

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
November 15, 2006
Minutes

Location: Lake Tulloch Resort
Copperopolis, California

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present Mike Skinner, Stanislaus County; Laura Shouse-List, Stanislaus County; Alan McNany, Amador County Alternate; Al Lennox, Amador County; Brian Kirk, Amador County; Randy Pirtle, Calaveras County; Don Zyski, Calaveras County; Mildred Zyski, Calaveras County

Committee Members Via Teleconference

Committee Members Absent: Drew Hood, Amador County; Cindy Woolston, Stanislaus County; Jesse Figueroa, Mariposa County; Suzanne Turpin, Mariposa County

Guests:

Staff: Douglass Sisk – Deputy Director

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 p.m. by Chairman Mike Skinner.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Committee members introduced themselves. There were no guests in attendance.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENTS/FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES

Chairman Skinner reminded Committee members to recuse themselves if they have a financial interest in matters before the Committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT None

ACCEPTANCE/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA

M/S/C (Lennox/M.Zyski) To accept the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION None

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2006 MINUTES

M/S/C (D.Zyski/Lennox) To accept the September 20, 2006 minutes as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The Mountain Valley EMS Deputy Director, Douglass Sisk, began by addressing four of the five policies scheduled for review. They are: 1) *Policy #231.00-Initial EMT-1 Certification*; 2) *Policy #232.00-EMT-1 Recertification*; 3) *Policy #233.00-Challenge Certification*; 4) *Policy #234.00-EMT-1 Reciprocity Certification*.

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He explained to the members that changes to these policies are being made to bring the local policies in line with state changes. These changes are reflecting the adoption of the National Registry as the Official Testing Facility for both written and skills testing as of January 1, 2007.

There were no other changes to these policies, and no public comments were received regarding them.

With regard to *policy #407.00-Equipment and Drug Inventory*, Douglass Sisk explained to the committee that the tables were reorganized, and there were some clarifications in the wording within this policy. Changes were made to allow for waveform capnography and pacing capabilities; and communication equipment had been placed in the tables.

M/S/C(M.Zyski/Lennox)To accept the policies as revised

Vote: Unanimous

REVIEW/DISCUSSION OF MVEMSA POLICY DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND PLAN FOR THE FUTURE; AND REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ROLE AND BY-LAWS

Douglass Sisk began the discussion focusing on policy development processes, and how he thought these processes could be streamlined. As an example, he explained how the policy review process could be shortened from a 60 day process to a 30 day process.

He also stated that currently the RAC committee meets every other month, and the committee may want to consider meeting quarterly. If so, this would require changing the committee by-laws.

Another suggestion was to change committee appointments from three year terms to permanent appointments unless a membership was revoked or a member resigned. This also would require changing the committee by-laws.

Some members expressed their concern with regard to shortening the 60 day review process. While others felt key players should be notified when changes are being considered.

M/S/C(Lennox/Zyski) To table for further review

Vote: Unanimous

REVIEW ATTENDANCE RECORDS/CONSIDER ACTION

No Action.

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AGENCY/COUNTY REPORTS

Calaveras County –Randy Pirtle reported on the new emergency center in Arnold. The facility is massive, and construction is progressing quickly.

He also reported that roadwork has been done on Highway 4 through the Calaveras Big Trees, and beyond. This means safer conditions for drivers in the winter.

Amador County - Alan McNany reported the completion of training in capnography and pacing. Monitors are now in service.

He also reported that AMR began performing legal blood draws in Amador County, and Calaveras County for the CHP. These blood draws are performed on scene in fatal accidents, only if the patient appears to be under the influence, and is being flown out of the county.

Agency - Douglass Sisk reported on executive secretary Connie Mathewson's resignation; Tina Casias has replaced her.

Scott Cook, Information Technology Tech, has resigned. This position is currently being advertised, and closes November 17th.

Yosemite National Park recently conducted a mass casualty drill, with 35 'victims' hurt in the crash of a car, snowplow, and bus. There were 50-60 Park Service personnel that responded to the incident.

The Statewide Disaster Exercise for Northern California was scheduled for this morning. The EMSsystem, and the CDMN System were used to monitor the incident.

At the recent Board of Director's meeting the trauma policies were approved with implementation scheduled for January 1, 2007.

Stanislaus County-Nothing to Report

NEXT MEETING: January 17, 2006, Lake Tulloch Resort

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.