MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the March 8th, 2023 meeting via Zoom

**Present (Via Zoom):**

Doug Boileau, EMT-P Arcata-Mad River Ambulance

Brook Hoalton , EMT-P Cal Fire

Joe Gregorio, EMT Cal Ore

Jaison Chand, EMT-P, RN City Ambulance/REACH

Katie Baza, EMT-B City Ambulance

Charles Tweed, EMT-P Del Norte Ambulance

Tim Citro, EMT-P Humboldt Bay Fire

Alyse Dorman Humboldt County Public Health

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

Matt Karp, MD North Coast EMS

Pam Mather, RN North Coast EMS

Patrick Lynch North Coast EMS

Rita Henderson, RN North Coast EMS

Pam Collver, RN Redwood Memorial and St. Joseph Hospital

1. **Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the February 8, 2023 meeting.**

The minutes were approved as written.

1. **Paramedic Advisory Committee Meeting**

Per Doug, this language on the agenda was left over from last meeting. He reported that the accreditation self-study is due at the end of this month and the surveys will be going out today. Doug asked that everyone keep an eye out for those surveys and return them as soon as possible. He added that those who are employers of graduates will receive a survey for the annual report soon as well.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

* **Trauma**

Per Rita, the Sutter Coast Hospital trauma survey has been scheduled for July 26th.

* **EMS for Children Program Updates**

Per Rita, in conjunction with the trauma survey, North Coast EMS will be doing the St. Joseph and Redwood Memorial EDAP survey, which is slightly overdue. She also reported that they just received notice that they need to have their EMS plan for 2022 turned into the State very soon.

* **Behavioral Health Update**

Per Stayce, the hearings are happening in all three counties without much difficulty. She added that there are many bills coming out, but the hospitals may want to pay attention to AB1001. She reported that this bill would require general acute care hospitals to adopt policies to respond to patients requiring behavioral health emergencies. Rita asked Jaison if AB1601 was his bill, Jaison responded that it was not. Rita reported that this bill which would authorize a person to be taken into custody pursuant to 5150 statutes by paramedic or emergency technician.

Doug asked if any of the hospitals had anything they wanted to add regarding the number of 5150s awaiting placement or transport.

Per Pam, they are currently holding six patients at SJH and was unsure of Redwood.

Per Tina, they do not currently have any holds. She reported that she had a very productive meeting with the chief of the Cal Poly Police Department regarding 5150 vs. 1799 and their plan moving forward with how to handle those patients.

* **Infectious Disease Update**

Per Alyse, Dr. Stockton was unable to attend but wanted her to report that there was a mega event in Kentucky at the end of February with confirmed cases of Measles. Public Health is going to be monitoring, but providers should be considering measles for anyone who presents with fever and rash. They are working on a provider alert to send out but any questions can be directed to her or Dr. Stockton.

* **Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area Update**

Per Pam, nothing new to report regarding Del Norte or Lake County. She reported that she’s a little late getting fourth quarter reports posted but she’s working with City Ambulance to get that finalized.

* **North Coast EMS Policy Update**

Per Kayce, they are working to update the expanded scope IFT policies and removing some of the hurdles for agencies to be able to offer these classes in house or online. She reported that she’s working on the treatment policies as well.

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

Per Doug, no new business.

1. **NORTH COAST EMS REPORT**

Per Kayce, nothing to report.

1. **EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Per Jaison, all the bills that are moving forward are now out and introduced. He reported that most of them still have their intent language which is pretty vague and could go different ways. There are a total of four bills that say they’ll be addressing 5150s as they pertain to emergency services. They’re doing additional research on these bills to see what direction they’re headed. Per Jaison, their bill AB1376, is addressing the authority of EMTS and paramedics to detain 5150 patients.

He added that AB55 is a bill that is important for areas like ours and would tie a wage increase for employees to medi-cal rate increases.

There are a couple bills related to data. One calling for a transparency of data from the LEMSA to EMSA. The other requires reporting by the providers for every overdose.

1. **FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS**

**Mad River Community Hospital**

Per Tina, they are preparing for new grads and offers have gone out to some who already work for them. She also reported that their transition from an outside agency to their own in-house physician program has gone smoothly and they’re bringing on a new physician this month.

**St. Joseph and Redwood Memorial**

Per Pam, she is putting out a trauma simulation field care audit, Pam Mather is coming out April 18th to do the NCEMS survey, and she’s also planning to put together a MCI tabletop drill.

**Del Norte Ambulance**

Per Charles, nothing to report

**City Ambulance of Eureka**

Per Jaison, City has received several new ambulances and, by next month, will have a total of seven new ambulances on the road. He reported that they’ll be retiring some of their higher mileage units. City has started their tiered response this month and it seems to be going well.

**Cal Fire**

Per Brooke, they are hiring about 60 firefighters back next week and they will be stationed at the High Rock Fire Center, near Weott. She reported that this is the start of the ramp up of staffing for fire season.

**Humboldt Bay Fire**

Per Tim, the last of their graduates from the last program is about to finish their accreditation and they’ll have 13 firefighter paramedics on staff. He reported that this is the highest number they’ve ever had.

**Cal Ore**

Per Joe, they’ve been busy up there and have just completed an Advanced EMT course with eight EMTs passing. After this, they will move on to the intermediate program.

**Arcata-Mad River Ambulance**

Per Doug, they have taken two 5150 transports out of the area this week. The trip yesterday took a total of 13.5 hours to complete due to road conditions.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: **April 12, 2023 via ZOOM**