

MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the July 14th, 2021 meeting via Zoom

Present (Via Zoom):

Doug Boileau, EMT-P	Arcata-Mad River Ambulance
Graham Felsenthal EMT-P	City Ambulance
Jaison Chand, EMT-P, RN	City Ambulance
Katie Baza	City Ambulance
Virginia Plambeck, EMT-P	City Ambulance
Darrin Short	Del Norte County Supervisor
Jessica Pyska	Lake County Supervisor
Sean Anderson, RN	Mad River Hospital
Tina Wood, RN	Mad River Hospital
Stayce Curry, RN	North Coast EMS
Rita Henderson, 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
Paige Rowley	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
Lisa Neuger, MD	St. Joseph Hospital
Mark Pridmore, RN	St. Joseph Hospital
Phillip Maddux, BSN	St. Joseph Hospital
Pati Tucker-Hoover, RN	Sutter Coast Hospital

1. Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the June 9, 2021 meeting.
No changes were made

2. OLD BUSINESS

- **Paramedic Program Update**

Per Doug, we currently have 26 students who have moved onto field internships. One has dropped due to medical reasons and one has not contacted Doug yet but things are progressing well with 3 students already at 30/40 contacts made. The next paramedic program starts in the Fall with 27 applicants. The start of the Mendocino program does not seem to be effecting the numbers here.

- **Trauma**

Per Rita, two focused trauma surveys were done in mid-June, one at Sutter Coast and one at Mad River Hospital. Both went well and they are still in the process of writing up the reports. All four trauma centers successfully submitted their first quarter data to the state, which was much appreciated. Per Larry, the state trauma regulation revision process is underway, which he is a part of. They should be ready for public review in the next year or

so. Per Kari, due to illness, SJH will not have a Neuro Surgeon available for a short time and will be transferring those cases out of the area. She will be sending out a notice.

- **EMS for Children**

Per Larry, the National Pediatric Readiness survey is underway and each hospital should have already received that. He believes three hospitals have already completed theirs and the deadline for submission has been extended to the end of August. He encouraged all the hospitals to complete their surveys and also send a copy to NCEMS.

- **Behavioral Health**

Per Stayce, the next Nurse Manager meeting is Oct 18th and they're working on transport collaboration items. Nothing further to report.

- **STEMI Program Updates**

Per Larry, there is a Humboldt Cardiac Coordinating Committee meeting today at 1030 and they'll be reviewing a few cases and updating the group. They will also be updating the name of the committee to accurately reflect those involved.

- **HPP Medical Disaster Project Update**

Per Larry, they've finished the end of year, HPP Disaster report and it should be submitted this week. The 4th quarter report for HPP Covid Grant has been submitted and that grant ended at the end of June.

- **Infectious Disease and COVID-19 Updates**

Per Paige, they are working on their mobile vaccination clinics and working with community partners to ramp up the vaccine efforts. They are also working on finalizing their HPP budget for 2021-2022 and should have that finished today. Per Larry, we are seeing increases in Covid cases. He deferred to Patrick and Paige who reported that Del Norte had 28 new cases and Humboldt had 15 new cases. Larry also reported that the new Delta variant is 60% more contagious than the original strain.

- **North Coast EMS Policy Update**

Per Kayce, there are three cardiac policies waiting for review from Larry and Dr. Karp. The generic destination policy got a little lost in email strings, she is going to be bringing it back up to the top as it is also ready for review. There was some confusion with radio contact when paramedics are bypassing their base hospital for STEMI or trauma. In the Med Net policy it says that the paramedic may choose to contact the base hospital with a report. She thinks that the language needs to be changed to allow for follow up after pre alerts are given in serious patients. She asked if these changes needed to go through the vetting process and put it to the group. Larry asked if there was anyone opposed to NCEMS making these minor changes without utilizing the policy review board, he had no issues with that being done. Per Jaison, he has no issues but brought up the current MOU with SJH and said that the current wording and proposed change did not seem to be in conflict. Kari added that she did not think there were any MOU's on this topic, that they'd decided to change the Med Net policy and nothing was officially approved. Jaison responded that they do have an MOU for both bypass and modified reporting. Jaison and Kari will be reviewing and following up with each other after the meeting.

3. NEW BUSINESS

Per Doug, there is no new business

4. NORTH COAST EMS REPORT

Per Larry, they have just received notice from the EMS Authority that the Paramedic and EMT scope increases relative to Covid (including testing and vaccinations) will be discontinued at the end of August. They are deciding if they will request a continuance on these increases. He put it to the group and Doug reported that AMRA has not participated in vaccinations. Larry reported that they'll be discussing it internally. Also, three of the MCI Med Net channels can now talk to each other. Now that the fix is in place, Larry asked that we revisit the idea of centralized medical control during MCI's. Per Dr. Neuger (via chat as her microphone was not working) she thinks there should be one base hospital for all MCIs and that it should be SJH. Per Larry, we'll be adding it to the next agenda.

The governing board has approved an Imagetrend access base fee to be paid by the providers based on volume. Invoices have been sent out and if there are any questions please let Larry know.

5. EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Per Jaison, Chapter 13 task force has not reconvened, and he does not have an update on when they might do so. The only bill that is currently of direct interest is AB7 which requires private ambulance employers to provide ballistic vests for Paramedics and EMTs. It is moving to a floor vote in the Senate in the next week or two.

6. FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS

Sutter Coast Hospital

Per Pati, Mary has taken a position elsewhere so Pati is taking the PCNC position. Nothing further to report.

Mad River Hospital

Per Tina, David Neal will be returning to his previous position in Southern California. Jason Orlandi will be stepping in as Director of Nurses. They are working to get their new graduates online.

St. Joseph Hospital

Per Kari, they did an MCI exercise with the charge nurses yesterday that went really well. They will be doing another with all the ED staff next week. She also brought up the previous reported Neurosurgeon shortage and reminded everyone that she'll be sending out an email to all facilities shortly. Per Tracie, there is a Field Care Audit being done tomorrow. Per Dr. Neuger, she's noticed that there's a lot of things happening with Reach for Trauma transfers. She is working to streamline the process to get patients out the door quicker. Jaison asked her to reach out as he has a meeting scheduled already regarding these trauma transfers.

Redwood Memorial Hospital

Per Pam, they are gearing up to hire several new nurses out of the recent graduates. Nothing further to report

City Ambulance

Per Jaison, they're moving into the new Scotia station on July 21st.

Public Health

Per Paige, there were 15 new Covid cases and one death yesterday

Arcata Mad River Ambulance

Per Doug, they have one new hire. AMRA participated in the Arcata Airport drill last month. MRCH participated via radio. Historically, that is one of the largest drills of the year. This year there was a short planning time and it was much smaller but should be back up in size the next time around.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: August 11, 2021 via ZOOM