



EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROGRAM

County of Santa Cruz

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

MINUTES

<u>DATE:</u>	December 5, 2022	<u>TIME:</u>	9:00 AM-10:01 AM
<u>PLACE:</u>	Online Only: ZOOM		

MINUTES

ITEM:

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes for October, 2022.
 - a. Quorum Met, Minutes approved.
2. Written Correspondence Listing – None.
3. Emily Chung and Dr. Ghilarducci introduced Greg Benson as the new EMS Director.
4. Oral Communications –
 - a. Mike from AMR thanked Greg for his service at AMR and introduced Jeremy Boston as the new Operations Manager for Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.
 - b. Mark Yellin asked Claudia for an update on her role in EMS – Started with the County in July 2020 as a disaster service worker in Logistics. Moved up to her current position of Sr. Dept. Admin. Analyst over a year ago. Responsible for Contracts, budgets, community outreach. Liaison with the State, MHOAC supervisor and recently completed EMT school.
 - c. Maritime MCI Planning – No update from Kent. Claudia had one meeting with Contra Costa County. Once program is ready to roll out, they will contact Kent.
 - d. Threfalls’ vacancy – Tiffany unable to attend meeting. Emily stated there is no update. However, Dr. Dimitri Bacos is the interim Chief of Psychiatry.
 - e. Reddinet for Telecare – Claudia reported the staff is trained and actively providing daily updates on bed availability. Currently 90% of the time juvenile admissions are on diversion and 50% of the time adult admissions are on diversion. Chris Clark said communication is better, however, due to different answers from different shifts, elevate issues to administrators.

- Current contract ends in June, send out for RFP. Celia stated lack of space and/or staff illness contributes to the diversion. Yellin stated engaged in talks with WCH to accept juveniles when Telecare on diversion.
- f. ET3 intake and process at jail – Cramer stated meeting between County Fire agencies, AMR and jail medical staff. EMS responses, field calls, person goes in law enforcement vehicle to hospital only to be turned away. 2nd call made for ambulance to take person to hospital. ET3 screening, safety for admission to ED. Jail is under pressure on screening process and what they can provide. Fire chiefs meeting endorsed plan with jail staff.
 - g. Continue Zoom or resume in-person EMCC meeting – Dr. Ghilarducci stated the Emergency Declaration is over and we can return to in-person and/or hybrid meetings. Vote at January meeting on how to proceed with meetings. Mark Yellin stated the Health Officer can override the cancelation of the Emergency Declaration, if appropriate. Emily Chung will gather more information on the Brown Act and how to proceed with the meeting format and present at the January meeting. Jason Nee asked if there is a resolution for every 30 days – to vote during current meeting for meeting format on next meeting. Celia Barry made a motion for hybrid meeting in January. Mark Yellin seconded to extend hybrid meeting option to January.
 - h. EMCC email communications from specific County email going forward – Emily Chung said no, communications will continue to come from the EMS office.
 - i. 2023 EMCC Meeting Schedule – No issues. Final schedule distributed December 16.
5. COVID-19 / FLU / MPOX Updates
- a. Wastewater shows rapid covid rise in Santa Cruz, however, not present in Watsonville. Flu is on a rapid increase, healthcare workers out ill, healthcare system is very tired due to reverberations from pandemic. RSV huge rise in cases, mostly due to not having been exposed much in the last 2 years. There is no pediatric RSV care in our hospitals. Kids being admitted to the hospital are sent to hospitals over the hill. Hospitals are seeing more capacity, may be over the worst of it. Get boosted and get flu vaccine.
6. EMS Administrator Report – provided by Emily
- a. Greg Benson going through the on-boarding process, working on reducing fire and LEO field loads on ED's.
7. Prehospital Advisory Committee
- a. Dr. Ghilarducci reported that he met with Scott Vahradian and Brad Cramer regarding Red Lights and Sirens. EMS needs to be more efficient and avoid over response to calls. Acknowledged SCFD, Sheriff and AMR for a job very well done in dealing with a very difficult 12-hour call with a bariatric patient. The patient was admitted to WCH.
8. AMR Contract Amendment Update – Done!
9. ET3 and Innovator Report
- a. Seeing an increase in flu patients using 911. Have identified 4 patients who frequent 911 calls.
10. Kaiser
- a. No update, no rep at meeting. Have not broken ground on new site.

11. Dominican Remodel
 - a. Will report at the January EMCC meeting.
12. Items for January meeting
 - a. General Services to give update on Radio/Communications
13. Adjournment: motion made to adjourn at 10:01AM.

Commissioners in attendance:

Dr. Mark Yellin	Dr. Kent Benedict, MD	Amy Grooters, RN
Celia Barry	Rich Rubin	Eric Conrad
Chris Clark, S.O.	Jason Nee	

Commissioners Excused:

Marcus Kwan
Dr. Arnold Leff, MD

Guests:

Kent Cramer	Michael Esslinger	Alex Aste
Jerry Souza, RN	Brad Cramer	Michael Baulch, RN,
Paul Angelo, RN	Becky Shoemaker	Dan Chavez
Jeff Horner	Jeremy Boston	Robert Oatey
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