



A DIVISION OF
HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AGENCY

San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency



EMS Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 9th, 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	
Dan Freeman	ED RN – Receiving Hospital – Kaiser Hospital Manteca	X	
Brian Hajik	EOA emergency ambulance provider – American Medical Response	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
Lenard Gutierrez	Stockton Fire Department		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	
Marissa Matta	EMS Analyst	X	
Matthew Esposito	EMS Prehospital Care Coordinator	X	
Amanda Petroske	EMS Trauma Coordinator	X	
Guests			

Greg Diederich	Director of Health Care Services Agency	X	
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Meeting called to order by at 0900 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: Q3 and Q4 APOT reports displayed and reviewed for committee. 3 year APOT graph by hospital also displayed and reviewed by committee. Cheryl Heaney-Ordez and Dan Freeman both expressed that delays at St. Joseph’s Medical Center and Kaiser Manteca respectively are still problematic as a result of behavioral health patients being brought directly to the emergency room resulting in ambulance clustering. Lt. Nick Taiariol also expressed that juvenile offender patients are also contributing to the problem as it is county policy to take juveniles to the ED for medical clearance. SJCEMSA will work with hospitals to communicate alternate level of service resources that are available for IFT to help throughput.
- b. EMS System Staffing Updates: Brian Hajik expressed that there is still a significant shortage of paramedic applicants on a local level. AMR still using NCTI to sponsor new students. Chief Bryan Carr expressed that SFD has been actively encouraging EMTs to attend paramedic school and has 4 students enrolled in Merced’s paramedic class. Chief Ken Johnson shared that 11 Lodi Fire students enrolled though Sacramento State.
- c. EMS reports to review in future meetings: Co-chair Dr. Shafer suggested committee members to review ROSC reports.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Policy review and discussion:

- i. Policy 3202: irrelevant and/or duplicative language removed and/or updated. Staging response for ambulance added. ALS or BLS service specified and clarified as to when lights and sirens are to be used.
 - ii. 3202(Appendix): Additional columns added for ambulance response and updated response to Bravo level calls/response.
 - iii. Policy 3410: Alert Reports vs. Standard Reports criteria clarified.
 - iv. Policy 3411: Expanded and modified radio call “alerts” to hospital and required licensed personnel to answer.
 - v. Policy 4101: I.V. Pumps removed. Stylets added. Video laryngoscopes approval by medical director.
 - vi. Policy 4801: SRC clarified.
 - vii. Policy 4811: Definition consistency.
 - viii. Policy 4985: Removed redundant definitions that were already in regulations. ED treatment remains prohibited on gurney but may review impact with specific procedures.
 - ix. Policy 5502: Added back EMR scope of practice.
 - x. Policy 6102: Streamlined UO process.
 - xi. Policy 7001: New policy describing the role and means to communicate with the duty officer.
- b. Stakeholder comment period: Bagwell informed committee members that the 45-day stakeholder comment period is standard for most policy cycle feedback periods. Committee members encouraged to monitor website and ensure they are included in email distribution groups.
 - c. Paramedic Skills Review: Bagwell opened the discussion for input on alternate ways for offering prehospital CE in San Joaquin County. Brian Hajik and Dr. Shafer both recommended smaller training programs more frequently and to get feedback through CQI council. Prerecorded online training programs and county LMS were also suggested. SJCEMSA will look into the viability of these recommendations.
 - d. Paramedic Training Program: SJCEMSA requesting new FTEs for FY 23-24 to run LEMSAs paramedic training in coming years. EMT training also to be expanded and currently in discussions with San Joaquin Delta College.

V. EMS SYSTEM REPORTS:

- a. APOT/APOD: A brief overview of the highlights discussed earlier.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- a. Greg Diederich discussed committee members of the Health Force Partners program in Stockton, and its benefits. Amanda Petroske offered to reach out to local school districts to help support and implement the program on a larger scope countywide.

VII. NEXT MEETING:

- a. Next regularly scheduled EMS Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for May 11, 2023.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

- a. Meeting adjourned 1030.

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