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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE & TIME	Monday, April 21, 2025, 9:00am – 10:30am
LOCATION-In-Person	NetCom, 495 Upper Park Rd., Santa Cruz
LOCATION-Online	Microsoft Teams Join the meeting now Meeting ID: 298 651 594 606 Passcode: q469cL65 Dial in by phone +1 831-454-2222,,844040794# United States, Santa Cruz Find a local number Phone conference ID: 844 040 794# For organizers: Meeting options Reset dial-in PIN

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X	Ron Prince, M. Koenig, District 1 – Co Chair	X	Chris Clark, Law Enforcement
X	Jerry Souza, K. De Serpa, District 2	X	Jason Nee, Fire Chief's Assoc. – Co Chair
	Celia Barry, J. Cummings, District 3 (remote)		Eric Conrad, Dominican Hospital Rep.
X	Michael Baulch, F. Hernandez, District 4	X	Phyllis Stark, Watsonville Hospital Rep. (Remote)
X	Dan Quinto, M. Martinez, District 5	X	Jeremy Boston, AMR
X	Dr. Marc Yellin, Medical Society	X	Chris Jones, Consumer Representative
	Open Position, Field Representative		

COUNTY STAFF:

X	Greg Benson, EMS Director		Monica Morales, HSA Director
	Emily Chung, Public Health Director		Dr. Lisa Hernandez, Medical Services Director - Health Officer
X	Claudia Garza, Sr. Dept. Admin. Analyst	X	Shelley Huxtable, EMS Office Assistant

ITEM:

- 1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum** – Commissioner Co-Chair Nee called the meeting to order at 9:00am. Quorum was established.

2. Review/Correct Agenda & Approve Minutes from February 2025 meeting – Approved.

3. Written Correspondence Listings – None.

4. Oral Communications – None.

5. Welcome New Commissioners – Commissioner Nee welcomed new/returning Commissioner Dan Quinto, who will be representing Supervisor Monica Martinez, District 5.

6. Commissioner Stipends – Information for commissioners to request stipend.

7. Medical Director Recruitment Update – Two candidates applied, interviewed one. Moving forward with Dr. Eli Carrillo. Currently in the contract phase, potential start date in 2-3 months.

8. Ad-Hoc Committee Update and Consideration of Approval of the proposed EMCC 12-Month Action Plan – Data project & BOS meetings slated by the end of May, one-hour meetings with each BOS member to explain EMS and 12-month Action Plan. Possible ride-along opportunities with AMR Shift Supervisors for BOS members. Vote on plan – Commissioner Nee made the motion to approve, Commissioner Souza seconded the motion, all Commissioners approved. The Action Plan is effective today, April 21, 2025.

9. Individual Commissioner Updates – Commissioner Prince recommends Commissioners give a 2 minute or less update at each meeting, no action items or votes on these updates.
Commissioner Clark – there is a staffing lull. Country-wide changes to crisis response to mental health calls of not entering the home if the person is no threat to others, our department has not taken a stance one way or the other.

Commissioner Boston – AMR moved their office the old CHP building, they are working with NetCom on posting locations, medic staffing has improved.

Commissioner Baulch – meeting with Supervisor Hernandez on Friday.

Commissioner Quinto – meeting with Supervisor Martinez next week.

10. Program Updates:

A. Covid-19/Flu/RSV Update and Prehospital Advisory Committee Update – No covid or flu. Measles – no confirmations but it is possible our county will see positive cases soon. Mental health crisis calls and how to respond to these calls - Crisis team? Law enforcement? Fire? AMR? Law and Fire have initiated meetings on these calls and how to proceed.

B. EMS Administrator Report (Greg Benson).

Continuing work on compliance and the data project.

C. Innovator Report (Jeremy Boston).

No update, Jake Thorsen unable to attend today's meeting.

11. Proposed Agenda Items for next EMCC meeting on June 16, 2025.

Watsonville Hospital Cardiac Update

Mental Health Crisis Call Response.

Ad-Hoc Committee Update.

12. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 9:51am.