

**Stanislaus County
Emergency Medical Services Committee
June 10, 2010
Minutes**

Location: LifeCom Dispatch Center
4701 Stoddard Road
Modesto, California

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Paul Baxter, Gary Hinshaw, Mary Ann Lee, Roy Wasden, Bob Wikoff, Niamh Seavy, John Cremin

Committee Members Absent:
Guests: Jared Bagwell, Cindy Woolston, Ray Leverett, Barry Hurd, Chuck Coelho, Lucian Thomas, Dan Bobier

Staff: Steve Andriese – Executive Director, Tina Casias - Executive Secretary, Marilyn Smith - Response and Transport Coordinator; Tom Morton - QI Coordinator

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Baxter with a quorum of members present. Chairman Baxter asked that all meeting attendees introduce themselves.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

M/S/C (Lee/Wasden) To approve agenda as submitted

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passed

3. Correspondence

A letter was sent to the EMSC Chairman Paul Baxter and Committee members from the Stanislaus County Ambulance providers requesting the formation of a sub-committee to evaluate response time criteria.

Chairman Baxter advised that the writers of the letter should have been listed individually in lieu of the generic 'Stanislaus County Ambulance Providers'.

Steve Andriese reported that in discussing this with the ambulance providers, it was decided to agendize this item for the next meeting on September 2, 2010.

Chairman Baxter suggested that MVEMSA staff put together a proposal for an adhoc subcommittee to be presented at the meeting in September along with other criteria that would be in line with the upcoming renewal of the ambulance provider contracts.

4. Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

5. Approval of Minutes of March 11, 2010

The following correction to the minutes was requested by Committee member Mary Ann Lee: Remove "at a cost of approximately \$80,000;" from page 5, paragraph 2, beginning with line # 1.

M/S/C (Hinshaw/Wasden) To approve minutes with amendment as requested.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion Passed

6. Committee Reports

a. System Status

Cindy Woolston of AMR reported on areas of discussion by the System Status Committee as follows:

- a) Reviewed System Status Plan and concluded there would not be any changes.
- b) Discussed problems with mutual aid responses in Merced County which is effecting the system in Stanislaus County. There is a meeting set up for June 21st in which this issue will be discussed.
- c) Discussed the issues brought out at the Fire Chief's meeting.
- d) There is a Disaster Exercise scheduled for May 2011. The scenario involves a levee break and evacuation.
- e) Discussed Stanislaus County's "Excited Delirium" issue. A policy has been developed, but is not completed as yet.
- f) Dr. Kevin Mackey's resignation was discussed. It was learned from MVEMSA staff that there had been a couple of inquiries.
- g) Decisions were made to include 'Ambulance Provider Involvement Within The Community' in their report for the next EMSC meeting.

b. SCHEPC

Judy Mahan was not available to attend this meeting. Tom Morton of MVEMSA attended the SCHEPC meeting and reported that the meeting was extremely short due to the absence of many of the members. However, goals were met in all the projects being worked on.

c. OES

Chief Hinshaw reported on the Homeland Security Grant for FY2010, and that it's being worked on by various work groups who are doing a terrific job. The amount seems to be the same, but the requirements are different.

OES has been spending a lot of time working with the Community Service Agency on the issue of Care and Shelters. These shelters are primarily in the

in the schools. The last shelter opened one year ago, and is located on the West Side of San Joaquin. OES does not have a lot of experience in this arena, however, they are putting plans together to identify the locations of the current ones, and potential new ones indicating their locations.

7. Update on the Implementation of the new SR911 CAD System

Chief Hinshaw reported for Lucian Thomas who was unable to attend the meeting. Lucian Thomas asked him to convey to the Committee that they were still on track for a September 'go live' date, 'give or take' 60 days. Testing is continuing and they are hopeful that they will be able to stick to the September 'go live' date.

Chairman Baxter asked that SR911 host the December meeting.

8. Ambulance Provider Response Time Reports

Marilyn Smith reported that at the last EMSC meeting staff was directed to provide information on the actions taken by staff to address response time concerns with providers in addition to areas of concern on response time reports presented at the meeting.

She referred to Attachment # 2 to the agenda in which she provided the usual response time reports for February, March, and April 2010 with an analysis, but also included the interactions with providers by MVEMSA staff for any areas of concern.

Discussions ensued concerning exemptions and what constitutes an exemption to the provider. Some thought these exemptions were effecting the outcome of the reports, and requested to see the raw data.

As a result, direction was given to staff to provide reports with exemptions and without exemptions beginning with the next meeting. It was felt this would give a complete picture of the process.

There were no recommendations from staff of fines for non-compliance.

9. Ambulance Fine Calculations

Marilyn Smith reviewed the ambulance provider agreements in preparation for the meeting, and found something unexpected. The agreements lacked a provision regarding fines for the suburban areas. County Counsel was consulted and advised that the way the agreements are currently written, fines cannot legally be imposed for the suburban areas only. The agreements would have to be changed in order to do this.

Ms. Smith explained the fine calculation process according to contract terms, and gave estimated amounts for the fines.

Staff was not recommending any fines be incurred at this time.

10. Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors Action of 12-22-09

Mary Ann Lee reported that the report by the consultant was not yet final. They expect to receive a final report with recommendations within 30 days.

11. Ambulance Contract Renewal Options for 2012

Mr. Andriese proceeded to make a presentation to the Committee on 'Options and Recommendations for Stanislaus County Ambulance Zone Configuration and Designation', and how this effects the renewal of the upcoming ambulance contracts in 2012.

Mr. Andriese proposed a 'special meeting' based on his presentation to focus on determining what options they wanted to begin focusing their efforts on and what direction they would be going in. They need to make decisions in order to have time to achieve them before actual renewal of the contracts.

It was decided to have the 'Special Meeting' on July 22, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

12. Date and Location of Next Meeting

The regular meeting date was changed to September 2, 2010, 1:00 p.m. at the LifeCom Dispatch Center.

13. Adjournment

Chairman Baxter adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.