



Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee



Date: 04/03/2024 Start: 1000 hours

Attendance:

In Person (PCPHA Large Conference Room): Virtual (Microsoft Teams):	
Sam Blesse – CareFlight Ground	Robert Gray – Peninsula Fire
Mark Thomas – CareFlight Ground	Brady Haynes – Seneca District Hospital
Jesse Keene – SIFC CalFire	Corina Tidwell – EPHC
Travis Goings – Plumas Co. OES	Dee Dee Clark – EPHC
Joe Waterman – Plumas Chiefs Assoc.	Jessica Thompson – NorCal EMS
Kevin Goss – District 2 Supervisor	Judy Cline – Seneca District Hospital
Mike Grant – Plumas Co. Sheriff's Office	Linda McCurdy – Seneca District Hospital
James Allen – SIFC CalFire	Mike Loew – NorCal EMS
Charles Schrammel – PCPHA	Neal Cline – Seneca District Hospital
Alexandra Guras – AirMethods/SEMSA	Christopher Parent – CHP
	Serena Troupe – PCPHA
	Zoe Stancer - PDH

1. Roll Call of voting membership to set quorum:

- a. Peninsula Fire Protection District – Robert Gray
- b. Plumas District Hospital Ambulance – Sam Blesse
- c. Eastern Plumas Healthcare Ambulance – Amy Burkhart
- d. Seneca Healthcare District – Linda McCurdy
- e. Plumas District Hospital – Zoe Stancer
- f. Eastern Plumas Healthcare – Dee Dee Clark
- g. Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association – Joe Waterman
- h. Plumas County Sheriff's Office – Mike Grant
- i. Plumas County Board of Sup. – Kevin Goss

2. Approval of Agenda for April 3, 2024, meeting:

- a. Mike Grant motioned to approve with no changes. Kevin Goss seconded. No nays. No abstentions.

3. Approval of Minutes from January 3, 2024, meeting:

- a. Joe Waterman motioned to approve with no changes. Mike Grant seconded. No nays. No abstentions.

4. Open for Public Comment:

- a. No public comment.

5. Updated Voting Membership:

- a. At the request of Seneca District Hospital, remove Royce Raker and add Judith Cline.

6. Almanor Basin EMS Coverage:

- a. Chief Gray – Peninsula Fire and West Shore Fire covering region, anticipating increased call volume during “busy season.” There is a need to have a staffed vehicle in Chester. Currently staffing ambulance on the peninsula. A sub-committee meeting will occur on 4/4/2024, CPUD rep Adam Cox will be present. Resolution will be voted on, May 7th, to support emergency services in Chester. If resolution fails a special EMCC meeting will be needed to address the situation.

7. Update from Nor-Cal EMS:

- a. Jessica – Northstate Prehospital Conference coming on April 20th at the Win River Casino. No other updates.

8. Stop The Bleed – Donation of Kits/Supplies to Schools:

- a. Sam/Charles – Emails went out to local hospitals requesting assistance purchasing Stop the Bleed kits. CareFlight will assist with donations locally, bringing in instructors. More cost efficient to build kits from supplies vs. ordering branded kits. PDH and EPHC will help with purchasing. Seneca?

9. Full-Scale Exercise – Rescue Task Force DRAFT Policy:

- a. Sam – DRAFT policy was provided to EMCC for review. No requests/comments to edit the policy. Sam would like to see training with neighboring counties take place.
- b. **VOTE:** Joe Waterman motions to adopt the Rescue Task Force policy, Kevin Goss seconds. No nays. No abstentions. Motion passes.

10. HeartSafe Community Updates:

- a. **Central Plumas Heartsafe Update:** Sam – Three (3) new AEDs coming to Quincy area: Public Library, Serra Bella Lanes Bowling Alley, and Rhythm and Grace Dance Studio.

- b. **Lake Almanor Heartsafe Community Update:** No update/comment.
- c. **Eastern Plumas Heartsafe Community Update:** Corina – application submitted. PulsePoint/AED tracking, teleCPR, algorithm is up, Amy (EPHC Ambulance) working on policy. Sam will set a date for approval.

11. **Health Care Coalition (Tri-HCC):**

- a. Charles – Next meeting – May 1, 2024. Regional Tabletop Exercise April 25th, 2024. Mineral Building at the Fairgrounds.

12. **PCSO- Communication Update:**

- a. Mike – Dispatch is still struggling despite bringing in some veteran dispatchers, others have left. Storms have impacted communications, especially during power outages. Following radio issues over winter, equipment to be replaced has been identified. A new Verizon contract will alleviate some pressure with a 15% expansion of the current footprint which will result in a 20x increase in capacity. This coverage will push over Mt. Hough and into Indian Valley. Snow levels have made accessing communications sites difficult. Close to 18' of snow at Claremont Peak.
- b. Sam – from the EMS side, kudos to the dispatchers who have stuck it out and done their best in a tough situation.

13. **Agency Reports:**

- a. County OES (Travis Goings): Analyzing response to winter power outages. Preparing for a tabletop hazmat exercise, May 13, 2024.
- b. CHP (Christopher Partner): Quincy office is currently down by four officers. Officer Stowe will be retiring at the end of 2024. Likely bringing in two new officers shortly. Officer McCallister is also retiring.
- c. Seneca (Linda McCurdy): New foundation formed to support construction of new hospital building, hoping to begin construction summer 2024.
- d. Plumas Co. Chief's Association (Joe Waterman): In the process of reviewing FD qualifications and training needs across the county. Advocating for Measures B+C for emergency services in the Chester area. Fire academy will be starting soon in Quincy, working with Chief Frank Carey.
- e. REMSA/Careflight (Sam Blesse): Currently operating at full staffing on ambulances. Running a couple all paramedic shifts. REMSA is in the

process of switching contracts from Global Medical Response to Air Methods as its flight service provider (see Air Methods report out below).

- f. EPHC (Dee Dee Clark): EPHC ambulances are currently fully staffed. One ambulance remount will be completed in July. The power outages from the recent winter storms offered learning opportunities and areas for improvement.
- g. PDH (Zoe Stancer): Construction of skilled nursing facility (SNF) is ongoing. Working on licensing an alternative birthing center to bring delivery services back to PDH. Also working on cost-based reimbursement for Medi-Cal. Currently only Medicare has cost-based reimbursement.
- h. Air Methods (Alexandra Guras): As of April 16, there will be two (2) staffed helicopters serving the region, with a return to four (4) staffed helicopters by July. REMSA is in the process of determining which air bases will be staffed between April and July. New staff contact will be brought to the next EMCC meeting.
- i. Public Health (Charles Schrammel): Upcoming ICS training, 300 (April 10-12) and 400 (May 15-16) being offered in Quincy, a couple spots are still open in each course, reach out to Charles with questions. Regional tabletop exercise will happen April 25th.
- j. Board of Supervisors (Kevin Goss): Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo.) in progress for Indian Valley and Crescent Mills Fire Departments to address changes and staffing.
- k. Cal Fire – SIFC (Jesse Keene): Dispatch to the Almanor Basin working well, approximately 3-4 instances of CareFlight responding to region from the Indian Valley area.
- l. Peninsula Fire (Robert Gray): Preparing for the seasonal influx of people into the Almanor Basin, assessing needs for emergency medical response. An additional ambulance has been ordered for the region (anticipated delivery Dec. 2024).

14. Training Opportunities:

- a. Critical Care Academy – Sam now has spots available for medics who are interested. 100 hours of self-directed online learning + clinical hours. Contact Sam with questions.
- b. ICS-300 – Quincy, April 10-12, 2024, and ICS-400 – Quincy, May 15-16, 2024 – contact Charles with any questions.

c. Continuing Education Units – NorCal EMS – norcalems.org/online-ces/

15. Next Meeting:

a. July 3, 2024, 1000 – 1200 Hours, Public Health Large Conference Room,
or Microsoft Teams.

Respectively submitted by: Charles Schrammel

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