



San Joaquin County

Emergency Medical Services Agency



EMS Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 10th, 2023 at 0900

MINUTES

Members	Membership Representing	Present	Absent
Jared Bagwell (Co-Chair)	SJCEMSA	X	
Dr. Katherine Shafer (Co-Chair)	SJCEMSA	X	
Nasir Khan	ED RN – Base Hospital - SJGH	X	
Cheryl Heaney-Ordez	ED RN – Receiving Hospital – St. Joseph’s Medical Center	X	
Brian Hajik	EOA emergency ambulance provider – American Medical Response	X	
Erica Lowry	ED Director – Receiving Hospital – Sutter Tracy Community Hospital	X	
John Andrews	EOA emergency ambulance provider – Manteca District Ambulance		X
Bryan Carr	Representative of an ALS fire dept./district – Stockton Fire Department	X	
Ken Johnson	BLS fire departments or districts – Lodi Fire Department	X	
Vince Stroup	Paramedic Non fire-based ALS emergency ambulance providers – Manteca District Ambulance	X	
Lucas Mejia	EMT Non Fire-based ALS emergency ambulance	X	

	providers – Manteca District Ambulance		
Vanessa Herrero	SJC accredited paramedic member representing a non fire-based ALS provider		X
Pat Burns	EOA emergency ambulance provider – Ripon Fire	X	
Dennis Bitters	Fire-based emergency ambulance provider – Ripon Fire	X	
Anna Josephson	Emergency Medical Dispatcher – SFD ECD		X
Nicholas Taiariol	Law Enforcement – San Joaquin County Sheriff		X
Alternate members			
Mary Barnes	San Joaquin General Hospital		X
James Trinchera	American Medical Response		X
George McKelvie	Manteca District Ambulance	X	
Jeremy Abundiz	Ripon Fire Department		X
Jeremy Bishop	Stockton Fire Department		X
Jennifer Fowler	Sutter Tracy Community Hosp.		X
EMS Agency Staff	Title	Present	Absent
Christine Tualla	EMS Specialist	X	
Matthew Esposito	EMS Prehospital Care Coordinator	X	
Amanda Petroske	EMS Trauma Coordinator	X	
Jeffrey Costa	EMS STEMI/Stroke Coordinator	X	
Guests			

Greg Diederich	Director of Health Care Services Agency	X	
Roy Marquez	Support Services, Norcal Ambulance	X	
Genevieve Valentine	Director of Behavioral Health Services	X	
Michelle Garibaldi	Chief Mental Health Clinician, Behavioral Health Services	X	
Betsey Pettis	Deputy Director, BHS Clinical, Behavioral Health Services	X	

Meeting called to order by at 0905 hours by Co-Chair EMS Director Jared Bagwell.

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Committee member introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF PAST EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- a. M/S Brian Hajik/Ken Johnson. Minutes approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. APOT/APOD: Committee members informed of the current challenges SJCEMSA is experiencing comparing and reporting APOT/APOD data. EMSA has been delayed reporting out data to LEMSA’s for comparison internally. SJCEMSA is hesitant to publish internal APOT/APOD data that may conflict with EMSA.
- b. EMS System Staffing Updates: Committee members discussed ongoing staffing challenges in their respective sectors of EMS. Some unique ideas discussed on recruitment focus on legal immigrants and older personnel.
- c. Paramedic Training: Committee members updated on progress to the NCTI/SJCEMSA paramedic class scheduled for March of 2024. SJCEMSA recruiting for two new positions to run a program in San Joaquin County and reserving space at Ag Center for didactic schedule through Oct 2024.

- d. Strategic Planning, EMS System Assessment, and RFP 2023-2026: Committee members updated on the progress of the EMS assessment. SJCEMSA budget was approved and working with county purchasing department on RFQ for EMS Assessment to commence 2023-2024.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. EMS Advisory Designations update: Committee members informed of the EMS Advisory designations that were up for renewal for July 2023. The only changes were to the Emergency Medical Dispatcher representation which is now represented by Anna Josephson with Stockton Fire ECD.
- b. Policy review cycle: Committee members reminded of the upcoming 2023 - 2024 SJCEMSA policy review cycle. SJCEMSA will have draft revisions to select policies out for stakeholder comment in October then to the February EMS Advisory Committee meeting for final review.
- c. BHS Expansion of mobile crisis & EMS Response subcommittee: Committee members were informed by the leadership of the San Joaquin County Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department of the need to expand 24/7 mobile crisis response in San Joaquin County. BHS and SJCEMSA desire to collaborate on partnership solutions to incorporate into a plan to be submitted to the state by October 31, 2023. Bagwell informed Committee members of the creation of an “EMS Advisory subcommittee” with the scope of collaborating with BHS to meet minimum requirements to expand such services in San Joaquin County. Makeup of the subcommittee was discussed and selected, frequency of meetings and scope were discussed. A follow-up to progress and recommendations will come to the EMS Advisory Committee in November.
- d. AMA and scene safety: Committee members discussed perceived increase in EMS system personnel being assaulted in both prehospital and ED setting. BHS reiterated that mental health only referrals can be made to their mobile crisis and will be part of the newly stood up EMS Advisory subcommittee scope to look at procedures to develop. Chief Johnson requested SJCEMSA investigate medical clearance procedures on scene and Dr Shafer to review how to incorporate appropriately into local procedures. De-escalation training was also suggested as a way for stakeholders to address.
- e. Trauma bedside reports MIVT: Ms. Petroske reviewed with the committee members on the expectation of using MIVT (Mechanism, Injuries, Vitals, Treatment) as a succinct bedside report handoff for trauma patients in the ED.
- f. UO Process update/refer to provide: Committee members were reminded of the Unusual Occurrence reporting policy for EMS system situational awareness and quality improvement. SJCEMSA receiving more reports and appreciates the feedback and engagement. Also reminded that low level interpersonal grievances are not appropriate for this process and will be referred to provider to handle.

- g. Treatment on Gurney in ED: Committee members discussed the treatment on gurney in ED policy. Current EMS policy only allows for “lifesaving” measures but acknowledges there may be specific scenarios that may benefit patients (eg. pain management prior to moving) that will require cooperation among prehospital and ED personnel. SJCEMSA will monitor for any changes needed.

V. EMS SYSTEM REPORTS:

- a. Specialty Care Oral Reports:
 - i. STEMI and CARES Data: Mr. Costa shared with committee members on the new agreements in place for specialty care on same cycle for the next 4 years.
 - ii. Stroke Program: S/A
 - iii. Trauma Program: Ms. Petroske shared with committee members updates on ACS verification for SJGH in 2024 and that blunt trauma now is included in the top 3 mechanisms for all trauma in San Joaquin County.
 - iv. CQI: Mr. Esposito reviewed the 2023 CQI Work Plan KPI Outline with committee members.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- a. Lodi FD training 3 medics
- b. AMR recruiting for Operations Manager. MEDS to Image Trend migration schedule for September 2023.

VII. NEXT MEETING:

- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 09, 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 1100.