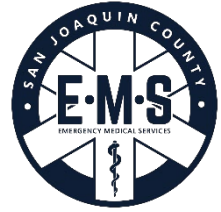




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# San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency



## EMS Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 8th, 2024, 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	
<b>Alternate members</b>			
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
<b>EMS Agency Staff</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Christine Tualla	EMS Analyst	X	
Matthew Esposito	EMS Coordinator	X	
Amanda Petroske	EMS Trauma Coordinator	X	
Jeffrey Costa	EMS STEMI/Stroke Coordinator	X	
Anita Canarios	EMS Office Technician Coordinator	X	

Sophany Bodine	EMS Specialist		X
<b>Guests</b>			
Michelle Garibaldi	Chief Mental Health Clinician, Behavioral Health Services	X	
Greg Diederich	Director, SJC HCSA	X	
Courtney Chinn	Resident, St. Joseph Medical Center	X	

**Meeting called to order at 0904 by Co-Chair EMS Director Jared Bagwell.**

**I. INTRODUCTIONS:**

Committee member introductions.

**II. APPROVAL OF PAST EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

- a. M/S Chief Bitters/Brian Hajik - Committee moved to approve meeting minutes.

**III. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. 2023 APOT/APOD: Committee members presented with the ambulance patient offload delays (APOD) aggregate and by hospital for the last four (4) years, including 2023. APOD times will be reported locally though SJCEMSA bi-monthly on the SJCEMSA website. Discussion on rising APOD times countywide and record volume at Sutter Tracy Community Hospital (STCH) and AMR volume for December. ED holds, volume, staffing, space, and discharge processes remain the main challenges.
- b. Paramedic Training: Committee members updated on progress to the NCTI/SJCEMSA paramedic class scheduled for March of 2024 and the partnership with Delta college.
- c. EMS System Assessment and Emergency Ambulance RFP: Committee members updated on the EMS Assessment which is expected to be completed sometime in March. SJCEMSA will then begin to work with Healthcare Strategist on the upcoming emergency ambulance RFP based on the findings through the assessment.
- d. BHS Mobile Crisis Response: M. Garibaldi updated Committee members on the expansion of BHS Mobile Crisis Response. With the very short timeline she was given they were not able to move forward with a staffing contract with AMR. Funding and staffing are currently not available for the county staffing of a 24-

hour crisis response. BHS to work on a plan B. As of now they are operating Monday through Friday 8am to 5pm.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Project Advisory Group: Committee members were informed of the impending establishment of an EMS Assessment Project Advisory Group. The Project Advisory Group is to be made up of EMS stakeholders, local hospital executives, public safety, or public health representatives that will not have a conflict of interest. The Project Advisory Group first action will be to review draft of EMS Assessment which will create the framework for the emergency ambulance RFP. J. Bagwell is going to draft up the Project Advisory Group and asked the committee to send him possible candidates for the group.
- b. Policy Review: Committee members presented with EMS policies that were up for stakeholder comment in the past several months and asked to discuss or comment with suggestions or concerns for the following policies.
  - i. 2610 MICN Authorization: the minimally interrupted cardiac resuscitation video and pretest.
  - ii. 3415 Trauma Center Notification and Transfer of Care Process: Transfer of care process was added. A. Petroske explained the transfer of care process and the importance of getting the patient into the OR.
  - iii. 4101 EMS Vehicle Medication and Equipment: Changes to minimum medication and stock on hand were made. TXA and dosage were added.
  - iv. 4448 EMS Aircraft Utilization: Updates to language in this policy were made. Dr. Shafer discussed with the committee the advantages and disadvantages of air transport.
  - v. 4981 Receiving Hospital Status: The mandatory 8:00 update for hospital status was removed.
  - vi. 5201 Medical Patient Destination: Language of policy was update. Doctors Hospital of Manteca no longer has labor and delivery.
  - vii. 6640 STEMI Quality Improvement Committee:
  - viii. 6650 Stroke Quality Improvement Committee:
  - ix. 5700 Trauma Protocol ATRA 1 and ATRA 2:Discussion and comments on several policies including MICN Authorization, EMS Aircraft Utilization, Receiving Hospital Status.
- c. EMS Week: Committee members encouraged to submit nominations for the 2024 EMS Award of Excellence.
  - i. Efforts and dedication to improving the EMS system:
  - ii. Providing mentorship support of other EMS system participants
  - iii. Providing valuable education and feedback to the EMS system
  - iv. Commitment to helping others in our community.

**V. EMS SYSTEM REPORTS:**

- a. Specialty Care Reports:
  - i. STEMI Program: Discussed STEMI transfer process
  - ii. Stroke Program: No significant update
  - iii. Trauma Program: A. Petroske is leaving SJCEMSA and J. Costa will be taking over the trauma program.
  - iv. CQI: M. Esposito gave an update on CQI program including current planning for BLS KPI to include:
    - 1. Total volume of BLS calls.
    - 2. BLS Lights and sirens transport.
    - 3. Accuracy of adherence to policy 3202.
    - 4. Medication administration.

**VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- a. New EMS Agency Staff: J. Bagwell introduced D. Valenzuela, EMS Analyst.
- b. Ripon Fire District: D. Bitters will be retiring in April.
- c. Stockton Fire Department: B. Carr shared patient success stories
- d. San Joaquin County Sheriff Department: J. Bagwell asked N. Taiariol is there is any meeting he could attend within the sheriffs department to get feedback from the law side of EMS. N. Taiariol stated they have a monthly chiefs meeting he can give information on.
- e. AMR: B. Hajik stated that he sees improvements in recruiting EMTs and Paramedic in San Joaquin County.
- f. SJCEMSA: C. Tualla reminded the committee the EMR course will be held in June.

**VII. NEXT MEETING:**

- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2024.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned 1048.