



# County of Santa Cruz

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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

## PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

### MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2010

**Present:** Brad Cramer, Sonya Ruiz, Lisa Angell, Rayette Andrews, Sterling Lewis, Priscilla Leighton, Kent Benedict, Celia Barry, Hilary Weaver, Kris Hurst, Scott Vahradian, Lawrence Erickson, Marc Yellin, John Walbridge

November's meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

#### 1. **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Cardiac Arrest Audit 07/08 – postponed – 2009 first six months shows that bystander CPR is identical to previous year's data. Have 46% bystander CPR rate. Ventura County has similar protocols to Santa Cruz – have doubled survival rate. 52% of witnessed patients with v-fib walk out of the hospital in Ventura. ROSC from PEA has improved from 9% to 50%. 07/08 data will be presumed to be similar to previous data and this report will be dropped. New audit will be 09.

#### 2. **OLD BUSINESS**

1. STEMI Update – Marc – Dominica Hospital is close to implementation. There will be a meeting tomorrow at Marc's house to discuss the project. The time line to have all trained is April 1. April could be "test month" of system. Medics will only transmit STEMI, suspected STEMI and questionable ECGs to hospitals for consultation.
2. Trauma Follow-up – Trauma data from 2009 is trickling in. Rayette sent in trauma data from Dominican Hospital through November. Regionalization of trauma in California is moving forward. Trauma kits are being ordered through Homeland Security funds. Kent, Marc and Celia will meet with the Sentinel tomorrow to discuss trauma in Santa Cruz County. Sonya mentioned that LifeFlight has a case that might be appropriate for EMS Week. EZIO has new needles and there is now a 4 year expiration approval from FDA.

3. H1N1 Follow-up – 571 vaccines administered to EMS. Vaccine is widely available in the community. Hospitals aren't seeing many cases but Dominican Hospital has had one case in the ICU for 6 weeks so far. Watsonville Community Hospital has seen spike in pediatric H1N1 cases. Admits in both hospitals have been for about 24 hours.

### 3. **REPORTS**

1. EMS Administrator – County and State budgets will be poor again. Furloughs will probably continue for County employees.
2. AMR – No report
3. EMSIA – Thanks to Scott for the EMSIA annual report. Scott distributed the CPAP report. Conclusion is that CPAP is a valuable tool. EMSIA is preparing equivalency programs for CPR. Policy and protocol updates coming soon. Zofran is being proposed as optional scope of practice. Recommend that CPAP be used as a BLS skill.

### 4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

EMT and Paramedic regulations are up for comment on the EMSA website.

Cal Fire – Now having BLS in San Mateo County using King Tubes.

Red diversion hours for 2009 are half of what they were in 2008.

**PAC meeting will be on Monday, February 1 at 8:30am at Aptos/La Selva Fire, 6934 Soquel Drive, Aptos**

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