

EMCC MEETING MINUTES August 19, 2015  
Lakeport Fire District-Station 50  
445 N. Main St. Lakeport, Ca. 95453

1. Meeting called to order at 11:20
2. Outstanding minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting were approved with minor corrections.
3. North Coast EMS report: Larry Karsteadt
  - A. NCEMS Governing Board Meeting next Thursday-Rob Brown is the Chairman. They are going to review the proposed Exclusive Operating Area Plan for Humboldt County
  - B. Funds have been distributed to the providers for the tablets.
  - C. NCEMS is looking for HIE grant funds for integration of information for administration of Image Trend.
  - D. NCEMS is tracking Image Trend tier II usage (mobile use) & will invoice the appropriate amounts to the providers based on their usage.
  - E. St. Joe in Eureka has had a site evaluation by NCEMS for certification as a Stemi-Receiving facility.
  - F. EMS plan received its' annual update approval.
  - G. EMS for Children funding for last year has been distributed.
  - H. AMR vendor contract with Cal Fire: They transported fire personnel from the scene to local hospital during the recent fire incidents. NCEMS is reviewing the appropriateness, with the question, should they have used local resources first.
  - I. HPP: Nothing new to report @ this time. There is a working plan in progress to be submitted soon.
4. Subcommittee Reports:
  - A. Medical advisory: There was a TAC meeting after the last EMCC. Cindi Forbes attended the Sonoma TAC & they reviewed Lake County cases. It was discussed that full C-Spine immobilization is not necessary for transfers to SRMH if the transferring ER physician has cleared the pt. They also stressed the importance of transferring patients as soon as reasonably possible & to not do unnecessary tests that are time consuming. They also have determined that Lake County has been under triaging the transfers.
  - B. Education: FCA-Sepsis FCA August 25 @ So Lake Fire on 10-01-2015. MICN class in September & TNCC class also in September, both by SLH. Pediatric Emergency Care @ the Doubletree in October.

- C. Disaster: Chief Sapeta reported FMAG funds for the Rocky Fire. They are preparing for the El Nino weather anomaly predicted for this winter.
- D. Radio Communications: Sanhedrin repeater is going to be taken down. Goat Mountain is being considered as a new site. The Walker Ridge repeater is also down. Maintenance on Seigler is going to be done.
- E. Publicity/Funding: No current issues.
- F. Bylaws: No current issues.
- G. Membership: Bob Ray reported that many members have been recently reappointed. There are more slots available for membership.
- H. Policy Review: No current issues.
- I. Ambulance Review: Jim Dowdy reported the LZ plans submitted have a much higher price tag than originally estimated & that they are looking for possible alternate plans. Fire Chiefs representative gave a fire situation update for the season. There was a Health Faire update. There was discussion regarding Kaiser/Faulk IFT issues.

## 5. Old Business

- A. SHH-Clearlake landing pad issue: Already reported on.
- B. IGT: Documentation is due by the end of August. A 90 day turnaround time for reimbursements is expected.
- C. Unified Disaster Control Facility: Larry spoke & stated that a sub-committee should be formed to consider disaster planning with both hospitals having representation on the committee to discuss the issue & possibly come up with ideas.
- D. Ambulance transport of infectious disease pts.: Dr. Tait spoke & reported that EMS & Local Hospitals need to notify the Public Health Dept. if they have any cases. She is responsible for coordination with the state agencies & making arrangements for transport to proper facilities with the proper transfer unit. A regional approach has been developed.

### Discussion of other unscheduled old business

Larry reported that there is going to be a NRTC meeting in Redding with review of Level 4 Trauma Centers on September 30<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that Public Safety Training programs need to be approved by NCEMS.

## 6. New Business

- A. Cyndi Forbes reported that they are starting a "SOAR" education program in schools about rape. The campaign will start slowly.

- B. Kaiser IFT's: Kaiser has a private contract with FAULK ambulance for IFT's & are using them (Veri-Health) to transport the patients instead of utilizing locally available resources, possibly delaying transport of patients. The question is of the appropriateness of this & Dr. Tait reported that we should use QI/QA to review these cases as a quality of care issue. State EMS web site –mutual aid agreement in place. The question is, do the vendor contracts supersede local ambulance mutual agreements? This is not currently addressed in our County ordinance. Is this a hospital responsibility & possibly something that hospital risk management should be concerned about?

Discussion of other unscheduled new business

Meeting adjourned @ 12:30.

Next meeting: Oct. 21, 2015 11:00 hrs. @ Lake County Fire District-Station 70 on Olympic Drive in Clearlake @ 11:00 hrs.