

**CALAVERAS COUNTY
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MINUTES
October 18, 2007**

Location: Cheseborough Room, San Andreas Central Library
San Andreas, California

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Jeanne Boyce, Mike Heffernan, Robin Bunch, Pieter Michels, William Nuttall, Kirsten Anderson, Shirley Ryan

Committee Members Absent: Dave Seawell, Ann Radford, Clay Hawkins, Melissa Cuevas

Guests: Bill Wennhold, Brian Dickson, Alan McNany, Tim Sturm, Linda Thompson, Jeff Stone, Dan Hendrycks, Russ Thomas

Staff: Jim Worobe – Field Liaison

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Introductions of the committee members and staff were made.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

M/S/C (Boyce/Bunch) to approve agenda as submitted.

Vote: Unanimous

3. Correspondence

Staff reported that MVEMSA had received a copy of the Minute Order confirming Dave Seawell as representative from the Sheriff's Office.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of August 16, 2007

The minutes were reviewed and accepted as submitted.

M/S/C (Bunch, Boyce) to approve the minutes of August 16, 2007 minutes as submitted.

Vote: Unanimous

5. Public Comment Period

The chair asked if there was any comment from the members of the public.
There was no comment from the public.

6. ALS Service Provider Update

American Legion Ambulance:

Alan McNany report that over the last three months it has been business as usual. ALA as been participating in many community events, such as High School Football Games and Health Fairs. With the start of the school year, there are three Regional Occupational Program students participating in the Ride Along Program. ALA has completed an Advanced Cardiac Life Support course and is in the process of holding a Pediatric Advanced Life Support course in November. Alan was asked if ALA had received any reaction to raising the price of their ambulance tickets. Alan reported that there has been very little resistance and sales are good.

Copperopolis Fire Protection District

Bryan Santos reported that relationships are greatly improved since his last appearance at the EMSOC. He mentioned the working agreement entered into between ALA and Copper Fire in February. Mr. Santos stated that everything is working fine; everyone is working well together. Copper, Ebbetts Pass, and ALA are in the process of planning combined training with members of each service.

Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District

Brian Dickson reported that they had a “save” today in a doctor’s office in Arnold.

7. Response Time Report

Jim Worobe presented the committee with a report of the response time performance of American Legion Ambulance and Ebbetts Pass Fire Protection District Ambulance for the period of August 2007.

The report presented data that was collected from the Patient Care Records (PCRs). The reports reflect that:

- Ebbetts Pass Fire is in compliance all three months.
- American Legion Ambulance was in compliance for the North and South zones for all three months.

Kirsten Andersen asked about response time consideration for weather, road construction, etc. Staff answered her concerns.

8. Communications Report

Jim Worobe asked Bill Wennhold make the Communications Report to the Committee. Mr. Wennhold provided an update to the progress on the Blue Mountain Repeater. The equipment at Blue Mountain is in operation. Changes to the equipment in the Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center are required to complete the process. At the request of the Committee, Mr. Wennhold defined the MEDNET.

Mr. Wennhold also discussed the activities of the Working Group of the Communications Partners that met in late September. The group broke into several sub-groups that are working on deficiencies in the communications system that were identified in the Communications Report submitted last year.

9. Local Quality Improvement Committee Report

Jim Worobe reported that the Quality Improvement Committee met bi-monthly during the summer. Attendance from the providers has been consistent. Providers have started reporting on pediatric statistics. Mr. Worobe distributed copies of the provider performance statistics for January thru August and explained what the data represented.

10. EMSOC Member Comments

Pieter Michels asked if, given the recent press coverage, Copper Fire was having any staffing issues. Bryan Santos responded by stating, "The press doesn't have anything to do with the staffing; we have plenty of Paramedics and we are still putting out fires."

William Nuttall stated that he was impressed with and appreciated the cooperation that has been developed between the provider agencies.

11. Date and Location of Next Meeting(s)

The proposed date and location of the next meeting is January 17, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. at a location to be announced.

12. Adjourn

M/S/C (Nuttall/Bunch) to adjourn meeting

Vote - Unanimous