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**Emergency Medical Care Committee
February 8, 2023 - 12:00 PM – 2:00PM**

**This is an in-person meeting at Merced Civic Center - Sam Pipes Room
located at:**

678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340

*****Virtual option via Zoom is not available*****

EMCC MEMBERSHIP

- Scott Silveira, Chairman
Board of Supervisors
- Salvador Sandoval, MD
County Health Officer
- John Slate
Merced County Fire
Department
- Adam Amaral
Office of Emergency Services
- Olivia Gomez
District 1 Representative
- Derek Parker
District 2 Representative
- Jeremy Rahn – Vice Chair
District 3 Representative
- Joshua Brace
District 4 Representative
- Dewayne Jones
District 5 Representative
- Dr. Tushar Patel
Memorial Hospital Los Banos
E.R. Physician
- Yvonnia Brown
Merced County Behavioral
Health & Recovery Services
Director of BHRS
- Kraig Riggs
SEMSA
Ambulance Company
Representative
- Jennifer Caposella
CALSTAR
Ambulance Company
Representative
- Steve Melander
EMS Educator
- Ruben Chavez
Law Enforcement
Representative
- Luis Lara
CHP Representative
- Jeff Pate, RN
Hospital Representative
- Paul Tualla
Fire Service Representative
- Anthony Lima
Field Personnel
Representative
- Mickey Brunelli
Field Personnel
Representative
- Ted Schelby
E.R. Nurse

Meeting Attachments

Agenda

Responsible Party

**A – EMCC Meeting
Minutes**

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| 1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance | S. Silveira |
| 2. Introductions | S. Silveira |
| 3. Public Forum
<i>(Public opportunity to speak on any matter of public interest within the committee's jurisdiction)</i> | S. Silveira |
| 4. Quorum Status Check (11 Members Required) | S. Silveira |
| 5. Approval of today's Agenda (Action) | S. Silveira |
| 6. Approval of the November 9, 2022 EMCC Meeting Minutes | S. Silveira |
| 7. EMS Agency Reports (Info) | S. Silveira |
| a) EMS Medical Director Report | AJ Singh, MD |
| ➤ AED Update/Pulse Point | |
| b) EMS Administrator Report | T. Williams |
| ➤ EMS Coordinator | |
| ➤ Policy & Procedure Committee – January 4, 2023 | |
| ➤ EMS Meetings (CQI, Trauma, Base Hospital, Etc.) | |
| ➤ EMS Plan | |
| c) Public Health Officer Report | Dr. Sandoval |
| d) EMS Policy & Procedure | D. Parker &
T. Williams |
| ➤ Draft Policy & Procedures | |
| ➤ EMS Policy 301.00 - Base Hospital Contact | |
| ➤ EMS Policy 302.00 – ALS/BLS Tiered Dispatch and Ambulance Response (Priority System) | |
| ➤ EMS Policy 402.00 - Patient Destination | |
| ➤ EMS Policy 451.00 - Emergency Ambulance Dispatch | |
| ➤ EMS Policy 470.00 - EMS Aircraft Utilization | |
| e) Ground Ambulance Response Compliance | K. Sullivan &
T. Williams |
| ➤ <i>October 2022 to December 2022</i> | |
| 8. Informational Items (Info) | S. Silveira |
| a) Paramedic Program Update – Merced Community College | Steve Melander |
| b) | |
| 9. Action Items (Action) | S. Silveira |
| a) | |
| 10. Agenda Items for Next Meeting (Action) | S. Silveira |
| 11. Adjournment (Action) | S. Silveira |

Next Meeting Date May 3, 2023 – Location: Office of Emergency Services

Download the Complete EMCC Meeting Packet:

https://www.co.merced.ca.us/AgendaCenter/EMCC-Meetings-17/?#_11032021-941



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Emergency Medical Care Committee
MEETING MINUTES
November 9th, 2022

Committee Members Present

Agency/Facility

Scott Silveira.....	Chairman Board of Supervisors
Olivia Gomez.....	District 1 Representative
Jeremy Rahn	District 3 Representative
Dewayne Jones.....	District 5 Representative
Adam Amaral.....	OES
Jennifer Caposella.....	CALSTAR Ambulance Company Representative
Steve Melander	EMS Educator (Merced City College)
Luis Lara.....	CHP Representative
Mickey Brunelli... ..	Field Personnel Representative

Committee Members absent

Agency/Facility

Mason Hurley	Fire Service Representative
Jeff Pate	Hospital Representative
Anthony Lima.....	Field Personnel Representative
Ted Shelby.....	E.D. Nurse
Derek Parker.....	District 2 Representative
Joshua Brace.....	District 4 Representative
Dr. Tushar Patel	Memorial Hospital Los Banos ED Physician
Genevieve Valentine	MCBHSR, Director of BHRS
Kraig Riggs	(SEMSA) Ambulance Company Representative
Ruben Chavez	Law Enforcement Representative
John Slate.....	Merced County Fire Department

Ex-Officio Members Present

Agency/Facility

Dr. Salvador Sandoval MD	County Health Officer
Dr. Ajinder Singh	Merced County EMSA Medical Director

Ex-Officio Members Absent

Agency/Facility

Rebecca Nanyonjo-Kemp.....	Public Health Director
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EMS Agency Staff Present

Agency/Facility

Tim Williams... ..	EMS Administrator
Michael Garrett.....	Merced County EMS Coordinator
Frank Romero	Merced County EMSA OA III

<u>Guests Present</u>	<u>Agency/Facility</u>
Carly Alley.....	SEMSA/Riggs
Dr. Eric Rudnick.....	SEMSA/Riggs
Alexandra Guras... ..	.Mercy Air
Louis Alberto.....	Mercy Air
Jenna Anderson.....	Merced County Counsel
Carrie Woolly.....	Merced County Counsel
Mike Swenson	Riggs Ambulance
Manny Garcia	SEMSA/Riggs
Paul Tualla	Los Banos Fire
Kevin Daniel.....	Riggs Ambulance

Call to Order: Chairman Silveira called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM.; introductions were made and all were welcomed.

Public Forum: No comments from the public were made and the forum was closed.

Quorum Status Check (11 members required): A Quorum of EMCC voting members were not present.

Approval/Additions/Deletions of the Agenda (Action): No Quorum present.

Approval of the August 10th, 2022 Meeting Minutes (Action): No Quorum present.

EMS Agency Reports: (Info)

Dr. AJ Singh (EMS Medical Director Report):

- Dr. Singh reported that Dale Johns is the new CEO of Dignity Health who started six weeks ago.
- Dr. Singh reported that APOT times have been headed in the right direction and MMCM is working with the EMS Agency to improve their APOT times. Members discussed APOT and Tim shared with the group all hospitals where APOT affects the EMS System.
- Dr. Singh reported that the Office of Administrative Law has approved community paramedicine service as well as alternate destinations.
- Dr. Singh mentioned layperson AED’s and his continued efforts.

Tim Williams (EMS Administrator Report):

- Tim introduced Michael Garrett as the new EMS Coordinator for MCEMSA. Tim reported that with the new Coordinator position that is soon to be filled he plans to establish the CQI, Trauma and Base Hospital committees in the coming New Year.
- Tim (EMCC subcommittee Report-EMS proposals) – Tim reported that at the last EMCC meeting it was suggested that a subcommittee be created. Since then the EMS Agency has been working with multiple individuals to identify things that would benefit the system.
 - Tim reported that the county (CEO’s Office) is currently pursuing a public provider ground emergency medical transport funding called “PP-GEMT IGT” Public Provider Ground Emergency Medical Transport (PP-GEMT) Intergovernmental Transfer (IGT) Program, funding that will be beginning on January 1, 2023.

- In addition, the committee is working on work force development support in regards to EMT/Paramedic training and wage subsidizing the committee is awaiting response.
- The subcommittee also discussed APOT and improving the current APOT report.

Dr. Sandoval (Public Health Officer Report):

- Dr. Sandoval reported that COVID-19 cases are going down though we are testing a lot less, and believes the best testing we are currently doing is our waste water testing that is currently showing an increase.
- Dr. Sandoval reported that hospitals are seeing a lot of RSV cases and influenza within the southern parts of the state which is an indication that we will be seeing the same very soon. Dr. Sandoval is currently in discussion with the Residency about bringing in an in-patient pediatrics to help with off load the patient intake to Valley Children’s Hospital. Dr. Sandoval is currently encouraging influenza vaccines for adults and children as well as mask wearing in crowded areas.

Tim Williams (EMS Policy & Procedure):

- Tim reported that they are working on an EMS aircraft utilization policy that was submitted by Ryan from CalStar. Tim and Michael worked with the county GIS to create mapping, which will help EMS Helicopter responses. Tim will be sending out some invites for the Policy & Procedure committee with this being the first to be reviewed. The EMS Agency is working on several EMS Policies.

T. Williams (EMCC Membership Update):

1. Tim reported to the committee of the current EMCC membership status.
 - There are twenty-one (21) positions identified in the Emergency Medical Care Committee Bylaws;
 - Currently, there are twenty-one (21) Board-appointed members on the Emergency Medical Care Committee. There are currently no vacancies.
 - 11 members constitute a Quorum.

Tim Williams (Ground Ambulance Response Compliance):

- Tim reported on the following response time compliance for the months of July through September 2022, <https://www.countyofmerced.com/DocumentCenter/View/34691/Response-Time-Compliance-Presentation-For-November-9th-2022>.
- Members discussed what CHEMPACK is what it is used for and the need for further training.

Informational Items:

None.

Action Items:

None.

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: (Action)

None.

Adjournment (Action): at 1:58 PM.

Additional comments:

- Steve Melander informed the committee that the Paramedic program is scheduled to begin January 17th 2023.
- Carley Alley provided the committee with a Riggs staffing update.

The Next EMCC meeting will be held February 8th, 2023 at Merced County Office of Emergency Services 3500 Apron Ave. Atwater, CA 95301