MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the November 11th, 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

Nate McKnight, EMT-P City Ambulance

Charles Tweed, EMT-P Del Norte Ambulance

Darrin Short Del Norte County Supervisor

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

Matt Karp, MD North Coast EMS

Pam Mather, RN North Coast EMS

Pam Collver, RN Redwood Memorial and St. Joseph Hospital

Kari Vandiver, RN St. Joseph Hospital

Theresa Bertolini Sutter Coast Hospital

1. **Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2022 meeting.**

The minutes were approved as presented

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

* **Paramedic Program Update**

Per Doug there are now 11 students that have finished the program. 8 of those have tested and 7 passed the national registry exam on their first attempt. The current class has 27 students and are starting their clinical rotations.

Larry paused the meeting at this point to recognize the tragic loss of Louis Bruhnke, who was a close colleague and friend of many of those in the meeting today. Larry added that Louis worked for the EMS Authority and, prior to that, with North Coast EMS for 22 years. He will be missed.

* **Trauma/EMS for Children/ STEMI/Stroke Program Updates**

Per Larry, nothing to report. Rita is out of the office and traveling.

* **Behavioral Health Update**

Per Stayce, AB2275 is going into effect on January 1st and she is working to put together a training and algorithm to update the non-designated EDs and Behavioral Health regarding the new Due Process hearings and day counts that will be occurring in the non-designated facilities. A draft algorithm is currently being reviewed and will hopefully be going out soon. Stayce added that this will most likely be something that changes as its implemented, and we learn more.

The Triage and Sobering Center is moving forward with the hospital council’s direction. As a follow up to a question from the last meeting, Stayce reported that the soon to be adult residential site that was secured is at M and 7th St in Eureka.

Doug asked for a quick summary of AB2275 as he is unfamiliar with the bill.

Per Stayce, as a response to asking for the legislature for more behavioral health beds and staff, they were instead given Hearings in the Emergency Department. Starting January 1st, the 72-hour clock is standardized across the State. In order to do that, Due Process hearings are now having to be done by day 7 regardless of having been seen, evaluated, and treated. These hearings, which require a patient’s rights advocate and a hearing officer to make the determination, will now be held in the ED. This process is requiring a big ask from Behavioral Health and the Emergency Department. Stayce voiced her disappointment in the passing of this bill and does not believe it will have a positive impact on many people and puts a strain on the system.

* **Infectious Disease Update**

No agency in attendance to report.

* **Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area Update**

Per Pam, no big updates in Humboldt, Lake, or Del Norte Counties. AMRA and City are still in the monitoring phase, and she reported that she is working on a quarterly summary to post on the NCEMS website that gives visibility to some of the reporting areas.

* **North Coast EMS Policy Update**

Per Kayce, she is updating the EMT Scope of Practice and EMT Equipment list policies on the website by this afternoon and will be emailing the agencies. She asked that the group spread the word that agencies with EMTs may now be carrying BG finger sticks, Epi Pens, and intra-nasal Narcan.

Kayce reported that the next goal is to have two more treatment policies together, which will go out to the group soon.

The Destination Policy, and ALS to BLS handoff policy should also be complete and sent out to the group soon.

Stayce interjected that she had forgot to report before, but Sempervirens is currently experiencing a Covid outbreak at their facility.

1. **NEW BUSINES****S**

* **Approve Proposed 2023 MAC Schedule**

The proposed schedule was approved as written with no changes or discussion.

1. **NORTH COAST EMS REPORT**

Per Larry, nothing to report.

1. **EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Per Jaison, the Chapter 13 task force continues to be dormant as it has been for the past year. The State Strategic Planning meetings are ongoing. The subgroups are all wrapping up and will be coming back together as a whole in January to draft a document which will be shared with the group.

Jaison reported that the legislative cycle has not yet kicked back into gear, but he should have more to report on next month.

1. **FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS**

**Del Norte Ambulance**

Per Charles, their new Clinical Manager, Erica, is up and running with good reviews and feedback. They have been running their new KPI and training programs and onboarded a new EMT this morning.

**Sutter Coast**

Per Teresa, nothing new to report

**Mad River Community Hospital**

Per Tina, they have been busy but nothing to report

**St. Joseph Hospital**

Per Pam, they are seeing a substantial increase in RSV and Flu with pediatric patients so they are gearing up for a busy winter

**Redwood Memorial Hospital**

Per Pam, nothing to report.

**Cal Fire**

Per Brook, their E-PCRs on Imagetrend went live and are not currently flowing to NCEMS but are going to ICEMA. Larry confirmed that they access all the PCR data through ICEMA and have access to those reports now.

**City Ambulance**

Per Nate, one of their EMTs just upgraded to Paramedic. They have received a brand-new ambulance with two more on the way. Last night, 12 new stair chairs were also delivered and they’re working on putting everything into service.

**Arcata Mad River Ambulance**

Per Doug, they also received a new ambulance which is being CHP inspected on the 23rd and will eventually be going into service as a bariatric unit. He reported that this is a much larger unit than their others, with a 450 chassis.

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Louis Bruhnke and his many years of service both to NCEMS and the State EMS system.