



EL DORADO COUNTY
Chief Administrative Office
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

MINUTES

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting

Date: March 11, 2020

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Location: HSA Sierra Conference Room

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees:

David Brazzel, EMS Agency
Mike Franzen, DS Fire
Darlene Phillis, EMS Agency
Aryon Nielsen, EMS Agency
Eileen Flatgard, EMS Agency
Dennis Carter, AMR
Chad Cossey, EMS Agency
Kyle Printz, CTJPA
Carly Riedel, CTJPA

John Crystalina, Alpha One
Drew Congdon, Cal-Star
Debbie Madding, SRMC
Daniel Iniguez, AMR
Corey McLeod, Barton ER
Kristi Kimball, Barton ER
Mike Kaslin, Reach/Cal-Star
Lucas Shepard, EDC Fire

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. The minutes of the January 8, 2020 MAC meeting were approved and posted to the EMS Agency website.

III. CHAIRMAN REPORT: (David Brazzel, M.D.)

- Presentation: Arianna Sampson, PA-C, from Marshall Hospital provided an overview of the CA Bridge Program. This program focuses on opioid use disorder and the treatment provided for successful outcomes. The bridges program at Marshall had 119 patients treated in 2019 with a 97% follow up rate and now there are over 50 hospitals state wide that have access points for patients with substance abuse disorders. For additional information on this highly successful program, please contact Arianna at 530-409-3048 or at Arianna@bridgetotreatment.org

IV. BASE STATION HOSPITAL REPORTS:

A. BARTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BMH): (Corey McLeod, M.D.)

- COVID-19 Paramedic Alert: Barton had questions about a release at scene vs AMA for suspected COVID-19 patients as the CDC was recommending

management at home. EMS will develop a policy for those with the suspected virus and send out a Paramedic update. Patients with suspected Corona virus can also contact the Public Health Department Communicable Disease division at 530-621-6320 for recommendations for home care.

B. MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER (MMC): (Michele Williams, R.N.)

- Absent, No report provided.

V. EMS AGENCY REPORT: (Chad Cossey)

- Field Care Audits: The EMS agency would like to start using a FCA model and is looking for buy in to assist with determining outcomes, team building, and potentially reduce scene time. These audits would be approximately four hours and include recorded call review as well. The outcomes of these audits would then be brought to MAC for a final review and any further recommendations.
- Corona Virus: EMS is updating the EMD to include international travel or flu symptoms. PPE is on back order for months but crews are encouraged to use masks on all suspected corona virus patients. Medic crews are currently not being quarantined for suspected cases. As of 3/11/2020 there are currently no cases in EDC but we recommend crews minimize risk and if you are feeling sick, stay home.

VI. AMBULANCE BILLING: (Eileen Flatgard, Darlene Phillis)

- Darlene Phillis: Please welcome Darlene Phillis as our new (sort of) ambulance billing specialist. Darlene previously worked for EMS back in the 90's doing ambulance billing and we are very grateful to have her back! Darlen can be reached at 530-621-7561 or at darlene.phillis@edcgov.us
- CCT Documentation: There has been some confusion regarding the required documentation for CCT transports. Please note, All CCT transports **MUST HAVE** specific narrative descriptions of what specialty service the patient is going to be receiving at the higher level facility **AND** what specifically the nurse is monitoring or managing outside paramedic scope. An example would be "Patient on a heparin drip or Patient on a vent monitored by RN, Michelle". Without this required information, your tags will be returned for completion.
- Costs for Service: We have received an influx in patient complaints regarding conversations relative to cost of service. Please refrain from discussing costs, insurance coverage, free services, or discounts. Patients have been given incorrect information from field providers, which in turn cause issues for our office staff. It also creates a trust issue within the community. Refer all questions relative to finances to EMS. Thank you!

VII. JPA REPORTS:

A. WEST SLOPE JPA: (Sherrie Kelley)

- Absent- No Report Provided.

B. CAL TAHOE JPA: (Ryan Wagoner)

- Absent- No Report Provided.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. CQI COMMITTEE: (Aryon Nielsen)

- Call and Run Review: A variety of calls were reviewed and discussed.

B. PAC Committee: (Aryon Nielsen)

- PAC on Hiatus: PAC is currently on Hiatus but information will be sent out regarding updates.
- PAC will schedule out protocol review for the new and revised protocols. Final changes will go out in advance for review.
- New Medications: As of 7/1/20, new medications will be added to the formulary and training will we be provided in the near future.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- ImageTrend Re-Build: Aryon is in the process of re-building the ImageTrend EPCR from the ground up. She will bring in test groups to get input from the medics prior to a final release.

X. NEW BUSINESS: (Dr. Brazzel)

- Nasal Intubations: As a reminder, Nasotracheal intubations are no longer included in the California State Paramedic scope of practice skills. Only oral endotracheal intubation and supraglottic airway adjuncts and BLS airway management are approved skills. A paramedic alert has been sent to all departments, so please make sure the crews are aware of this change.

XI. SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS:

- A. **EDC TRAINING OFFICERS:** Not present, no report provided.
- B. **CALSTAR/REACH:** (Mike Kaslin, Drew Congdon): Mike wanted to introduce flight medic, Drew Congdon to the committee. Welcome Drew! Mike stated there has been an increase in EDC request for air transport for both IFT calls and 911 responses. They have entered into an agreement with UCD and Reach 17 will have a M.D. for ride alongs during fellowship.
- C. **CALFIRE:** (Jeff Loveless): Not Present, No Report Provided.
- D. **CARE FLIGHT:** (Markus Dorsey-Hirt): Not present, no report provided.
- E. **AMR:** (Daniel Iniguez): Due to the COVID-19 issues, AMR has been extremely busy. They worked with EMSA to assist passengers from the cruise ship held in quarantine and transported California residents to Travis and out of state individuals to Georgia and Texas for ongoing isolation.
- F. **SUTTER ROSEVILLE MC:** (Debbie Madding): Sutter has been extremely busy! The ED expansion has an estimated completion date of 5/25/20. There have been a total of 3 diversions in the last 2 weeks and Sutter is working with the LEMSA's about that. Flu season is in full swing and they are using a tent for pre-screening potential Influenza A patients.
- G. **U.C. DAVIS MC:** (David Buettner): Not Present, No Report Provided.
- H. **STATE PARKS:** (Suzanne Matin): Not present, no report provided.
- I. **Mercy Folsom:** Not Present, No report provided.
- J. **Life Assist:** (Becky Rowe): Becky has announced her departure and introduced her replacement. Welcome Chelsea Camp! Chelsea will be available to provide the same products and service Life Assist is known for. Chelsea can be reached at 916-817-9996.
- K. **Alpha One** (John Crystalina): John wanted this committee to know that Alpha One does have an infectious disease contract with EDC for transport. He also reports Alpha One has been providing out of County transports on a regular basis from Marshall. Thank you for your assistance!
- L. **Zoll Updates:** (Kim Tanner): Not Present, No report provided.
- M. **North Tahoe Fire:** (Steve Pevenage): Not Present, No report provided.

XII. **NEXT MEETING:** **May 13, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** HHSA, 3057 Briw Road, Sierra Conference Room. For directions to the HHSA Conference room, [click here!](#)