

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the October 12th, 2022 meeting via Zoom

Present (Via Zoom):

Doug Boileau, EMT-P	Arcata-Mad River Ambulance
Brook Hoalton, EMT-P	Cal Fire
Jaison Chand, EMT-P, RN	City Ambulance/REACH
Katie Baza, EMT-B	City Ambulance
Ron Sandler, EMT-P	Del Norte Ambulance
Darrin Short	Del Norte County Supervisor
Jason Orlandi, RN, CNO	Mad River Community Hospital
Sean Anderson, RN	Mad River Community Hospital
Tina Wood, RN	Mad River Community Hospital
Dennis Louy	North Coast EMS-Del Norte County
Stayce Curry, LPT, RN	North Coast EMS
Kayce Hurd, EMT-P	North Coast EMS
Larry Karsteadt	North Coast EMS
Matthew Karp, MD	North Coast EMS
Pam Mather, RN	North Coast EMS
Rita Henderson, RN	North Coast EMS
Pam Collver, RN	Redwood Memorial and St. Joseph Hospital
Kari Vandiver, RN	St. Joseph Hospital
Lauri Martinich, RN	Sutter Coast Hospital
Teresa Bertolini, RN	Sutter Coast Hospital

1. Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting.

The minutes were approved as submitted

2. OLD BUSINESS

- **Paramedic Program Update**

Per Doug, seven of the eighteen students from the last class have finished their internships and six of those have passed their national registry exams. There are still 28 students in the current class and they will be starting their clinical rotations in the hospital shortly. Doug reported that the accreditation self study is due April 1st, 2023 in preparation for a site visit in Fall of 2023.

- **Trauma**

Per Rita, TAC meeting is Oct 26th and will be combined with Lake, Humboldt, and Del Norte counties. She advised the group to plan on a two hour meeting.

- **EMS for Children**

Per Larry, they are in between surveys at the moment. He reported that one of the hospitals in Lake County did not complete their EDAP paperwork and they are looking to renew their efforts to get that hospital back up.

- **STEMI/Stroke Program Updates**

Per Larry, nothing to report.

- **Behavioral Health Update**

Per Stayce, the counties are gathering information and preparing for the changes coming with the passing of AB 2275 and due process hearings in the non designated facilities. She reported on a few other potential bills coming down the pike and will keep the group posted with updates. There is a Law and Ethics 5150 training on October 26th and the Crisis Prevention Institute is coming to Eureka and will be hosting training for non violent behavior management. The Triage and Sobering Center is moving forward with the collaborative meetings, which many in this group are involved in. Stayce also reported that the adult residential site has been secured and they'll be moving forward there as well. Doug inquired into the location of the adult site and Stayce said she would look into the specific location information and follow up with him.

- **Infectious Disease Update**

No report

- **Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area Update**

Per Pam, Humboldt is in it's 3rd quarter of the first year of the EOA. City Ambulance and Arcata Ambulance have been submitting quarterly reports and focused on response time monitoring. They are working on a summary document that can be posted on the NCEMS website for review.

Pam reported that, in Del Norte, the EOA request was reviewed at the Supervisor's meeting. They are looking to obtain more data before taking any next steps and will be looking to endorse one of the three EOA options that have been presented.

In Lake County, there has been an informal inquiry into an EOA from South Lake County Fire Protection District. There has been interest in a formal application as well.

- **North Coast EMS Policy Update**

Per Kayce, the Respiratory Policy should be completed in the next two days and up for internal review. She hopes to have the Cardiac Emergencies Policy out soon as well, and she will probably start doubling up on the treatment policies as they have fallen behind with the attention to administrative policies.

She requested feedback from the group on the Specialty Care Hospitals continuing to receive bypasses during an MCI, specifically for STEMI patients.

Per Pam, they would still take STEMI patients but would want to look at not bypassing for neurology or ortho during an MCI.

Jaison added that the odds of this specific situation occurring were extremely low and wouldn't want to get too wrapped up in that direction.

3. NEW BUSINESS

- **Approve Proposed 2023 MAC Schedule**

Per Doug, he has not seen a draft yet but assumes that it will continue with the 2nd Wednesday of the month. He noted that the zoom meetings appear to garner good attendance and asked if there was a preference for the zoom vs. returning to in person meetings.

Per Larry, he assumed a draft had already gone out but confirmed that it will still be the 2nd Wednesday of the month. He added that a draft will go out to the group for review and will be discussed at next month's meeting as the Cardiac and Trauma meetings will still need to be set for the year. Doug requested that the Feb 9th meeting be reserved for the Paramedic Advisory Committee meeting as it will need to be part of the self study submission.

4. NORTH COAST EMS REPORT

Per Larry, there is a governing board meeting scheduled for the end of the month but, due to lack of agenda items, he advised that it may be postponed. They are looking at possibly applying for an ongoing grant to encourage outreach to indigenous groups and other ethnic entities in the three-county area. They are still assessing the grant at this time. NCEMS is planning to conduct Paramedic Base Hospital site surveys this year, which have been done in the past but have been postponed for other priorities and Covid. Pam will be working to set those up.

Per Pam, the goal is to have these complete by June of 2023. She is planning to start by reaching out to the hospitals, following up with a detailed questionnaire, and finishing with a brief site survey. There will be a letter going out in the next 30 days or so.

Per Larry they are looking to hold a MHOSCA training soon, which will involve the three counties and involve emergency response.

5. EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Per Jaison, the legislative session is closed and the governor has signed everything that is going to be signed at this point. There were no bills signed that will be impacting our area. The EMS Strategic Planning Group, which is a multi association group that is putting together the strategic plan for EMS for the next 10-15 years, is still meeting. They had their 3rd meeting recently and have divided into several sub groups to tackle individual items and report back to the main group. Per Jaison, he expects these sub groups to continue meeting for quite some time.

6. FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS

Sutter Coast Hospital

Per Theresa, they have hired a new Trauma Coordinator who will also be PCNC. She is currently still working as a Case Manager and they are essentially sharing her during that transition. They are hoping to have their 15 til 50 program for MCI implemented in 2023. Larry asked that Theresa send the contact information for Lauri to North Coast EMS.

Mad River Community Hospital

Per Tina, they had their accreditation visit last week and are looking forward to receiving that report. They are gearing up for winter, including flu and RSV season.

Per Jason, their pharmacist has been working with AMRA and Hoopa Ambulance on Narcotics dispensing.

St. Joseph and Redwood Memorial

Per Pam, they held an MCI tabletop with City Ambulance and ED staff and hopes to continue expanding that to outside agencies. They also held an OB emergencies training, which she reported to be very well attended.

Per Kari, there is a TNCC class coming up next week. They attended the Bear River Health Fair a couple of weeks ago.

Del Norte Ambulance

Per Ron, they have been focused on providing information for their EOA request and call volume is holding steady.

Cal Fire

Per Brook, they just completed a Public Safety First Aid course at College of the Redwoods with 27 students. The EMSA just approved an update to their curriculum to make it geared towards public safety and aligned with the training that law enforcement receives. They have also been working with the operational management working group for EMSAs strategic planning process. They held their first meeting which was very focused on their mission statement and inclusivity.

Arcata Mad River Ambulance

Per Doug, they had two employees deployed to help support the relief efforts in Florida for Hurricane Ian. One has since returned. They have received a new bariatric unit and will ideally have it in service in the next three weeks.

City Ambulance

Per Jaison, they have one employee currently deployed in Florida to help support the relief efforts. He also reported that they have a list of willing EMTs who are just waiting on the notification for deployment. City Ambulance has upgraded their communications center and is close to submitting the letter for EMD authorization to NCEMS. They will be sending their dispatch employees out of the area for some real world practice on the EMD process before using it locally.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: November 9, 2022 via ZOOM