MEDICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the August 9th, 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 City Ambulance/REACH

Katie Baza, EMT-B City Ambulance

Erica Blockman, EMT-P Del Norte Ambulance

Tina Wood, RN Mad River Community Hospital

Tom Taylor, MD 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

Matthew Karp, MD North Coast EMS

Pam Mather, RN North Coast EMS

Rita Henderson, RN North Coast EMS

Pamela Collver, RN Redwood Memorial and St. Joseph Hospitals

Lauri Martinich, RN Sutter Coast Hospital

1. **Introductions/Approval of Minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting.**

The minutes were approved as written.

1. **OLD BUSINESS**

* **Trauma**

Per Rita, Larry had asked her to let everyone know that they successfully completed a trauma designation survey at Sutter Coast Hospital in July and it went very well. They will be sending out follow up letters once they’ve completed their collaborative review.

Rita added that there is a TAC meeting today after MAC.

* **EMS for Children**

Per Rita, they completed two EDAP surveys that same week for SJH and RMH. She reported that they both also went well and those letters should be going out shortly.

* **Paramedic Program Updates**

Per Doug, there are still 23 students in internships, one has completed theirs and is waiting on their Capstone test.

He reported that the new program starts on August 19th and there are currently 23 students enrolled.

* **Behavioral Health Update**

Per Stayce, beyond the triage sobering center, Humboldt received a 7.1 million dollar grant for bridge housing to create more crisis housing opportunities. She reported that the children’s residential facility is now accepting referrals.

In Del Norte, they had the second interview for the crisis plan grant that they’re applying for, which was the last step in the process. She added that Del Norte also received the bridge housing grant for 2.3 million dollars as well as a behavioral health grant for Sutter Coast hospital.

She added that Lake County has begun the process for a collaborative process for behavioral health with the hospitals and law enforcement. They have had their first meeting and have high expectations for what’s to come.

* **Infectious Disease Update**

Nothing to report.

* **Ambulance Exclusive Operating Area Update**

Per Pam, she just finished reviewing the quarterly submissions from Arcata-Mad River Ambulance and City Ambulance and has posted the data on the NCEMS website. She noted that there were no deficiencies and everything looked good.

* **North Coast EMS Policy Update**

Per Kayce, the expanded scope IFT polices have been sent out and she’s received a few comments back. She thanked those who have been reviewing and sending their thoughts and corrections. She is now going to be focusing on the restraint policies.

* **Airport Closure Update**

Per Pam, there is nothing to report on her end and that everything has been going well with the single lane closure. Doug added that the full closure begins next week.

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

* No New Business

1. **NORTH COAST EMS REPORT**

Per Kayce, all five EMS plans have been submitted. They did receive a request for clarification on one of the plans. This one has been clarified, resubmitted, and accepted. She added that Larry should be back by next MAC meeting.

Pam added that she is still going around to each hospital, doing base site visits. She noted that this has become a good process and opportunity for everyone and she appreciates the efforts made on all sides.

1. **EMS LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Per Jaison, the 5150 bill is the only one that is still alive and has continued to move through the process. He added that, if it isn’t currently on the governor’s desk, it should be there shortly, and they have high hopes for it passing.

1. **FACILITY AND PROVIDER REPORTS**

**Sutter Coast Hospital**

Per Lauri, their trauma survey is complete and now they are working to address the recommendations that were made. They are working towards bettering the 5150 holding facilities as they’re currently held in ED beds as they’re waiting for evaluation and placement.

**Mad River Hospital**

Per Tina, they currently have two holds and are working to arrange transfer for one of them. She reported that they have six new grads and are interviewing two more today as they build up their nursing staff.

**Saint Joseph and Redwood Memorial Hospitals**

Per Pam, the disaster drill is planned for October 18th and she is planning a STEMI field care audit with Dr. Phillips in November. They are having their Trauma Survey in December and are preparing for that.

**Sutter Coast Hospital**

Per Najia, they also have their Trauma Survey coming up as well and are just waiting on the official date. She noted that they are working closely with Adventist Health with their upcoming Field Care Audits to better involve local EMS. She added that they are continuing to work on MCI drills and keeping up with consistency of those.

**Del Norte Ambulance**

Per Erica, they have one intern that is currently in his internship and three prospective paramedic students who should be entering the upcoming program. They are making ACLS and PALS mandatory for their new employees and are working towards certifying more instructors for those classes. They had their first official Field Care Audit in two years and she noted that she and Lauri are working closely together.

**Cal Fire**

Per Brook, all the stations are fully staffed and the helicopter is active. She noted that the helicopter in service is no longer 102 which has been out of services. She reported that EMSA just approved their new PSFA (Public Safety First Aid) curriculum which she noted is more in depth for the first responders.

**City Ambulance**

Per Jaison, City Ambulance will be implementing a new restraint policy, which includes restraining all patients on involuntary holds. They will be rolling out the new policy on October 1st and are providing online and in person training in the meantime to the crews. He noted that this training will include compassionate restraints and speaking to the patient and family regarding the policy. Per Jaison, once the 5150 bill passes, they will no longer be requiring a signed minor restraint form. He then put it to the group for questions.

Pam asked what would happen if an adult refuses the restraints. Jaison added that, an adult on an involuntary hold would not have the option of refusing the restraints. Pam clarified that City would not be able to transport that patient in that situation and Jaison confirmed that.

**Arcata Mad River Ambulance**

Per Doug, they are holding an MCI drill with Cal Poly’s residence halls. He added that it will be pretty low key and that they’re sending one crew. Tina confirmed that the hospital would like to be involved with the radio portion of the drill.

With no further comments or reports, the meeting was adjourned.

DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING: **September 13, 2023 via ZOOM**