

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

April 3, 2019

Start: 1000

Attendance:

Joe Waterman – CFD
Darren Beatty-PDH – on phone
Gary Pini – PFD
Keith Mahan - PARC
Becky Grant-PCSO
Carson Wingfield-PCSO
Bob Nelson-ARES
Matt Brown-Care Flight
Tina Venable-PCPHA
Linda McCurdy-Seneca-on phone
Melodie Bennett - PCPHA
Lori Beatley – PCPHA
Steve Waldeck- EPHC Ambulance
Mark Satterfield- PCPHA/ PDH
Larry Trotter- ARES
Erin Cox- PHI- On phone
Jillian Swope- PHI

Trent Murrieta- SEMSA
Guy McNett – Indian Valley Ambulance
Sam Blesse - Careflight
Liz Groneman- Air Methods
Eric Egide - CHP
Dan Spiess – Nor Cal EMS
Eric Rudnick- Nor Cal EMS
Chris Dean- Chester Fire
Mike Grant - PCSO
Brian Layne- Chester Fire
Tony Balbiani- Indian Valley Fire
Michael Sanchez – Supervisor District 1

Todd Johns- PCSO
Amu Burkhart- PHI- On phone

Minutes approved from January 2019: Mike Grant motions, Matt Brown 2nd, all approved

Open Remarks by Chair

As of February 14, 2019, Joe Waterman is no longer with Chester Fire; however, he is happy to continue to chair the EMCC since election is not until July of next year. Joe does not have voting rights for Chester Fire. **Executive sub-committee established to discuss by-laws and new voting members for Chester Fire as well as EPHC. Darren Beatty, Joe Waterman, Sam Blesse and Mike Grant will meet and report back at next EMCC meeting.**

Air Ambulance Response Time

There was much discussion on this topic. The issue is a complaint was filed with Nor Cal EMS by REMSA regarding SEMSA's air medical ETA flight times are not accurate. National standard of 15 minute lift time, which was adopted by Nor Cal EMS; however, SEMSA's lift time overall is over 15 minutes. Dan Speiss of Nor Cal EMS discusses the investigation into the complaint. Nor Cal EMS find fault as a communication issue between ground and air. Dr. Rudnick also spoke regarding his role as medical director for SEMSA and his role regarding medical director for Nor Cal EMS. He reached out to Dr Dave Duncan, who agreed to look into this issue regarding air ambulance response time by SEMSA. Liz Groneman spoke regarding how many air ambulance

calls SEMSA receives in Plumas County. She stated the communication issue dealt with , so there should be no other flight time issues by SEMSA. There were some concerns expressed regarding SEMSA's air crew not being housed by the helicopter, which would cause a delay as well as the fact that Nor Cal EMS did not actually listen to the recordings during the investigation into the complaint. REMSA would like the isolate the Plumas County lift time from other county lift time; so that not all lift times are averaged together. There was some discussion regarding pre-alerts, which may assist with lift times.

Supervisor Sanchez brought up the need for Plumas County to look at the Nor Cal EMS contract to ensure it meets the needs of all parties involved. Mr. Sanchez told Dr. Rudnick, that re-evaluating the contract with Nor Cal EMS is not a threat, but wanted to ensure the contract was up to date and was relevant to all parties.

Joe Waterman asked if there was a recommendation by the EMCC and Sam Blesse recommended until the issue was resolved SEMSA would be placed at bottom of rotation through PCSO. Liz Groneman stated the issues was resolved and felt that SEMSA was already being placed at bottom of the rotation.

A committee was formed: Joe Waterman, Sam Blesse, Mike Grant and Dr Satterfield to address this complaint as well as any complaints brought before EMCC.

Mike Grant made a motion and Sam Bless second the motion.

Region III MCI Plan

- Transportation Plan is different than SSV
- DCF is Enloe; however, especially for eastern part of Plumas County that is not practical. According to Nor Cal EMS, can delineate in plan.
- Nor Cal EMS will have tentative update to plan for next EMCC meeting.

HeartSafe Community Update

- Quincy HeartSafe Community has been working on fundraisers: \$250 donated by Rotary and working on grant from Elks
- Pulse Point AED app is available in Quincy
- Next meeting is on July 1, 2019 at 10:00 am at Quincy Fire Hall

Health Care Coalition (HCC) Update:

- Active Shooter Full Scale Exercise at Portola High School is on April 24th
- HAM Project is on schedule and equipment for Northeastern Rural Clinic, Seneca Hospital, Lassen Co Public Health, Plumas District Hospital, Eastern Plumas Health Care and EPHC Loyalton SNF. In process of installing and then training on Packet System. Hoping to have communication drill at beginning of June.
- Submitted rough draft Response Plan for regional HCC on April 1, 2019.
- Wildland Fire Functional Exercise in Basin Area on May 29th.
- Next meeting is on May 1 at 10:00 am at PCPHA.

Agency Reports:

Jill @ PHI – Fully staffed in Susanville: Chapter 11 bankruptcy not affecting ground level staff or operations

Becky@ PCSO Dispatch- New staff on board

Mike@ PCSO- SO meet all requirements for permits for communication on Dyer(waiting for four years) as well as Claremont to build a tower. Swiftwater Rescue Training at end of April.

Liz @ SEMSA- If there is an issue between agencies than would like to communicate between the agencies, especially before a formal complaint.

Sam @ Care flight- EMR class

Michael@ BOS- If submitting something to board then give at least two weeks

Dan @ Nor Cal EMS- Received boundary changes for Chester/ Lake Almanor area. Nor Cal will confirm and will be apart of formal plan sent to state. Pre-hospital conference: Nor Cal e-mail system is down so call Cathy to register

Dr. Rudnick @ Nor Cal EMS- Joe Holly will be speaker for the pre-hospital conference. FTO policy is up for public comment. Instructor Program for Stop the Bleed.

Joe is still a part of the Fire Chief Association.

Guy @ IVASA- PHI Chapter 11- hoping it won't impact Greenville, but concerned about how the restructuring could impact Indian Valley

Steve@ EPHC- Bob Frank was able to find 22 AEDs and is working on application for a HeartSafe Community in Portola area

Carson @ PCSO- at staffing levels : okay on patrol

Gary @ Peninsula Fire- May 29th is Wildland Fire Functional Exercise: simulate evacuation, injury at Seneca, HAM emergency in basin area including fire stations

Training Opportunities:

- Center for Domestic Preparedness – Anniston, Alabama – <https://cdp.dhs.gov/>
- MCI Training – Nor-Cal EMS – <http://www.norcalems.org/RDMHS/region iii mci plant.shtml>

Next Meeting: **July 10, 2019 – 1000 to 1200**

Respectively submitted as a draft by:

Lori Beatley