

**REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**March 18, 2009**  
**Minutes**

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**Location:** Saddle Creek Resort  
Copperopolis, California

**Time:** 1:00 p.m.

**Committee Members Present** Mike Skinner, Stanislaus County; Aaron King, Stanislaus County; Cindy Woolston, Stanislaus County; Don Zyski, Calaveras County; Mildred Zyski, Calaveras County; William Schmiett, Calaveras County; Jesse Figueroa, Mariposa County; Suzanne Turpin, Mariposa County;

**Committee Members Absent:** Alan McNany, Amador County; Drew Hood, Amador County; Brian Kirk, Amador County;

**Guests:** None Present

**Staff:** Jim Worobe, Deputy Director; Marilyn Smith; Richard Murdock

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Mike Skinner called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

**3. 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.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments from the public.

**5. ACCEPTANCE/ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO AGENDA**

M/S/C (M. Zyski/D.Zyski) to accept the agenda as presented.

**Vote:** Unanimous

**6. CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION**

Correspondence pertinent to the RAC was read by Jim Worobe. The Agency received correspondence from the Calaveras County Clerk of the Board regarding the appointment of William Schmiett to the Regional Advisory Committee as the Administrative Representative.

**7. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 19, 2009 MINUTES**

M/S/C (M. Zyski/D. Zyski) to accept the November 19, 2009 minutes as presented

**Vote:** Carried, Schmiett abstains

## **8. POLICIES FOR REVIEW**

6 policies were sent out for 60 day review. The comments received are as follows.

Policy 572.21 DNR Orders: There were no comments during the public comment period.

M/S/C (King/M. Zyski) to accept as submitted.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Policy 570.25 EMS Organ Donor Information: There were no comments received during the comment period.

M/S/C (King/M. Zyski) to accept as submitted.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Policy 570.35 Refusal of EMS Service: There were three comments received during the public comment period. The first suggested adding a definition of 5150 to policy in Section II. The second comment suggested adding a definition of 5170 to policy Section II. The third suggested adding the language, “Do not request a 5150 or 5170 hold unless the patient meets the definition of a 5150 or 5170 patient” to section V.B.2.

There was considerable discussion with regard to the definition of an emancipated minor. Several questions were raised that suggested making reference to specific situations. In one instance, a question was raised regarding a minor who was a parent being considered emancipated. Richard Murdock explained that the definition of an emancipated minor was taken directly from the Health and Safety Code and directed the committee’s attention to the section of the definition that read that in order for a person to be emancipated, it must have been determined by “a court of competent jurisdiction.” This suggested that no person under the age of 18 could be automatically considered emancipated. This brought up a concern over members of the US Armed Forces. Jim Worobe stated that members of the US Armed Forces who were under the age of 18 were in fact determined to have been emancipated by Federal Regulation when they took the oath of service in the Armed Forces.

There were two changes to the terminology of EMS Personnel that were suggested in section II. C and D.

## **8. POLICIES FOR REVIEW (CONTINUED)**

The Committee suggested moving section V.B.2 to the end of the list of options making it V.B.4 and not using the language, “Do not request 5150 or 5170 hold unless the patient meets the definition of a 5150 or 5170 patient.”

There is a format change required for item V.H. It should read V.E.

M/S/C (King/M. Zyski) to accept with the changes noted.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Policy 851.00 Triage Exercises. There were no comments during the public comment period.

M/S/C (King/M. Zyski) to accept as submitted.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Policy 852.00 NIMS Compliance: There were no comments during the public comment period.

M/S/C (King/M. Zyski) to accept as submitted.

**Vote:** Unanimous

Policy 953.10 Stanislaus County Interoperable Communications: There were no comments during the public comment period. The policy was submitted for evaluation to determine if the policy should be limited to Stanislaus County.

M/S/C (Figueroa/Woolston) to accept as submitted as Stanislaus County Specific Policy.

**Vote:** Unanimous

## **9. REVIEW ATTENDANCE RECORDS/CONSIDER ACTION**

There was nothing to review for this meeting

## **10. AGENCY/COUNTY REPORTS**

### **Mountain-Valley EMS Agency**

Jim Worobe reported that a number of treatment policies are due to be reviewed and Dr. Mackey is actively revising some of the language and simplifying the format. Priorities for the next 60 day review period will be the ALS Introduction, the respiratory distress policies (to include the use of CPAP), changes to the I/O policy, and additions to the ALS equipment list. The next meeting will probably include committee meetings in order to get thru the treatment policy changes.

Stanislaus County will be conducting a Full Scale Pandemic Flu Exercise on April 15 and 16. The Stan MAC group will be activated on April 15 and the EOC will be activated the Morning of April 16. The Agency is involved in the planning and will be participating in a large scale MCI followed by a patient distribution exercise in which 50 patients will actually be transported to 4

Stanislaus County hospitals. The afternoon portion of the exercise will include the distribution of patients from the area hospitals to the Alternate Care Site at Johansson Field.

Applications have been accepted for the position of Quality Improvement Coordinator for MVEMSA. Interviews will be scheduled in the near future.

Marilyn Smith announced that Bill Daily had recently passed away.

The annual Prehospital Care Symposium will be held on June 13, 2009 at the Memorial Medical Center Education Center at McHenry Village in Modesto. The featured Keynote Speaker will be Dr. Brian Bledsoe.

Stanislaus County is revisiting their Significant Exposure Policy.

Ms. Smith reported that the Agency is working with representatives from the region and our surrounding counties on a CCT program. An initial meeting was held in February with committee meetings scheduled throughout March and April.

QLC is scheduled for April 23, 2009 at 10:00 at Saddle Creek.

EMResource has a representative coming to Amador and Calaveras Counties on April 19 and 20 to help train the MICNs in both counties on some of the features of the EMSsystem.

The Agency has received, as part of the Homeland Security Grant, a new personnel accountability program that includes software and hardware for developing identification cards and maintaining a database of providers. Staff is in the process developing procedures for implementation of the identification program.

The State is working on an EMT Registry, similar to the registry currently in place for Paramedics. This will require changes in the way the agency credentials EMTs and will also change some of the fees that are charged for certification. The State will be doing away with expanded scope of practice for EMTs and will be establishing two levels of certification, "Advanced EMT and EMT II," each with its own scope of practice. The Agency has been working on the pre-public comment draft, which we will be submitting at the end of this month.

### **Alpine County**

There was no report for Alpine County.

### **Calaveras County**

There has been some fire training going on. All is well in Calaveras County. There was some discussion about two tragic automobile crashes that took place in the county.

**Amador County**

George Friss reported that the economy has affected ALA's business; call volume is down. There have been no changes to system status or unit hour utilization.

CalStar 10 should begin operation on April 1, 2009 at Westover Field in Amador County.

**Mariposa County**

There will be a multi-agency MCI exercise on April 4 in El Portal.

The member structure of the EMCC in Mariposa has changed. Suzanne Turpin reported that the committee has not been able to seat a quorum for the last three years. The last meeting was the first quorum present for a meeting since that time.

Jesse Figueroa reported that he was working with American Legion to get the Heparin/Nitro training for Mercy Ambulance. This will help reduce the number of transports that require nurses to accompany patients from JC Fremont Hospital on transports.

**Stanislaus County**

In mid-October another ALS provider started service in Stanislaus County with one unit in Hughson, a non-exclusive area of the county. That unit has been incorporated into the System Status Plan. This unit is up and running without any "glitches".

Rural Providers will be receiving mobile CAD units, purchased with grant money. AMR will be working with these providers and providing Train-the-trainer sessions so that the Rural Providers can provide instruction to their respective services. No date yet on the arrival of the units.

**11. NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 20, 2009 at 1:00 pm

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

M/S/C (M.Zyski/Turpin) to adjourn meeting

**Vote:** Unanimous

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