

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2010**

Location: McHenry Village, Health Education & Conference Center
1700 McHenry Ave., Suite 60B
Modesto, California

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Louis Boitano - Amador County; Jim Allen - Mariposa County;
Terry Woodrow - Alpine County; Jim DeMartini - Stanislaus
County; Gary Tofanelli - Calaveras County

Board Members Absent:

Guests: Kate Donovan, Don Campbell, Steve Carter, Lani Dickinson,
Steve Madison

Staff: Steve Andriese - Executive Director; Richard Murdock, Interim
Deputy Director; Kevin Mackey, Medical Director

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Jim Allen.

B. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair welcomed those present. Individual introductions were made.

C. Correspondence

No correspondence was received.

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

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

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passed

E. Public Forum

There were no comments from the public.

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Woodrow/Tofanelli) To approve the Consent Calendar as submitted

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passed

G. Approval of State CEMSIS Funding Agreement for FY2010/11

Mr. Andriese reminded members that at the last meeting, Board members approved a project to purchase a new EMS data system that would collect EMS data from all of the Agency's providers.

The Agency contracted with EMSsystems to provide a data system that would meet the needs of both the Agency and the State.

The aforementioned State CEMSIS funding agreement provides the Agency with some funding dollars for this EMS data system project. The funding agreement is \$17,000, which is about half the cost of the data system.

The Agency is asking for approval of the funding agreement.

M/S/C (Tofanelli/Woodrow) to approve funding agreement

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passed

H. Update on the Medical Director Recruitment

Mr. Andriese reminded Board members that at the last meeting it was reported that Dr. Kevin Mackey had submitted his resignation. Dr. Mackey graciously agreed to stay until a replacement could be found.

In June 2010, Agency staff began advertising for the position. Some applications were received, and the interview process began. A candidate was selected, and Mr. Andriese was able to meet with the candidate the previous week. He is currently reviewing the contract, and should make a decision before the week is out.

Let the record show that Supervisor Boitano arrived to attend the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Let the record show that Supervisor Woodrow left the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

Let the record show that Supervisor Woodrow returned to the meeting at 10:07 a.m.

I. Presentation on the STEMI Pilot Study

Dr. Kevin Mackey explained to Board members that the STEMI pilot study was a huge undertaking. He wished to recognize MVEMS Agency employee Tom Morton for his countless hours of logging, tracking, communication with the STEMI receiving hospitals, and of being a huge resource to Dr. Mackey.

Dr. Mackey also explained that his intention was to update the Board at this meeting on the results of the pilot study through August 2010. He also explained that he wished to bestow some accolades to the EMS Agency for being the only EMS system ever, according to the

American Heart Association, to have a STEMI program. Dr. Mackey explained that he has already been asked by the Western STEMI Task Force of the American Heart Association to make a presentation to them on how the program works and the resulting data from the study. He has also been asked to speak nationally next year on the pilot program.

He then proceeded with his presentation.

J. Presentation on STEMI Designation Process

Mr. Andriese reported that the pilot test program for the STEMI study was almost over. The program has been successful, and much has been learned about the program. Included in the process is the steps required to produce STEMI Center Designation. Mr. Andriese asked Mr. Murdock to explain the process.

Mr. Murdock explained that there are several steps involved in designating a hospital as a STEMI Receiving Center. The first step will be to send a letter to the hospital administrators requesting a letter of intent to start the application process. After the letters on intent are received, an application packet will be sent to those hospitals intending to become a designated STEMI Receiving Center. A STEMI designation fee schedule has been established and will also be included in the packet for those interested in becoming a STEMI Center.

K. Update on State EMS Authority Proposed Changes for Regional Funding

Mr. Andriese informed members that in June 2010, the State EMS Authority, based on changes that had been occurring in the northern part of the State, proposed some dramatic changes in the documentation for EMSA 104. EMSA 104 was established as the guideline document for the dispersal of the State General Funds to each of the seven regions throughout the State of California.

The proposed changes were very radical, and would have had a tremendous impact on all of the current regions in the State. These changes would also have compromised the current funding each region is receiving. Basically, the small pot of State General Fund money would have been made available to every county within the State.

This issue has been of major concern to the current regions. The Board was instrumental in addressing this issue, not only as the Board, but also through staff of CSAC and RCRC. This issue was discussed at an EMS Authority meeting in Sacramento in which EMSA personnel became aware of potential problems that could be encountered if they continued with the same way of thinking. The EMS Authority has done an "about face" on most of the major issues.

The Regional Administrators met with EMS Authority personnel in San Diego prior to the EMS Commission meeting to discuss the other concerns still being considered.

L. Update Regarding Stanislaus County's Membership in the JPA

Steve Andriese informed Board members that he had emailed Mary Ann Lee, the Director of the Health Services Agency in Stanislaus County, that MVEMS Agency staff had not heard

any information on this subject thus far. Mary Ann Lee responded saying that she didn't know if there would be any information available prior to the meeting.

Mr. Andriese then stated that Supervisor DeMartini came to the meeting with copies of a report that had been handed out to Board members at the meeting. Mr. Andriese asked if Supervisor DeMartini wished to add anything further.

Supervisor DeMartini stated that he had recently asked the CEO, Rick Robinson, how the report was coming. The CEO had responded by saying that it may be another month. But then, Supervisor DeMartini said, on the day before the Board meeting he received a call that something was ready. However, he had not had a chance to read it and does not know what's in it.

Supervisor Tofanelli asked Supervisor DeMartini if the report will be on the agenda for the next Stanislaus County's Board of Director's meeting. Supervisor DeMartini replied that the report will go to the Board, but he has no idea when.

Board members requested that Supervisor Allen write a letter to the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors and the Stanislaus County CEO.

M. Agency and County Reports

Agency – nothing to report

Alpine – nothing to report

Amador – nothing to report

Calaveras – nothing to report

Stanislaus – nothing to report

Mariposa – still waiting to hear about the clinic in Yosemite National Park as to whether it goes to JCF or some other facility

N. Next Scheduled Meeting December 8, 2010. Location to be determined.

The next scheduled meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. on December 08, 2010. The location is yet to be determined.

O. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.