



EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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## MINUTES EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

<b><u>DATE:</u></b>	<b>February 24, 2020</b>	<b><u>TIME:</u></b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b><u>PLACE:</u></b>	Aptos/La Selva Fire, 6934 Soquel Dr., Aptos, Conference Room		

### **ITEM:**

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes– [8:30 am] – January minutes approved but need to show Marc Yellin’s name appeared twice as in attendance.
2. Written Correspondence Report – None
3. Oral Communications – EMS Week in May 19<sup>th</sup> (tentatively), Brenda is requesting cases, ASAP. April meeting is focused on behavioral health.. There was discussion about the best day for the EMCC meetings. EMS will survey to determine best day of the week.
4. EMS Administrator Report – Health Information Exchange grant to connect EMS charts to the Santa Cruz health information exchange is continuing to progress. Brenda obtained grant funding for Mobile Field Hospital supplies and bullet-proof vests for crews.
5. Prehospital Advisory Committee – just added a new medication – TXA for traumatic injuries that can’t be controlled through standard methods. Also adding Ketamine and Toradol for pain control. Dave is now the President of the Emergency Medical Directors Association of California.
6. ET3 – No updates – Dignity and AMR are in partnership at the state level. This is a Medicare project that would allow for alternate transportation. (ET 3 - “Triage, Treatment and Transport”). Keep on the agenda as there may be news soon.
7. AMR/EMSIA MOU – The fire agency subcontract with AMR is signed but there were a few items missed that will need to be added.
8. COVID -19 Update -Dr. Newell – big shift is now towards “pandemic” - expecting to become widespread and global. Locally are working with healthcare partners – need to have stockpiles and carefully ration PPEs. Healthcare agencies should prepare for a workforce that may be down by 40% at any one time. CDC – best source for information. The site includes information for businesses. The virus is expected to be circulating for months to come. Both local hospitals have designated areas for suspected cases. Four companies working on vaccines. Brenda thanked partners who responded to a poll about N95 masks. Also will be polling to know number of employees for possible vaccines. Brenda will try to revive the paramedic vaccination program. Wednesday morning there will be an EMS planning meeting regarding the response. Dr. Newell announced that Brenda won the Gold Award for the Health Services Agency. She was selected by her fellow employees for her work during the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS). She will be

honored at the Board of Supervisors meeting tomorrow, February 25<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:30am.

9. Innovator – Kay Blackwolf was introduced as the new AMR employee who will be working to help “frequent users” access the care they need. Kay has a degree from California State, Monterey Bay in “collaborative health and human services”. The Commission welcomed Kay to his new position. This will be a standing agenda item.
10. Items for March Agenda – Behavioral Health Meeting Preparation, COVID update, Innovate Update, ET3,
11. Adjournment – Next Meeting March 16, Central Fire –

Commissioners in attendance:

Celia Barry	Marcus Kwan, MD	Kent Benedict, MD
Marc Yellin, MD	Michael McGannon, MD	Chris Jones
Arnold Leff, MD		

Commissioners excused:

Ian Larkin  
Craig Kunzler  
Eric Conrad, RN  
Dan Quinto

County Staff:

Brenda Brenner  
Dave Ghilarducci  
Shelley Huxtable  
Gail Newell, Santa Cruz County Health Officer

Guests:

Dan Brothman	Jeff Horner, Calstar
Brad Cramer, AMR	Lorrie Wilson
Paul Angelo, Dominican	Jason Hajduk
Kent Cramer	Kay Blackwolf
Patrick Winters	Violet Ramirez