will be invited to the EMCC to provide an update. Please give Brenda any concerns about the hospital's purchase by 10/1.
12. Dominican Hospital Update on Expansion and Impact on EMS System – Paul – No construction planned that would impact the ER or ambulance entry but the ER waiting room will eventually be expanded. Ultimately anticipate that ambulance patient flow will improve but beds will not be added. There will be substantial changes in parking, and there will be more private (unshared) rooms as well. The surgical suite – will be larger but there will be the same number of beds.
13. Kaiser Update – no update – defer to October.
14. AMR/EMSIA Agreement Update – Still in progress. Innovator position – AMR – working on job description.
15. ET3 Model and Future of EMS – ET3 – AMR national is reaching out to Dignity National. Deadline is tomorrow for letter of intent. Update at next meeting.
16. Items for October Agenda – SART Update with Sheriff's Department, Watsonville Hospital Purchase Update, ET3, AMR/EMSIA agreement, PG&E Power Shutoff Update, Invitation to Gail Newel, Statewide Exercise, Kaiser Update
17. Adjournment – Next meeting at Watsonville Hospital, Sequoia Rm, October 21st at 8:30am.

Commissioners in attendance:

Celia Barry	Marcus Kwan, MD	Kent Benedict, MD
Chris Johnston, RN	Arnold Leff, MD	Marc Yellin, MD
Chris Jones	Robyn McIntyre	

Commissioners excused:

Dan Quinto	Eric Conrad, RN	Ian Larkin
Michael McGannon, MD	Craig Kunzler	

County Staff:

Brenda Brenner
Mimi Hall, Director of HSA
Marcus Pimentel, Assistant Director of HSA

Guests:

Scott Vahradian, EMSIA	Anita Aguirre, Salud Para La Gente
Michael Baulch, LifeFlight	Brad Cramer, AMR
Kent Cramer, LifeFlight	Paul Angelo, Dominican
Gianna Marinshaw, Central Coast Ambulance	Jeff Horner, Calstar