

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
September 20, 2006
Minutes

Location: Lake Tulloch Resort
Copperopolis, California

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present Suzanne Turpin, Mariposa County; Jesse Figueroa, Mariposa County; Mike Skinner, Stanislaus County; Laura Shouse-List, Stanislaus County; Alan McNany, Amador County Alternate; Robin Bunch, Calaveras County Alternate

Committee Members Via Teleconference Al Lenox, Amador County; Drew Hood, Amador County

Committee Members Absent: Brian Kirk, Amador County; Donald Zyski, Calaveras County; Mildred Zyski, Calaveras County; Randy Pirtle, Calaveras County; Cindy Woolston, Stanislaus County

Guests: Dr. Marvin Heyboer, M.D.

Staff: Douglass Sisk – Deputy Director; Jim Worobe – Amador/Calaveras/Stanislaus EMS System Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m. by Chairman Mike Skinner.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Chairman Mike Skinner welcomed Dr. Marvin Heyboer of Memorial Medical Center to the meeting, and committee members introduced themselves.

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 (McNany/Bunch) To accept the agenda as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION None

APPROVAL OF JULY 19, 2006 MINUTES

M/S/C (McNany/Turpin) To accept the July 19, 2006 minutes as presented.

Vote: Unanimous

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POLICIES FOR REVIEW

The Mountain Valley EMS Deputy Director, Douglass Sisk, began by asking that *policy # 380.20 Tactical Frequency Assignment* be skipped over temporarily.

He explained that the remaining policies, *554.00 ALS Introduction, 554.02 PEA, 554.04 Bradycardia, 554.05 V-Tach with Pulses, 554.06 PSVT, 554.07 Wide Complex Tach, 554.08 Atrial Fib-Flutter, 554.51 Beta Blocker and Calcium Channel Blocker OD, 554.53 Cyclic Antidepressants (Adult), 554.56 Organophosphates, 554.64 Heat Illness, 555.32 Status Seizure, 555.52 Cyclic Antidepressants (Pedi), 555.55 Organophosphates, 555.64 Heat Illness, and 565.10 Trauma Data Collection Management* have been updated to reflect the addition of transcutaneous placing and waveform capnography into the local scope of practice.

He went on to say there were some changes in the maximum amounts of versed in the pediatric protocols, a reduction from 25 mg. to 10 mg. The Agency is in the process of conducting a 100% audit on versed usage.

Mr. Sisk also explained to the committee that there would be some style changes to bring some of the policy documents consistent with the rest of the policy package. Also, as older policies come up for revision, the formatting will be changed to make them consistent with the more recent ones. The symbols reflected in the policies will be changed to actual words.

With regard to policy *554.07 Wide Complex Tach*, Dr. Heyboer of Memorial Medical Center and Laura List of Doctors Medical Center asked for clarification of versed usage in cardioversion. Douglass Sisk responded by explaining that the agency does not want to see someone in the field trying multiple I V attempts before the needed cardioversion.

Alan McNany questioned the purpose and language of ALS protocols when the entire policy does not apply to EMT-1's. Douglass Sisk responded by saying the Agency will look into clarifying this.

Jim Worobe of Mountain Valley EMS Agency addressed policy # *380.20 Tactical Frequency Assignment*. He explained how the radios were purchased with HRSA funds and distributed without clear guidance on what to do with them. This policy is specifically geared toward communications for special operations. The policy indicates what would be considered special operations. The agency developed a format and frequency assignment for use with each radio in order to ensure zero impact on other communications within each county.

Douglass Sisk explained to the committee that the Agency had not received any comments from the public on any of these policies during the "60-day public comment period".

M/S/C(List/McNany) To accept the policies as stated with the comments and recommendations from Alan McNany

Vote: Unanimous

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REVIEW ATTENDANCE RECORDS/CONSIDER ACTION

No Action.

AGENCY/COUNTY REPORTS

Agency: Douglass Sisk reported that the Agency is almost at full staffing for the first time in quite awhile. He also reported that Calaveras County response time data issues were high on the Agency's priority list. Another hot topic is the constant ongoing discussions with the Trauma Centers about the current policies not approved at the last Board of Directors meeting.

Mariposa County

Suzanne Turpin reported on an upcoming mass vaccination drill. They are asking for volunteers to help out at the drill.

Douglass Sisk reported that he and Marilyn Smith planned on attending the drill.

Jesse Figueroa reported of a minor vehicle accident involving a school bus with 30 children. No one was hurt, and it was an important training exercise. Tents were set up for triage, and two victims required ambulance assistance.

Stanislaus County

Mike Skinner reported they are still ironing out the kinks with the new dispatch center. They are, however, making a lot of progress.

NEXT MEETING: November 15, 2006, 1 p.m., Lake Tulloch Resort

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.