

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 13, 2008**

Location: Saddle Creek Resort
Copperopolis, California
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Board Members Present: Louis Boitano – Amador County; Bill Claudino – Calaveras
County; Terry Woodrow – Alpine County
Board Members Absent: Brad Aborn – Mariposa County; Jim DeMartini, Stanislaus County
Guests:
Staff: Steve Andriese – Executive Director; Jim Worobe – Deputy
Director; Tina Casias – Executive Secretary; Marilyn Smith –
Response & Transport Coordinator

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. by Chairman Bill Claudino.

B. Welcome and Introductions

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

C. Correspondence

Steve Andriese of Mountain Valley EMS Agency referred to correspondence received from Alpine County's Clerk of the Board regarding the 2008 Board of Supervisors committee appointments. Supervisor Terry Woodrow was assigned as the Board of Supervisors liaison to the Mountain Valley EMS Agency, and Supervisor Gunter Kaiser was assigned as the alternate.

Also, Mr. Andriese referred to correspondence received, after the Board packet was mailed, from the Mariposa County Clerk of the Board regarding the 2008 committee re-appointments of Supervisor Brad Aborn as the County's liaison to Mountain Valley EMS Agency, and Diane Fritz as the alternate.

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

M/S/C (Woodrow/Boitano) To approve agenda as submitted

Vote – Unanimous

E. Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Boitano/Woodrow) To approve consent calendar as presented

Vote – Unanimous

G. Revision to Item # 17.9 of the ALA and EPFD Calaveras County Ambulance Service Agreement

Steve Andriese provided Board members with some background information. He stated that when Mountain Valley EMS Agency went out for bid through the RFP (Request For Proposal) process for Calaveras County, the agency developed a high performance RFP. One of the requirements in the RFP was that by July 2008, all successful bidders would have Cass Accreditation. Cass Accreditation is a national accreditation for ambulance services.

Marilyn Smith provided more details into the problems Calaveras County Ambulance Services had been having in meeting the requirements. Ms. Smith explained that the Cass Accreditation process had many requirements. One of the requirements was that the ambulance services work with the local dispatch agency, and have the ability to receive certain types of data through the dispatch agency. There were some problems that the Agency is working through with the Calaveras County Sheriff's Department, in the dispatching end of things, that has not allowed the ambulance service providers to access the data they need, and thus not meeting the requirements for accreditation.

The Agency, Ms. Smith explained, took this issue to the Calaveras County EMSOC (Emergency Medical Services Operations Committee) at their most recent meeting, and asked for their direction. At that meeting, the committee members recommended that the Board of Directors be asked to approve a revised agreement with American Legion Ambulance and Ebbetts Pass Fire District that would allow them until June 30, 2010, to meet the accreditation requirements.

The Agency, Ms. Smith explained, is continuing to actively work with dispatching at the Calaveras County Sheriffs Department in order to make sure the ambulance providers will be able to meet their accreditation requirements.

M/S/C (Woodrow/Boitano) To approve revision in the Calaveras County Ambulance Service agreements

Vote: Unanimous

H. Executive Session (Government Code 54957, 54957.6)

Let the record show that at 10:25 a.m. the Board adjourned to a closed session.

I. Results of Executive Session

At 10:50 a.m., the Board reconvened and Chairman Claudino stated the following results of the Executive Session:

The Board voted unanimously to offer the position of Deputy Director to Jim Worobe.

J. State General Fund Augmentation

Steve Andriese prepared a Powerpoint presentation for the Board of Director's Committee members on the statewide 'Growing Fiscal Crisis' for the 'Seven Regional EMS Agencies'. See attached Powerpoint slide documentation.

Chairman Bill Claudino complimented Steve Andriese on an excellent presentation, and requested that Mr. Andriese make this exact presentation to the Board of Supervisors in Calaveras County.

County support letters from RCRC were given to Mountain Valley EMS Agency and Board of Directors members.

Terry Woodrow requested that CSAC letters be sent to Board of Director's members.

K. Agency and County Reports

Amador County – nothing to report.

Alpine County – nothing to report.

Calaveras County – Supervisor Claudino reported on an ongoing dispute in Calaveras County between American Legion Ambulance and the City of Copperopolis. The newspapers in the area are claiming that ALA's response times have steadily declined since ALA was granted the exclusive contract.

At this point Ms. Smith interjected. She stated that reports have been run from 2004 onward, and those reports are reflecting the same response times.

Supervisor Claudino asked if those reports were in a form that could be sent or faxed to him. Ms. Smith responded to the affirmative.

Stanislaus County – nothing to report.

Mariposa County – nothing to report.

Agency – Marilyn Smith updated Board members on the receipt of an application to provide ambulance services in a non-exclusive operating area of Stanislaus County. The non-exclusive area is currently being served by a provider. Typically, that area would get about 250 calls per year. Currently, this particular company provides non-emergency services, and wants to get into the emergency services business. There are very

few places in the State that a company can get that kind of experience. In the future, this company wants to be able to apply for an RFP, but needs experience in order to qualify. So, they are looking for places where they can gain that experience. Approval first must go before committee members of the Stanislaus County Emergency Medical Services Committee. Once approved there, the application will come before the MVEMSA Board of Directors for approval.

M. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is April 9, 2008.

N. Ajournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Claudino at 11:54 a.m.