



San Joaquin County

Emergency Medical Services Agency



EMS Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 11th, 2023 at 0900

MINUTES

Members	Membership Representing	Present	Absent
Jared Bagwell (Co-Chair)	SJCEMSA	X	
Dr. Katherine Shafer (Co-Chair)	SJCEMSA	X (Teams)	
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	
Richard Silva	Emergency Medical Dispatcher - VRECC	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
Don Miles	Office Technician/Coordinator	X	
Sophany Bodine	EMS Specialist	X	
Christine Tualla	EMS Specialist	X	
Natisha Plummer	EMS Analyst	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	
Jessica Willett	ED Physician - SJGH	X	
Roy Marquez	Support Services – Norcal Ambulance	X	

Meeting called to order by at 0901 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 Ken Johnson/Brian Hajik. Minutes approved.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. APOT/APOD and Legislation SB 40/1770: Committee members informed by Jared Bagwell (EMS) that APOT/APOD reports are now being submitted directly to EMSA through CEMSIS. Committee members were brought up to date regarding SB 40 and SB 1770.
- b. EMS System Staffing Updates: Chief Dennis Bitters (RIP) and Jeremy Bishop (STO) each relayed their respective staffing challenges due to larger salaries in other counties, as well as burn out of the first responder field in general. Chief Ken Johnson (LOD) added that the overall recruitment pool is still low because of the aftereffects of the Covid-19 pandemic. Jessica Willett (SJGH) and Cheryl Heany-Ordez (SJMC) relayed that behavioral health patients continue to be a significant strain on their respective hospital ED bed resources. Bagwell and Bitters discussed possible staffing solutions by expanding local EMS paramedic training and other local training options. Advanced EMT training and integration to existing EMS System was discussed. Brian Hajik (AMR) also suggested

Nurse Navigator Line at dispatch in assisting with low acuity and referral type calls. Greg Diederich (HCS) also informed committee members of the EMS facilities project. Bagwell expressed a plan of standing up “EMS response” subcommittee to review effective use of local resources and response including tired response, alternative response, and reduction of unnecessary emergency response. Scope and membership forthcoming.

- c. Paramedic Training: Matthew Esposito (EMS) expanded discussion with committee members that SJCEMSA is in the process of implementing its own paramedic training program in spring 2024. The new EMS FTE’s needed to conduct such training will go to the Board of Supervisors for budget approval in June, and if approved, hiring will begin in August. Bagwell added that a grant has already been secured for training supplies.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Non-Emergency Ambulance Resources: Committee members were informed of the addition of CCT and ALS levels of service for non-emergency ambulance permitting to assist with patient movement and APOD in our EMS system.
- b. Doctor’s Hospital Manteca L&D/OB: Committee members were informed of the public notice that Doctor’s Hospital of Manteca will be discontinuing its Obstetrics Services as of July 24, 2023. EMS destination policy to be updated.
- c. Training and CE Provider Update: Christine Tualla (EMS) informed committee members that EMR training will begin in June. Delta College is planning an EMT training program in the Fall 2023. Additionally, Tualla described a LMS issues with Vector Solutions related to issuing CE without appropriate time in module. Attempting to resolve with Vector solutions but in the meantime all CE providers reminded to check admin setting to ensure complaint with regulations.
- d. EMS System Assessment and RFP 2023-2026: Committee was informed that an EMS system consultant will be hired in summer 2023 to conduct EMS System assessment prior to emergency ambulance RFP development. Current ALS emergency ambulance agreement expires May 1, 2026.
- e. EMS Policy Review (2023-01 Rv2, 4101, 4200, 5115): Esposito addressed stakeholder comments and highlighted policy changes for:
 - EMS Memo 2023-01, revision 2: Addresses the Albuterol shortage.
 - EMS Policy No. 4101: Brought back the use of stylets.
 - EMS Policy No. 4200: EMTs can now witness to narcotic waste disposal.Amanda Petroske (EMS) highlighted the following policy:
 - EMS Policy No. 5115: Language clarified as to the use of C-spine collar.
- f. EMS Advisory Designation (2023-2025): Committee members reminded of the membership term. As a result, designation roles 8 through 13 are up for designation in July.

V. EMS SYSTEM REPORTS:

a. Specialty Care Oral Reports:

- i. STEMI and CARES Data: Jeffrey Costa (EMS) shared the 2022 STEMI data and the 2023 CARES report for the committee members. San Joaquin County performance in comparison to state and nation was reviewed. Co-chair Dr. Shafer also expounded on the interpretation of local asystole data.
- ii. Stroke Program: Designated Stroke centers are in the final processes of their SJCEMSA re-designation evaluations.
- iii. Petroske reviewed and illustrated the proper use of EMS Aircraft Utilization Form (EMS Policy No. 4448A). Reviewed the main objective of the policy to ensure trauma patients are being transported as quickly as possible and not to wait for aircraft to land.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- a. SJCEMSA to submit to Board of Supervisors a proclamation recognizing EMS week 2023. EMS planning to visit and recognize stakeholders that week. Esposito will be engaging and schedule with stakeholders agencies that week as well.
- b. Cheryl Heaney-Ordez (St. Joseph's Medical Center): Activities at SJCH being hosted for EMS Week on May 24th.
- c. Ken Johnson (Lodi Fire Department): Seven recruits are graduating in June. Also, there is an uptick in behavioral health calls for children being seen in Lodi.
- d. Jennifer Fowler (Sutter Tracy Community Hospital): Changes to take place in administrative structure within the next few months.
- e. George McKelvie (Manteca District Ambulance): Announced to committee as the new Operations Manager of Manteca District Ambulance.
- f. Amanda Petroske (SJCEMSA): In recognition of Nurse Appreciation Week, Cheryl Heaney-Ordez was recognized for her 30 years of service.
- g. Nasir Khan (SJGH): Currently six MICN interns. Also, inpatient pharmacy to be moved to the basement within 5-7 years, in order to accommodate for additional space for the emergency room. Additionally, AMR was commended in cooperation with the active shooter exercise held on April 10.

VII. NEXT MEETING:

- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for August 10, 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 1044hrs.