



## Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

July 6, 2022



Start: 1000

Attendance (Zoom Meeting):

**In person:**

Sam Blesse- Chair  
Mike Grant- Vice Chair  
Becky Grant- S.O. Dispatch  
Dr. Mark Satterfield: Public Health Officer  
Lori Beatley-PCPHA

**Zoom:**

Andrew Courtright: Peninsula Fire  
Amy Burkhart- EPHC Ambulance  
Louie Alberto- Air Method  
Darren Beatty- PDH  
Elaine Frank- Eastern Plumas Fire District  
Linda McCurdy- Seneca  
Dee Dee Clark- EPHC  
Matt Brown- REMSA/ Careflight  
Pamella Courtright- Plumas County OES

### **Roll Call of voting membership to set quorum**

Chester Fire Protection District		Not Present
Peninsula Fire Protection District	Andrew Courtright	Present
Indian Valley Ambulance Services Authority	Matt Brown	Present
Plumas District Hospital Ambulance	Sam Blesse	Present
Eastern Plumas Healthcare Ambulance	Amy Burkhart	Present
Seneca Healthcare District	Linda McCurdy	Present
Plumas District Hospital	Darren Beatty	Present
Eastern Plumas Healthcare	Dee Dee Clark	Present
Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association		Not Present
Plumas County Sheriff's Office	Mike Grant	Present
Plumas County Board of Supervisors		Not Present
Plumas County Public Health Officer	Dr. Mark Satterfield (late)	Present

### **Approval for Agenda and Minutes**

Approval of agenda for July 6, 2022: Matt Brown motioned to approve the agenda and Mike Grant 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all in favor.

Approval from minutes on April 6, 2022: Mike Grant motioned to approve the minutes and Becky Grant 2nd the motion and all in favor.

### **Open for Public Comment**

No Comments.

## **EMCC Officers**

- Chair and Vice can serve two terms: Both Sam and Mike have served one term each
- Both are willing to serve another term
- Both positions opened for nomination

Mike Grant nominates Sam Blesse for Chair and Matt Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Chester Fire Protection District		Not Present
Peninsula Fire Protection District	Andrew Courtright	Yes
Indian Valley Ambulance Services Authority	Matt Brown	Yes
Plumas District Hospital Ambulance	Sam Blesse	Abstain
Eastern Plumas Healthcare Ambulance	Amy Burkhart	Yes
Seneca Healthcare District	Linda McCurdy	Yes
Plumas District Hospital	Darren Beatty	Yes
Eastern Plumas Healthcare	Dee Dee Clark	Present
Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association		Not Present
Plumas County Sheriff's Office	Mike Grant	Yes
Plumas County Board of Supervisors		Not Present
Plumas County Public Health Officer	Dr. Mark Satterfield	Did not vote-Late

Sam Blesse nominates Mike Grant for Vice-Chair not documented who 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

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Peninsula Fire Protection District	Andrew Courtright	Yes
Indian Valley Ambulance Services Authority	Matt Brown	Yes
Plumas District Hospital Ambulance	Sam Blesse	Yes
Eastern Plumas Healthcare Ambulance	Amy Burkhart	Yes
Seneca Healthcare District	Linda McCurdy	Yes
Plumas District Hospital	Darren Beatty	Yes
Eastern Plumas Healthcare	Dee Dee Clark	Present
Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association		Not Present
Plumas County Sheriff's Office	Becky Grant	Yes
Plumas County Board of Supervisors		Not Present
Plumas County Public Health Officer	Dr. Mark Satterfield	Did not vote-Late

## **Update from Nor-Cal EMS**

- No update provided

## **Rural Emergency Medical Service Training grant (Update)**

- 11 people applied with 4 spots available
- Contact Sam Blesse if interested
- At time of meeting unknown if grant was approved: Received notification after EMCC meeting the grant was approved

### **Flea Mountain Repeater: Mike Grant**

- Enloe will take repeater
- Mike working on paperwork/logistics

### **COVID-19: Dr. Satterfield**

- Increase in COVID cases and seeing a slight increase in hospitalization in late July
- Long COVID is hot topic with 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID seems to be worse especially in high-risk populations.
- Test to treatment going well in Plumas Co with Paxalovid available in Plumas Co
- Do not have to have renal test to be prescribed Paxalvoid, but at discretion of provider, may look at medical history
- Positive home test good enough to be prescribed Paxalovid

### **HeartSafe Community**

- Update from Central Plumas
  - Working on continued AED tracking
  - Recognition ceremony for first responders who assisted with 2 saved cardiac arrests: One of the lives saved was at the ceremony
- Letter of Intent received from EPHC Ambulance:
  - No update
- Lake Almanor Area:
  - AED for RV Park- Lake Cover needs to be installed

### **Health Care Coalition (Tri-HCC):**

- Next meeting scheduled for August 3, 2022

### **PCSO- Communication Update: Mike Grant and Becky Grant**

- All 10 med comms are licensed for all repeaters
- Network failure on Beckwourth for couple hours
- Plumas Sierra Rural Telecommunications took EMS repeater. Who approved?
- Zonehaven: Platform for evacuation information for public. Currently 120 zones. Each hospital has their own zone
- There will be a PSA campaign once Zonehaven is up and running. Want public to know their zone. Code Red alters will use Zonehaven zones
- Concerns regarding transferring medical 911 calls to hospitals. Issues of no one at hospital answering phone. There is some discussion of all medical calls being transferred to REMSA dispatch; however, this will take some time to implement.

- Issues with on-scene responders (mainly fire) requesting specific air ambulance. Dispatch will determine which air ambulance will respond, based on closest/fastest response
- Issues with Cal-Fire and communication, mainly when Cal-Fire responds in the canyon. There is a lack of communication from Cal-Fire with SO dispatch. There has been a lot of turn-over in Cal-fire, which may be part of the cause
- SO dispatch still hiring

**Agency Reports:**

- Peninsula Fire- Andrew: 4<sup>th</sup> of July went well, still some cell disruptions (have not returned to normal since Dixie Fire), still looking for staff, finish up Emergency Broadcast System still dealing with PG&E hoping to address after fire season
- EPHC Ambulance-Amy: Thankful to Becky for letting her know of the communication issues regarding medical calls so it can be addressed, sprinkling of COVID positive among staff but spaced out so not unmanageable, very busy
- Air Methods- Louie: Staffing issues, but otherwise good
- Seneca-Linda: Some COVID issues with staff, but not huge, filling shifts due to vacation, overall doing well, with some minor disruptions of services for SNF due to various projects
- PDH-Darren: Same as EPHC and Seneca, searching for a home for EMS in Indian Valley/Greenville, possible joint building with fire and SO, but that would take a while, so maybe a rental for now
- REMSA/Careflight- Matt: Some staffing issues but overall maintaining
- EPFRD-Elaine: quiet, but trying to get ready for fire season- status quo
- PC OES- Pam: status quo

**Training Opportunities:**

- Nor-Cal EMS – <https://norcalems.org/training-and-job-opportunities/>
  - CEUs available on NorCal EMS Website

**Next Meeting:** **October 5, 2022 – 1000 to Noon**

Mike Grant motions to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Satterfield 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion

Respectively submitted by: Lori Beatley