



# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

### Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023

<u>Members Present Representing</u>	
<p><b>Executive Committee:</b>  <b>Chair: James Lambert <i>Hospital Council Bay Area Division</i></b></p> <p>Jonas Aguiar <i>Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)</i>            Marshall Bennett <i>EMS Agency Director</i>            Archie Bowles <i>District II</i>            Joseph Drago <i>Air Medical Transportation Provider</i>            Nicholas Fajardo <i>Private Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Shawni Goudzari <i>American Heart Association</i>            Ari Kestler <i>Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)</i>            Senai Kidane <i>EMS Agency Medical Director</i>            Lance Maples <i>Public Provider Field Paramedic</i>            Joshua McMurray <i>Public Managers' Association</i>            Kristin Santos <i>Trauma Center (CC Contract)</i>            Jason Vorhauer <i>Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff</i>            Scott Wannamaker <i>Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association</i></p> <p><b>Members Absent Representing</b>  <b>Vice Chair: Ellen Leng <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i></b></p> <p>Ezequiel Blanco <i>Emergency Nurses Association</i>            Gary Giusti <i>EMS Training Institution</i>            Jose Gomez <i>District I</i>            Jon King <i>Police Chiefs' Association</i>            Michael Schlemmer <i>Communications Center Managers' Assoc.</i>            Allan Tobias <i>District IV</i></p>	<p><b>STAFF PRESENT</b></p> <p>Joanny All <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Christy Hollis <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Landee Linn <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Geoffrey Martin <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i>            Rachel Morris <i>Contra Costa County EMS</i></p> <p><b>OTHERS PRESENT</b></p> <p>Marcy Dixon <i>John Muir Health</i>            Joseph Greaves <i>Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association</i>            Natalie Manier <i>American Red Cross</i>            Chad Newland <i>American Medical Response</i>            Scott Newlin <i>American Medical Response</i>            Chris Parker <i>American Medical Response</i>            Jill Ray <i>BOS District 2</i>            Rebecca Rozen <i>Hospital Council of Northern and Central California</i></p>

**Committee Chair Lambert** called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i>
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from December 14, 2022 meeting</i> Member Vorhauer motioned to approve the minutes from December 14, 2022. The motion was seconded. Chair Lambert called for a roll call vote for approval of the motion. The roll call vote was done by EMCC Staff Support person Rachel Morris. Voting members Aguiar, Bowles, Drago, Fajardo, Goudarzi, Kestler, Lambert, Maples, McMurray, Santos, Vorhauer, and Wannamaker voted aye; no voting members opposed; voting members Blanco, Giusti, Gomez, King, Schlemmer, and Tobias were absent; motion passed. December 2022 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> EMCC Chair Lambert reported that Kaiser Antioch and Kaiser Walnut Creek have seen average daily census starting to drop (from 250 to 207 at the end of February). Numbers are currently holding around 200. Conditions look to be improving.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Report
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> No Report
8.	<i>Presentation: Tiered Response – Geoff Martin, Contra Costa County EMS Agency</i> EMS Agency Staff member Geoff Martin gave a presentation on a proposed tiered response for the County to introduce BLS ambulances into the 911 plan. In 2022, the LEMSA began to pull data together to look at system response parameters. The purpose of the project was to take a data driven look at responses to find opportunities to introduce BLS ambulances into the

	<p>system and to look at existing response parameters to see where adjustments could be made for patient and provider safety. Martin gave an overview of the project, project parameters, and project stats. With the proposed changes, the LEMSA hopes to free up about twenty (20) percent of ALS ambulances by sending BLS ambulances to qualifying calls. The data used in the presentation was focused on Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)/Alliance data.</p>
9.	<p><i>EMCC Non-Officer Executive Committee Member Appointments – Rachel Morris, Contra Costa EMS Agency</i></p> <p>There are currently two vacancies on the EMCC Executive Committee for the two (2) non-officer positions. Per the Bylaws, “whenever a vacancy occurs on the Executive Committee, the EMCC shall elect an EMCC member to fill the vacant position to complete the remainder of the existing term.” Chair Lambert asked if any members are interested in filling the vacant positions. Then Staff Morris offered background on the typical duties of the Executive Committee members. Morris added that the terms of the current Executive Committee members will terminate on November 30, 2023, and the Committee will need to conduct the nomination process for a new Executive Committee term this year. No members voiced interest in filling the current vacancies on the Executive Committee at the meeting.</p>
10.	<p><i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Scott Wannamaker, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i></p> <p>Update on the Transfer of Care Policy. The Alliance leadership has been meeting with hospitals, mostly in east county. The meetings have been going well and expectations are equal on both sides. There are plans to continue meetings with hospitals in west county. Receiving good feedback from hospitals on efforts to help with ambulance stacking, watching multiple patients in hospital overload situations. The Alliance has also seen call volume seems to be trending down in the short term, similar to the comments in the Chair’s Report. Member Bennett commented on the Transfer of Care policy, highlighting the focus on communication and cooperation between EMS field staff and hospital staff and commending the policy.</p>
11.	<p><i>EMS Medical Director’s Report – Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i></p> <p>The Public comment period is closed for suggestions for field treatment guideline revisions for 2024. LEMSA is currently in the development process for the few changes that have been proposed. Once development is completed, it will go back out for public comment again for feedback.</p>
12.	<p><i>EMS Director’s Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone with questions on the proposed tiered response project is encouraged to reach out to the LEMSA as it is a large system change for all to work through. The project will be a pilot implementation focused in central county and will build out from there.</li> <li>- Update on the EMS System Evaluation that the LEMSA has commissioned to inform the next RFP. Background: within statute, there are provisions and authority given to counties through the LEMSA to define and award exclusive operating areas (EOAs) to providers. In Contra Costa County, there are five (5) emergency response areas and three (3) of them are in a single EOA and currently are awarded to Contra Costa Fire who subcontracts with AMR to provide emergency ambulance service. That contract is set to expire Dec 31, 2025, so a process is beginning to objectively evaluate the system. Bennett thanked those who have already participated in surveys, interviews, etc. with the FITCH consultant. A report is due in May to go to the Board of Supervisors. There may still be more in person visits. The LEMSA will inform of any future opportunities for meetings/public forums.</li> <li>-Currently a lot of EMS legislation in CA related to APOT, data transparency from LEMSAs to EMSA, EMDs and paramedics given authority to write 5150s. Interesting legislative season for anyone interested.</li> </ul>
13.	<p><i>Proposed agenda item(s) for June 14, 2023</i></p> <p>Executive Committee Nominating Committee and new term appointments</p>
14.	<p><i>Adjournment at 4:45 pm</i></p>