

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting
February 14, 2007**

Location: Lake Tullock Resort
Copperopolis, California
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Board Members Present: Terry Woodrow - Alpine County; Jim DeMartini – Stanislaus
County; Bill Claudino – Calaveras County
Board Members Absent: Louis Boitano – Amador County; Brad Aborn – Mariposa County
Guests:
Staff: Douglass Sisk – Deputy Director; Tina Casias, Executive Secretary

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. by Vice Chairman Bill Claudino

B. Welcome and Introductions

Everyone present at the meeting introduced themselves.

C. Correspondence

There were two items of correspondence. The first was from the Alpine County Board of Supervisors appointing Supervisor Terry Woodrow as the Board's liaison to Mountain Valley EMS Agency, and Supervisor Gunter Kaiser as the alternate.

The second piece of correspondence was from the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors appointing Supervisor Brad Aborn as the Board's liaison to Mountain Valley EMS Agency, and Supervisor Diane Fritz as the alternate.

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

M/S/C (Woodrow, DeMartini) to accept agenda as presented

Vote – Unanimous

E. Public Forum

Supervisor DeMartini referred to a letter he received from Tom Crowder of Hughson Ambulance. The complaint concerned a situation where a Convalescent Hospital was contacting another ambulance company in an area that is exclusively for Hughson Ambulance.

Douglass Sisk explained to the Board members that if the convalescent hospital called for basic life support and facility transfer, by county ordinance, they can call any ambulance company. If it's an advanced life support transfer or a 911 call, that is where exclusivity comes into play. He also stated that there is an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between Escalon Ambulance and Oak Valley Hospital to allow Escalon Ambulance to cover part of Oak Valley's district.

Douglass Sisk concluded by saying that he will place this complaint letter in the Agencies 'unusual occurrence file', and subsequently through the investigation process.

F. Approval of the Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Woodrow/Claudino) To Approve the Consent Calendar

Vote: Unanimous

G. State General Fund Augmentation

Douglass Sisk explained to the committee that the State of California encourages the regional approach to EMS. One of the ways they do that, he explained, is by making funding available to the regions. The regions, because they are not attached to specific county governments, have additional expenses that counties do not incur.

Mountain Valley EMS Agency and other EMSAAC member agencies have had many meetings with the State EMS Authority requesting additional funds to supplement increased workload costs over the last ten years. Many reports have been submitted indicating this loss in revenue, and justifies the request for additional funding.

The regions received a letter from the State Finance Board asking if the regions can document, through timecard usage, any activities not accomplished due to lack of funding. These unaccomplished activities are reported on the Quarterly Reports submitted to the State.

Douglass Sisk reported that Steve Andriese of Mountain Valley EMS Agency met with Bob Weedman, who is on Senator Cogdill's staff. Senator Cogdill represents the counties of Calaveras, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Stanislaus, and Tuolumne. Steve Andriese asked that Senator Cogdill submit a letter of support for this funding issue to the Finance Department in Sacramento. Member Regions will also be asked to submit letters of support.

H. Stanislaus County Report

Supervisor DeMartini reported to the Board members that the new agreement between Stanislaus County and the Mountain Valley EMS Agency, approved by the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors, included a requirement for Agency performance standards. The County is in the process of developing these performance standards in cooperation with Mountain Valley EMS Agency.

Douglass Sisk reported that another part of the new agreement requires the Medical/Health Operational Area Coordinator (MOHOC) function will now be at the Stanislaus County Public Health Department. Mountain Valley EMS Agency is working closely with Dr. Walker, the Stanislaus County Public Health Officer, who is the new MOHOC, on providing him with the list of duties for this new function.

I. Executive Session (Government Code 54957, 54957.6)

J. Results of Executive Session

There was no action taken, and it was decided to revisit this issue at the next scheduled Board meeting.

M. Agency and County Reports

Mariposa County – No report

Alpine County – Supervisor Woodrow reported on the insufficient amount of snow the County received in January. This prompted concern there might not be enough snowfall this year. However, the County did finally receive enough. So, it's business as usual!

Calaveras County – No report

Stanislaus County –No report.

MVEMS Agency - Douglass Sisk reported on the hiring of a new IT person. His name is Ricardo Martinez.

N. Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting is April 11, 2007 at the Amador County Board of Supervisors Chambers.

O. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.