MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the February 8th, 2023 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

Shauna Burdick, RN MSN College of the Redwoods

Ron Sandler, EMT-P Del Norte Ambulance

Darrin Short Del Norte County Supervisor

Candy Stockton, MD Humboldt County Public Health

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

Patrick Lynch North Coast EMS

Rita Henderson, RN North Coast EMS

Jett Peterson, EMT-B Paramedic Student (Current)

Pam Collver, RN Redwood Memorial and St. Joseph Hospital

James Goldberg, MD St. Joseph Hospital

Najia Sadiq, BSN Sutter Lakeside Hospital

Lauri Martinich, RN Sutter Coast Hospital

1. **Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the January 11, 2023 meeting.**

The minutes were approved as written

Per Larry, the TAC meeting that was scheduled to follow the MAC meeting has now been canceled.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

* **Trauma**

Per Rita as Larry mentioned, the next TAC meeting is scheduled for May 10th following the MAC meeting.

* **STEMI/Stroke Program Updates**

Per Larry, they are working with St. Joseph as a STEMI receiving center and all is working well. They were planning to move toward a more formal stroke system, similar to the trauma/STEMI/etc programs. St. Joseph is currently in the process of applying to become a certified stroke center and they will follow up once that is completed.

* **Behavioral Health Update**

Per Stayce, the hearings are now happening in the emergency departments and Stanislaus County had their first writ in the ED and the pt was placed on a 5250 in the hospital. While this has not yet happened in Humboldt, she advised that the first step to this request would be to contact the patient rights advocate.

Stayce reported that the alternate response team in Eureka has applied for the Care Star grant, which involves the LEMSA. They were granted the ability to apply. Del Norte is also in the first stages of a Care Star grant as well and she is meeting with them regarding that. Lastly, the triage and sobering center has received approval from the board of supervisors to apply for the grant.

* **Infectious Disease Update**

Per Dr. Stockton, RSV and Flu rates have seen a significant decrease and we’re remaining in the green zone for covid cases.

* **Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area Update**

Per Larry, Humboldt continues to be monitored and both continue to maintain compliance to the EOA. He added that there was some issue with the PCR program that was resolved.

Larry reported that, for Del Norte, they have presented twice now to the Board of Supervisors regarding their reccomendations for the EOA. The board has recommended a competitive bid process over a grandfathered process.

* **North Coast EMS Policy Update**

Per Kayce, the destination policy was published with some inconsistencies in the numbering. This was brought to her attention and resolved and she added that many things are caught over the years by Kelly and the paramedic students so she knows they are really reviewing those closely as they’re updated.

The Assess-Refer policy and the Patient Refusal policy have been pulled and are currently under review. They are also working on the Local Optional Scope of Practice policies to modify the way that these are changed and approved through NCEMS.

1. **NEW BUSINES****S**
2. **NORTH COAST EMS REPORT**

Per Larry, the invites and agenda and minutes are now sent to the group with a BCC but they’d like to start using a CC instead. He asked if there were any objections to using the CC instead and noted that everyone’s email addresses would be visible. There were no objections.

Larry added that the EMSAC annual conference is scheduled for the end of May and that many members of this group will likely be attending. Lastly, he added that he will not be attending the March MAC meeting.

1. **EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Per Jaison, there is another bill in the works that would remove liability from EMTs and Paramedics and allow them to restrain 5150 patients. He also reported another bill that would increase Medi-cal payments for ambulance providers. The State Strategic Committee has concluded its work and has put out a draft of their vision for the next ten years. Comments are due by the 17th and Jaison added that he felt that the document was a good representation.

Per Larry, the State EMS Authority moved forward with AB40 that would remove the MD requirement to be the director of the EMS Authority, and open it up to be an administrative position.

1. **FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS**

**Sutter Coast Hospital -**Per Lauri, nothing to report

**Mad River Hospital -** Per Sean, nothing to report

**Saint Joseph and Redwood Memorial Hospital**

Per Pam, a STEMI field care audit has gone out and she reported good responses. She is also planning on a trauma simulation on April 18th at the General Hospital campus and she will update as they have more specific times

**Sutter Lakeside Hospital**

Per Najia, they’re working with their local medics on pump training as well. Jaison added that it would be a good idea to connect with MedStar Ambulance on that training as it’s been a roadblock for them to take patients out of the county.

**Del Norte Ambulance -** Per Ron, nothing to report

**City Ambulance**

Per Jaison, they have reimplemented their tiered response system with BLS response to code 2 calls at the Mission and SNFs in Eureka. He added that they are easing in with those facilities but will be ramping up in the Eureka area.

**Arcata Mad River Ambulance -** Per Doug, nothing to report

Rita reminded the group that the TAC meeting, previously scheduled to follow this MAC meeting, has been cancelled and will not be held today.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: **March 8, 2023 via ZOOM**