

# MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the June 9th, 2021 meeting via Zoom

## **Present (Via Zoom):**

Doug Boileau, EMT-P	Arcata-Mad River Ambulance
Joe Gregorio, EMT	Cal-Ore Life Flight
Graham Felsenthal, EMT-P	City Ambulance
Jaison Chand, EMT-P, RN	City Ambulance
Katie Baza	City Ambulance
Kristen Moses, EMT-P	City Ambulance
Charles Tweed, EMT-P	Del Norte Ambulance
Kelly Johnson, LCSW	DHHS-Behavioral Health
Paul Bugnaki	DHHS-Behavioral Health
Tim Citro, EMT-P	Humboldt Bay Fire
David Neal, RN	Mad River Hospital
Sean Anderson, RN	Mad River Hospital
Tina Wood, RN	Mad River Hospital
Stayce Curry, RN	North Coast EMS
Kayce Hurd, EMT-P	North Coast EMS
Larry Karsteadt	North Coast EMS
Matthew Karp, MD	North Coast EMS
Patrick Lynch, RN	North Coast EMS
Dennis Louy	North Coast EMS-Del Norte
Ian Hoffman, MD	Public Health
Pam Collver, RN	Redwood Memorial Hospital
Tracie Conner, RN	St. Joseph Hospital
Lisa Neuger, MD	St. Joseph Hospital
Kari Vandiver, RN	St. Joseph Hospital
Kristen Hansen, RN	St. Joseph Hospital
Mary Moulton, RN	Sutter Coast Hospital
Pati Tucker-Hoover, RN	Sutter Coast Hospital

1. Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the May 12, 2021 meeting.

## 2. OLD BUSINESS

### • **Paramedic Program Update**

Per Doug, the program is now in the field internship stage. The last 3 paramedic interns are working to get their internship started. There are no longer any students in Shasta County but we now have a student in Sonoma County and more in Mendocino than previously stated. The next program is going to start in August and there are currently 17 applicants. Doug reported that there has been a slight change at College of the Redwoods and the paramedic program is back under the Director of Administration of Justice. There is also a new person handling application so if there are any issues or hiccups that arise with that process, please let him know.

### • **Trauma**

Per Larry, there was a follow up site survey at Sutter Lakeside Hospital yesterday and they are working on writing up their findings, there is also one happening at Mad River tomorrow. They are hoping to have the reports back to the hospitals prior to the JPA

meeting and will report June 24<sup>th</sup> to the governing board. Jaison brought up the fact that the Trauma Destination policy is mostly geared towards ground, and there is some clarification needed for the air transports. Per Jaison, Dr Neuger suggested everything besides open facial and pelvic fractures go to St. Joseph and he would like to get that on the next TAC agenda. Jaison will be emailing Larry and Rita to add it to the agenda.

- EMS for Children

Per Larry, all the follow up reports from the site surveys have gone out. Everyone did well, with some opportunities for improvement. Most of the facilities have returned their follow up reports. Every hospital in the US has received the National Pediatric Readiness Survey. He highly encourages everyone to get this done soon as the closing date is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

- Behavioral Health

Per Stayce, the next Nurse Manager Meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup>. They did release the training for eligible physicians to rescind 5150s. So far SJH now has a Dr. who can rescind those. Also, Mad River and Phelps have now completed their pathway bridge program, however Mad River may need to change theirs once their disaster credential runs out. St Joseph is still pending.

Per Paul, there have been higher level meetings these last few weeks regarding transportation issues that have come up recently. He reported that these meetings are ongoing and productive.

Per Kelly, they have also been meeting with law enforcement regarding challenges with people in crisis in the local Eds. They are working together to manage those situations in a more collaborative and safe manner.

Per Paul, they have received a grant for a children's crisis residential program with Dr. Bauxbaum. This should help with minor mental health care in the county. Willow Glen will be opening a 9 bed adult residential facility here in Eureka as well. He asked that if anyone knows of an open space that would work for that facility, please reach out.

- STEMI Program Updates

Per Larry, SJH has been the STEMI receiving center for some years now and field identified STEMI patients go directly to SJH. They conducted the follow up surveys and are in the process of the follow up reports from that. We should have the written report in the next few weeks. They are postponing the CARES program update until we can bring more information to the MAC meeting.

- HPP Medical Disaster Project Update

Per Larry, there should be a year end report to complete. After June 30<sup>th</sup>, the additional Covid funding will be going away. They will be setting up a meeting to make sure they have everything they need to submit.

Per Dennis, they are losing their County Health Dr. to retirement at the end of June. They were able to work with Sutter Coast Hospital to do crisis response training for the home health nurses.

- Infectious Disease and COVID-19 Updates

Per Larry, they are seeing Covid winding down and hopefully the trends in California will continue to head in the right direction. Nothing further to report.

Per Mary, Sutter Coast has seen a decrease in Covid patients in the ER as well as admissions. Charles agreed with those finding in the field as well.

Per Tina, Mad River has seen a couple positives lately, but they were not serious enough to be admitted.

Per Kristen, the overall Covid census has been cut in half from two weeks ago. Per Jaison, and Doug the call volume has started to return to normal.

- **Monitoring of Pre-Existing Infusions of Medications within the Paramedic Scope**

Per Kayce, she has all the Fentanyl dosing from Dr. Karp and is reading up on the Specialty Care Paramedic programs. She asked if the group has any thoughts on creating a SCP section rather than adding to the paramedic scope of practice. Per Jaison, he had a meeting with Sarah Park from SJH in the last month regarding the scope of practice. He asked if the antibiotics were now officially in the scope and if we have a current request in for Levophed. Kayce responded no to Levophed. Regarding antibiotics, she is hoping to push it out to providers today but is looking for clarification on language and where it lands. They are looking into moving Hep-Nitro and Blood Products training away from NCEMS and onto the providers. Per Dr. Karp, he is willing and able to push the Levophed addition to the state as it makes sense for the paramedics to have it in their scope. Per Pam, she supports EMS transporting Levophed due to the fact that, in her experience, it is used so often in the ER. Further discussion followed regarding the need and want to have paramedics able to transport with the outcome being they would be looking into the possibility with certain limits on the number of drips, extra riders, and time to transport.

### 3. NEW BUSINESS

Per Doug, there is no new business.

### 4. NORTH COAST EMS REPORT

Per Larry, the JPA meeting is June 24<sup>th</sup> and the zoom link will go out about a week beforehand. The agenda is not finalized yet, but will include budget activity and revisions to the current budget as well as the future budget. Inland County's Imagetrend access is being paid by NCEMS to the cost of \$15,000/year. They are no longer being fully reimbursed because most everyone has moved to new programs. There will be discussion at the JPA to distribute the cost of access for the data submission through ICEMA to all providers based on volume. Those still using the original ICEMA program will continue to pay a per PCR fee. Per Kayce, Push Dose Epi needs to go back on the agenda for discussion. She did talk with Dr. Karp about coming out with cleaner guidelines for use in policy.

### 5. EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Per Jaison, every bill they are tracking has either been killed or pushed off. Nothing will be happening this legislative cycle and they are now looking to 2022.

### 6. FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS

#### **Sutter Coast**

Per Mary, they have a new Interim ED Director, Michelle Buchanan. Nothing further to report.

#### **Del Norte Ambulance**

Per Charles, they are pushing training and working through new equipment. Nothing further to report.

## **MRCH**

Per David, they are looking forward to a return to some normalcy over the next 6 weeks.

## **SJH**

Per Tracie, the in person field care audit is happening at the 3030 L classroom this Friday. The topic is birth in the field. Per Kari, there is a Stop the Bleed training with Humboldt Education Summer program and should have 16 kids participating.

## **Redwood Memorial**

OB is closing July 1<sup>st</sup>. Any pregnant person over 20 weeks will be bypassing to SJH in their new policy. Jaison asked for clarification if it's any pregnant person or only if they're having an emergency related to their pregnancy. He asked that Pam write up the guidelines for bypass that they would like to see.

## **Humboldt Bay Fire**

Per Tim, they're up to full staffing with an over hire model. They have two new paramedics with another currently in internship. Tim expressed his appreciation to City Ambulance, specifically Graham and Kristen for helping to facilitate that. They also have 3 employees who will be headed into the paramedic program this year. They are all being funded by an EMS grant they received.

## **City Ambulance**

Per Jaison, the Pathway to Flight Program for Paramedics was started back in August and they now have four paramedics who were hired into flight while still working ground for City Ambulance. Scotia station remodeling is complete and we will be moving our crew in soon to be able to better serve the community in proximity.

## **Public Health**

Per Dr. Hoffman, we are not seeing the same downward trends in Covid as the rest of the state unfortunately. Some reasons this may be happening is the lower vaccination rate that we have. He encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and push those around us to do the same. He is hopeful that we are coming out of our current surge. No one who has been vaccinated has been hospitalized or died from Covid. Pam asked about vaccinating children under 12. Per Dr. Hoffman, the trials are going well and hopefully we will see ages 2-12 being able to be vaccinated in the early fall.

## **AMRA**

Per Doug, nothing new to report besides the fact that they are losing a couple paramedics to nursing but also bringing on a new paramedic coming out of the local program.

**Next Meeting:** July 8 at 0900 via Zom.