



County of Santa Cruz

HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE:	August 15, 2022	TIME:	9:00 AM-9:50 AM
PLACE:	HYBRID MEETING: IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM: Physical location: Central Fire, 930 17 th Ave. Santa Cruz		

MINUTES

ITEM:

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes for June 2022.
 - a. Quorum Met. 11 Commissioners in attendance.
 - b. Minutes will be approved once corrections are made.
2. Written Correspondence Listing-
 - a. AMR Agreement Extension – On today’s agenda.
3. Oral Communications – None.
4. COVID-19 Update
 - a. Dr. Ghilarducci reported that COVID numbers have seen a gradual decline, however, school has started so numbers will most likely go up. Waste water indicators are use, however more effort has been on Monkeypox. 4 confirmed cases in the County, 5-6 probable cases. Limited vaccine is available., however Monkeypox is not a threat to the general population. PPE can help protect against it.
5. Watsonville Community Hospital
 - a. Shortfall of \$5.59 million is in operating costs, not in the purchase of the hospital. Rich Rubin asked about nurses being unhappy about the requirement to work full-time, as many of them are currently working part-time. Cantrell noted the nurses were offered .9 and that this was to make the funding work. The .6 FTE for so many nurses doesn’t work financially. Every shift would still have some positions that are part-time and nurses could also work per diem.
6. EMS Administrator Report – No report, Brenda on well deserved vacation.

7. Prehospital Advisory Committee – No update
8. ET3
 - a. California still does not allow transport to an alternate location, such as Dr. on Duty, from a 911 call. Hope this will be approved soon.
 - b. 98% eligible medi-cal clients not on board. Would the jail benefit from an online visit?
9. Innovator report
 - a. Making progress on frequent users.
10. Air Ambulance closest unit response and staffing/Watsonville Base:
 - a. Still temporarily shuttered due to lack of 24 hour quarters. Construction in progress, 30% cost increase, should be finished by Q1 2023.
11. AMR Agreement
 - a. Celia made a motion to extend approve, motion seconded, motion carried.
12. Kaiser – No update.
13. Dominican Remodel – No update.
14. New EMS Director
 - a. Emily talked about the interview process. Marc Yellen and Marcus Kwan both offered to represent the EMCC's interest. Emily said she'd contact them.
15. Items for September meeting
 - a. Maritime MCI Planning – Kent volunteered to assist with this item.
 - b. Marc Yellin asked about filling Threfall's vacancy with Behavioral Health.
16. Adjournment: motion made to adjourn at 09:50 AM.

Commissioners in attendance:

Dan Quinto, AMR	Kent Benedict, MD	Amy Grooters, RN
Marcus Kwan, MD	Marc Yellin, MD	
Celia Barry	Arnold Leff, MD	
Greg Benson, AMR	Rich Rubin	
Chris Clark, S.O.		

Commissioners Excused:

Jason Nee
Eric Conrad, RN
Michael McGannon, MD

Guests:

Kent Cramer	Michael Esslinger	Alex Aste
Chris Stubendorff	Jerry Souza, RN	Brad Cramer
Michael Baulch, RN, JD	Mayra Reyes	Paul Angelo, RN
Becky Shoemaker	Dan Chavez	Jeff Horner
Robert Oatey	Stephanie French	PK(?)
Garvin (?)		

County Staff:

Dr. David Ghilarducci, MD
Tiffany Cantrell-Warren
Emily Chung
Shelley Huxtable