



# County of Santa Cruz

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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

## PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

### MINUTES

### SEPTEMBER 8, 2008

**Present:** Rayette Andrews, Beth Landes, Lisa Angell, Hilary Weaver, Pete Kushner, Scott Vahradian, Priscilla Leighton, Brenda Brenner, Kent Benedict, Celia Barry, Sonya Ruiz, Hilda Chelstowski, John Chelstowski, Rob Sherman, Scott Weyland, Jamie Hill

May's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### 1. NEW BUSINESS

1. Training/Implementation Report on Pediatric Fast Pack – Scott – 250 medics were trained in Pediatric Fast Pack. Kudos to the field medics for developing and implementing the Pediatric Fast Pack – Will Wingert!! Scott will give Lisa and Rayette the pediatric dosing charts for the hospitals.

#### 2. REPORTS

1. EMS Administrator Report-Dr. Tharratt, the new Director of EMSA, will be making a site visit to Santa Cruz on October 28<sup>th</sup>. If there are issues you'd like to have represented, please let Celia know. Due to budget cuts, the Emergency Medical Services and Public Health Emergency Preparedness programs are both now Celia's responsibility. The annual flu drill will take place on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm at Watsonville's Soccer Central at Ramsey Park. There will be 1,200 doses of FluMist and 500 doses of other flu vaccines. It was suggested that Watsonville Hospital's ED give out flyer for the event. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Argelia Soria at 454-4489 (or Celia at 454-4751) to volunteer.
  - a. WebPCR: The Health Services Agency has initiated a purchase order with the developers of WebPCR to move the program to a more stable server. The purchase order will also allow small changes to the program to make WebPCR more functional until the new program is implemented. Fire/EMS Users subcommittee at NetCom is exploring further integration of data and maintenance. Firehouse is willing to provide a development version for us to use.

- b. EMSSystem: Hospitals will use EMSSystem for disaster preparedness.
- 2. EMSIA Report – Scott – October/November training will be on resuscitation and infrequently used skills. Brad and Scott will have some recommendations on improving resuscitation.
- 3. AMR Report – Brenda – AMR became the provider for Monterey County on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Santa Cruz AMR is giving Mutual Aid to North Monterey County.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS – UPDATES**

- 1. Trauma – Overtriage by base station physicians was higher for 0 and 1 MAP hit patients than for those medics evaluated and transported. Injury severity scores (ISS) were also lower for base station physician ordered 0 and 1 hit MAP patients than for those medics evaluated and transported. Medics continue to make good decisions on 2 and 3 hit MAP cases. Documentation needs to be improved by medics for 0 and 1 hit MAP cases. Santa Clara Trauma Audit Committee members were surprised that Santa Cruz hospitals have difficulties transferring trauma patients out of Santa Cruz EDs to Santa Clara facilities. Transfer agreements need to be updated. Trauma centers are interested in helping with public education outreach. Scott and Brad will develop a training on a base station call-in format. MAP tool – Scott and Brad will submit some policy and protocol revisions regarding the MAP tool. There are also discussions about flying versus driving patients. It would be helpful if the medics documented which base station physician ordered patients transferred to Santa Clara facilities.
- 2. CPAP – Kent has spoken with other EMS Medical directors about evaluating CPAP.
- 3. 12 Lead/STEMI Project – Still waiting to hear on AFG grant whether or not funding for new monitors will be available. Zoll product is being field-tested.
- 4. Cardiac Arrest Study/Field Resuscitation – 2007 Cardiac Arrest Study should be available by next Prehospital Advisory Committee.
- 5. King Tube/EZ IO Audit –

### **4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Scott Weyland introduced Jamie Hill as the new acting Chief Flight Nurse for Calstar.

**PAC meeting will be on Monday, October 8th at Aptos/La Selva Fire at 8:30am**

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