

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

October 2, 2019

Start: 1000

Attendance:

Joe Waterman – Chair
Darren Beatty-PDH
Matt Brown-Care Flight
Tina Venable-PCPHA
Royce Raker-Seneca
Lori Beatley – PCPHA
John DeArmond- EPHC Ambulance
Chris Dearing- SEMSA
Trent Murrieta- SEMSA
Christopher Dean- Chester Fire
Sam Blesse - Careflight

Elaine Frank- Eastern Plumas Fire
Chuck Brothers - CHP
Shawn Poore – Nor Cal EMS
Zoe Stancer- PDH
Guy McNett- IVASA
Carson Wingfield - PCSO
Bob Nelson- Amateur Radio
Erin Cox- PHI- On phone
Melodie Bennett- PCPHA

Open for Public Comment

No comments.

Approval for Agenda and Minutes:

Approval of the agenda for October 2, 2019: S. Blesse motions, M. Brown 2nd

Approval from minutes on July 10, 2019: S. Poore would like the following correction: Under the Nor-Cal EMS Report, the second to last bullet should read: "An outside doctor, Dave Duncan will be reviewing the Nor-Cal EMS Air Medical Policies.". With the amended correction T. Venable motions and S. Blesse 2nd for approval of minutes.

HeartSafe Community

S. Blesse made a request for the HeartSafe Community be under EMCC; with a sub-committee from EMCC receive application and re-applications. The sub-committee makes a recommendation to Public Health on initial applications and reapplications. He also made a request that all approved HeartSafe Communities must submit a re-application every two years for continued approval as a HeartSafe Community. A representative from PH, chair or vice-chair of EMCC and a representative from Quincy, Lake Almanor HeartSafe Community and any other approved HeartSafe Community within Plumas County would comprise the sub-committee.

- Quincy: S. Blesse is attempting to place an AED at 20 Mile House, but has been unable to contact the establishment. The Pulse Point App is being utilized in Plumas County
- Lake Almanor: Application for HeartSafe Community approved in July and went before the BOS in September recognizing Lake Almanor Basin as a HeartSafe Community.

Update from Nor-Cal EMS provided by Shawn Poore

- Air Medical Advisory Committee has a meeting in a couple of months
- Provider Agreement (Air/ground): Individually for renewal, 60 day extension and make appropriate changes: some agreements have not changed in years
- Policies and mirror as much as possible with S-SV EMS
- Dr. Duncan has reviewed the Nor-Cal EMS Air Medical Policies and has condensed it from 25 pages to approximately 5 pages, which will be completed within the next couple weeks.
- Air ambulance provide date monthly to Nor-Cal and S. Poore has reviewed the information with the first chunk of data being released this week for September
- Medical Advisory Committee- ground ambulances have some issues regarding communication; working on by-laws
- DCF: Sierra County currently has no DCF; Loyalton would be REMSA and Downieville would be with Marysville. S. Poore has conference call with REMSA. **It will take approximately two months to remedy the DCF issue for Plumas County.** DCF may be determined by provider
- J. Waterman asked if the sanctioning of SEMSA (occurred at last EMCC meeting) would be lifted soon so they could be in full rotation. S. Poore was not sure on that status, because he did not know if the issue had been fixed.
- **Nor-Cal EMS will advise EMCC regarding SEMSA air status-meet standard for lift time. EMCC will notify SO. An ETA for a decision will take a couple weeks in order to have data for end of the month.**

Update on EMCC comment/ contact process

- An e-mail emcc@countyofplumas.com will be utilized for anyone who has concerns or questions. The e-mail be placed on the EMCC website. PH will monitor the e-mail and provide any all pertinent information to Chair and/or Vice-chair.
- EMCC representation at county fire chiefs association, will advise them of email contact availability.

Health Care Coalition:

- Reviewed by-laws and made changes regarding governing structure; Leadership (Plumas, Sierra and Lassen) team instead of chair
- Required to contract with a Clinical Advisory: seven resumes have been submitted for the position
- Required to have a lead hospital: PDH this fiscal year
- Communication drill: Amateur radio which went well. Packet drill will occur in December
- SWMHE: Flooding scenario: Table Top Exercise with Round Valley Reservoir imminent failure: Thursday, Nov 21 2019 from 10-2

Status of EMS boundary changes:

- Issue has been tasked to sub-committee. There has been no action at this point; waiting on all sub-committee members to be available
- A draft of protocols will be available by next meeting (July meeting: A process/protocol needs to be developed in changing boundaries in Plumas County for EMS by a subcommittee (Chair, Vice Chair, Mike Grant and Gary Pini)

Update on Indian Valley Authority:

G. McNett: Last Three years PHI has provided EMS services to Indian Valley. The contract with PHI will terminate at the end of 2019. An RFP was sent out for services and PHI did not want to renew.

- IVASA only received one application: Care Flight. Board voted unanimously to accept Care Flight's proposal
- PHI will honor the contract till Dec 31st
- Plan to consolidate two healthcare districts by end of 2019
- PDH is pleased to be a part of the IV community
- M. Brown is working closely with PHI on the transition with the transition date estimated to Nov 1
- The EMS Mutual Aid Agreement had not been signed by PHI: G. McNett will sign the agreement on behalf of IVASA. Changes will be made and the agreement will be re-circulated.
- E. Cox stated on behalf of PHI there was a great working relationship with IVASA and clarified the reason the date for the transition was pushed to Nov instead of end of Dec was a logistics reason, due to lease agreement with landlord. PHI will continue to provide air ambulance services out of Susanville, CA

Plumas County BOS approval of EMCC membership:

- The Plumas County BOS must approve the EMCC membership annually. They approved the membership this year
- EPHC needs to provide voting membership. There is no primary at this time with Dee Dee Clark as alternate.
- Sherrie Thrall will be primary for BOS with Kevin Goss as alternate
- K. Goss mentioned to S. Blesse about EMCC providing a presentation to BOS regarding EMCC. S. Blesse will follow-up with K. Goss and if a presentation is needed the executive committee will address it.

Agency Reports:

Tina @ Public Health – Flu vaccination clinics in October: 17th Greenville, 18th Portola, 19th Chester and 21st Quincy with schools at the end of October

Darren @PDH- PDH is busy: consolidating with IVASA, new electronic medical records with future plans of a day care service: a house next to the hospital has been purchased for the purpose of a day care and Assisted Living/SNF project as well as possibility of new hospital.

Shawn @ Nor- Cal- The new medical director for Nor Cal EMS is Dr. Jeff Kepple.

Sam@ Care Flight- Busy preparing for the transition with PHI for IV. Eastern Plumas Fire assisted Care Flight with Grinduro which went well.

Royce @ Seneca Health Care District- Wanted to know to which hospital IV patients would be sent to by Care Flight: PDH or Seneca. The response to Royce's question was a patient would be transported to Seneca if requested. If no request for patient to be transported to Seneca then the patient would be transported to PDH.

Matt@ REMSA/ Care Flight- It has been busy with staff at Walker Fire for 22 days and Ranch Fire

John @ EPHC EMS- He has been with EPHC for two and half months and it has been busy with 3 MCI and they will have a new ambulance rig in December. He will provide EMR/EMT classes soon.

Joe@ Plumas County Fire Chiefs: meeting was last Saturday: "No real burning issues"

Elaine@ Eastern Plumas Rural Fire- 507 calls since beginning of the year. Desire to have more training especially for CEUs. Have been training with Chief Russell with Beckwourth Fire. Next month will have a ladder truck training with Graeagle Fire.

Trent@ SEMSA: Introduced Chris who is the new chief flight nurse

Carson @ S.O.- Sheriff Hagwood will be retiring at the end of December. Undersheriff Canalia will be retiring on Dec 4 and OES Nick Dawson will be retiring Nov 18th. A lot of changes at S.O.

Sgt. Brothers@ CHP: Lt received a directive that CHP will no longer have EMR/EMT training/response as of July 2019 and all trauma bags are to be returned to station and not to be in patrol vehicles. The directive does not affect flight operations. (There was much discussion regarding the ramifications of the directive especially in rural communities.

Discussion and vote taken regarding EMCC drafting a letter to BOS addressing this issue.)

Chester Fire Protection District	Chris Dean	Yes
Peninsula Fire Protection District	Not present	
Indian Valley Ambulance Services Authority	Guy McNett	Yes
Plumas District Hospital Ambulance	Sam Blesse	Yes
Eastern Plumas Healthcare Ambulance	John DeArmond	Yes
Seneca Healthcare District	Royce Raker	Yes
Plumas District Hospital	Darren Beatty	Yes
Eastern Plumas Healthcare	Not present	
Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association	Joe Waterman	Chair- Abstain
Plumas County Sheriff's Office	Not Present	
Plumas County Board of Supervisors	Not present	

Plumas County Public Health Officer

Not present for vote

Chris@ Chester Fire- Completed ambulance boundary line- Almanor Basin (CAD: SIFC) CFAA up for renewal. Would like strike team leader training

Motion to adjourn by G. McNett. Meeting adjourned

Training Opportunities:

- MGT-416:Introduction to Continuity of Government Planning for Rural Jurisdictions: Nov 13 in Quincy contact Lori for more details
- 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: January 8, 2020 – 1000 to 1130

Respectively submitted as a draft by:

Lori Beatley

Approved with corrections by Chairperson Joe Waterman