

**Stanislaus County
Emergency Medical Services Committee
March 09, 2006
Minutes**

Location: CHP Office
4030 Kiernan Road
Modesto, California

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Bob Wikoff, Cleve Morris, John Cremin, Thomas Burns, Gary Hinshaw,
Paul Baxter

Committee Members Absent: Michael Rossini, Laura Shouse-List, George Britton

Guests: Cindy Woolston, Cindy Murdaugh, Steve Anderson, Mike Skinner, Ray
Leverett, Tom Brennan, Joe Gear, Chuck Coelho, Jewlee Vallari, Teri Norton

Staff: Steve Andriese - Executive Director; Marilyn Smith - Response & Transport
Coordinator; Jim Worobe - Field Liaison and Communication Coordinator;
Tina Casias - Executive Secretary

1. Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Paul Baxter, Chairperson, and introductions were made. Tom Burns, the newest member, was welcomed.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

Chairman Baxter asked if there were any corrections to the agenda. Steve Andriese told the committee that the System Status Committee Report was inadvertently left off the agenda. He asked Chairman Baxter if the report could be done under the Public Comment Period.

M/S/C (Cremin/Wikoff) To approve the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

- 3. Correspondence** – Mountain-Valley EMS Agency received a letter of resignation from Margaret Szczepaniak, the former Managing Director of the Health Services Agency. Mary Ann Lee was introduced as the new Interim Managing Director. It was stated that her name has been submitted to the Board to replace Margaret Szczepaniak on the committee. The agency also received correspondence on the appointment of Tom Burns, who replaced Steve Pedrazzi.

- 4. Public Comment Period** – There were no public comments.

Chairman Baxter asked for an update from the System Status Committee. Marilyn Smith explained how the committee meets once a month and looks at issues effecting the EMS System. Some of the issues discussed were Response Time Reports, wait times, and the System Status Plan. At an earlier meeting, Cindy Woolston of AMR was elected spokesperson for the Committee, and Ray Leverett of Oak Valley Ambulance was elected as the alternate.

5. Review and Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Wikoff/) To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

6. Nominations and Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2006

M/S/C (Wikoff/Hinshaw)to nominate Paul Baxter as Chair

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Wikoff/Morris)to nominate Gary Hinshaw as Vice Chair

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Wikoff/Hinshaw)to elect Paul Baxter as Chair

Vote: Unanimous

M/S/C (Wikoff/Morris)to elect Gary Hinshaw as Vice Chair

Vote: Unanimous

7. Ambulance Response Time Compliance Report-2005

Marilyn Smith provided the Committee with a Response Time Compliance Report for the entire 2005 calendar year. The report covered wilderness, rural, urban, and suburban areas. Marilyn went over the report, with the committee, for each area and each provider.

Steve Andriese identified the areas of concern based upon a call volume of greater than 500 calls in which response times were not being met. Those were Oak Valley (Zone 4), AMR (Zone 1: Blue), and AMR Ceres (Zone 3).

Cindy Woolston of AMR disagreed with the response times shown on the report for Ceres, resulting in a request by Gary Hinshaw for the Agency to follow-up with AMR. Chairman Baxter requested the agency make a report concerning this to the committee at the next meeting.

Bob Wikoff stated that these reports show a lower response time in the Waterford and Oak Valley areas than indicated on reports he had seen in previous months. He requested monthly reports for the last 12 months for the Waterford and Oak Valley areas.

8. Stanislaus County Continued Membership in Mountain-Valley JPA

At this time, Gary Hinshaw has nothing to report.

9. EMSC Planning Agenda Items

Steve Andriese addressed the first item, the ‘Purpose of the EMSC’. He stated how the Committee was initially established to implement changes in the EMS dispatch, first response, and transport components of the EMS system as directed by the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Paul Baxter went over the Planning Agenda Focus Items for the June 8th meeting. He suggested that the Agency send a report to the Board of Supervisors on the EMSC’s history, previous goals, accomplishments, and in what direction the Committee will take at this point.

Chairman Paul Baxter also suggested that the Stanislaus County LAFCO (Local Area Formation Commission) be contacted with a request to give a presentation on ‘Growth in Stanislaus County’ at the June 8th meeting. He asked that a representative from the Law Enforcement Chief’s Association be asked to attend.

Chairman Baxter went over Planning Agenda Focus Items for the September 14th meeting, and the December 14th meeting.

10. EMS Dispatch Center Update

It was reported that the new EMS Dispatch Center was still scheduled to open the first week in April. Gary Hinshaw reported that a final decision has not yet been made on the new CAD vendor. He stated that a decision may be made by April.

11. Dates and Locations of Next Meetings

It was suggested that the meeting place for the December 14th meeting be at the new Kaiser Hospital.

Chairman Baxter asked that a notice be sent out to absentee members notifying them of the meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

12. Adjournment

M/S/C (Morris/Cremin) to adjourn meeting and tour the new dispatch center

Vote - Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. - A tour of LIFECOM Dispatch Center followed.

