



M I N U T E S

JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD – BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, May 14, 2021

This meeting was conducted via tele-conference due to the COVID 19 pandemic. The general public were able to call-in.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brandon Criss
Dennis Garton
Leonard Moty
Daurice Kalfsbeek-Smith
Nick Micheli
Don Blaser

REPRESENTING

Siskiyou County
Tehama County
Shasta County
Colusa County
Sutter County
Yuba County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Hoek
Tom Arnold
Bill Connelly
Jim Holmes

REPRESENTING

Nevada County
Glenn County
Butte County
Placer County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Victoria Pinette

REPRESENTING

S-SV EMS Agency

LEGAL COUNSEL

Elise Nelson
Clayton Cook

REPRESENTING

Placer County/S-SV EMS Agency
Placer County/S-SV EMS Agency

OTHERS PRESENT

Amy Boryczko
John Poland
Troy Falck
Patrick Comstock
Gabriel Cruz
Mark Belden

REPRESENTING

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A. **CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Supervisor Garton called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m. and led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Everyone present and on the phones introduced themselves.

C. **BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

D. **ACTION TO APPROVE AGENDA**

Supervisor Moty moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Criss seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

E. **ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Supervisor Moty moved to approve the consent agenda items. Supervisor Micheli seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None was forthcoming

F. **INFORMATION UPDATE – verbal update**

1. **Ambulance Response Times –**

- These were emailed to the Supervisors
- There was nothing unusual, and no concerns.
- These are also posted on the S-SV website.

G. **NEW BUSINESS –**

1. **Approve the 2020/21 Amended Budget – *for approval***

- The increases are due to State aid – which is all grants; Covid funding as well as HPP Grants.
- Corresponding expenditures, professional services, and Laboratory supplies which are Medical supplies/Grant expenditures.
- Supervisor Moty moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Criss seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

2. **Approve the Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist II (RDMHS II) job description.**

- This is a new position for the Agency.
- This is totally grant funded through the State Authority.



- S-SV is currently grant funded for an RDMHS, and have been for many years.
 - This is for an additional RDMHS. Followed by the fires and then the pandemic, the State has secured funding for each Region to add another RDMHS. This person will assist the current RDMHS.
 - Supervisor Criss moved to approve the consent agenda items. Supervisor Micheli seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.
3. **Approve a Resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign the FY 2021/22 State General Fund (Multi County Local Emergency Medical Services Agency) Contract – *for approval***
- This is a resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign a State contract for State funding.
 - Supervisor Moty moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Criss seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.
4. **Approve a Resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign the Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist (RDMHS) contract with EMSA for FY 2021/2022 – *for approval***
- This is a resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign a State contract for State funding.
 - Supervisor Moty moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Micheli seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.
5. **Approve a Resolution to allow the Regional Executive Director to sign the 2021/2022 EMS LEMSA and HPP contract – *for approval***
- This is a resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign a State contract for State funding.
 - Supervisor Moty moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Criss seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.
6. **Approve a Resolution to allow the Regional Executive Director to sign the CalFire Cooperative Fire Programs Fire Protection Reimbursement for Siskiyou County from July 1, 2019, continuing through**
- This is a resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign a State contract for State funding.
 - Supervisor Criss moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Moty seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

H. **OLD BUSINESS -**

1. Approve the 2021/22 Final Agency Budget- *for final approval*
- On Revenues, the only thing changed since the draft is the member county shares. There was some population loss in some counties, so there was some decrease there.
 - The State General Fund grant is also a few hundred dollars lower, due to the decrease in population. This is not reflected due to the numbers coming in late from the State.
 - Everything else pretty much remains the same.
 - Added was a one-time Covid funding for \$30,000.
 - There is also reimbursement for retiree health. The OPEBs have been paid, and the Agency is now required to draw on that money to pay the retiree health obligation. This will show as an expenditure and also as revenue because it offsets.



- Supervisor Moty moved to approve the agenda. Supervisor Garton seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Siskiyou, Tehama, Yuba, Sutter, Shasta, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Placer, Nevada, Butte, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

I. EMCC/COUNTY COMMITTEE REPORTS –

- This is an informational report. All the EMCCs/EMAGs attended are below. The ones that are blank haven't met yet and will reflect on the next meeting.

Note: S-SV EMS staff attended and provided pertinent EMS updates (activity reports including Medical Control Advisory Committee, Trauma, Air Ambulance Committee, etc.) at all EMCC/EMAG meetings.

Butte County EMAG: March 17, 2021

- Butte PHD provided a COVID update. Providers were reminded to send any medical/health resource requests to the Butte PHD DOC email. Butte PHD is still in COVID response mode, currently focusing on vaccination operations.
- S-SV EMS staff provided an S-SV EMS update on multiple current EMS system issues.
- BCEMS reported that some previous staffing issues they experienced have resolved and that their EMS call volume is returning to pre-COVID levels.
- Butte County FD indicated that they are no longer seeing issues with staff being out for COVID and that COVID related calls processed by their dispatch center have significantly decreased. The new Butte County FD Oroville headquarters, dispatch, etc. opened a few weeks ago.
- No other Butte County fire agencies were on the call.
- Enloe Medical Center reported that their COVID patient numbers are significantly down and that their emergency department patient volume remains 20% lower than pre-Covid.
- Orchard Hospital reported that their inpatient COVID patient numbers are trending down.
- Butte County SO had no updates.
- No other Butte County EMS or hospital system issues/concerns were identified/discussed.

Colusa County EMCC: March 17, 2021

- Meeting was short – started at 1:10 pm and ended at 1:24 pm.
- Colusa PHD discussed vaccine distribution. They are receiving/distributing between 300 – 400 doses per week.
- Colusa Medical Center has a new CNO who will be working for both Colusa and Glenn hospitals. Covid patient numbers are down and regular patients starting to return to the ED.
- CDSS reported that they are preparing for fire season
- Behavioral Health – Noel O'Neill on the job only for the second day. Main challenge is the day-to-day psychiatric emergencies which have been challenging due to staffing. That will be his first focus.
- S-SV EMS staff provided an S-SV EMS update on multiple current EMS system issues.



- No other Colusa County EMS or hospital system issues/concerns were identified/discussed.

Glenn County EMCC:

Nevada County EMCC:

Placer County EMCC:

Shasta/Tehama Counties EMAG: 4/8/2021

S-SV EMS Updates

- Updates to training modules
- Upcoming Medical Control and Quality Improvement meetings
- QI Plans are due
- S-SV EMS has training manikins that are available for use. Contact Patrick for additional information.

Region III RDMHS Updates

- Several counties using State staff for PODS including CNG, CalMAT and contracted RNS and support staff; Thank to MMCR for assisting Region III with Vaccine storage and distribution;
- Surge Buildout Staff all demobilized by the State. Thanks to Ride-out, Enloe and SRMC for participating in the program;
- Region III RDMHS meeting last month (in-person and WebEx);
- Monoclonal Antibody Treatment meds available-new guidance has been issued. Please check with your MHOAC for information;
- The Region and State have a lot of BinaxNow Antigen test cards to give out-contact your MHOAC for the cards.

Shasta County Public Health Updates:

- New repeater (Med 10) project still moving forward-funds can be extended into next year to complete project

2. Group Discussion Items

- COVID-19 Updates:
 - MMCR: In the process of vaccinating their staff. After the first group was vaccine they had another group not interested at first but are now interested in getting the vaccine;
 - MMCR partnering with SCPHD to provide vaccinations at the community POD at Shasta College;
 - SRMC proving vaccines to staff-there was some resistance to the vaccine but many are getting it now;
 - AMR: They have about 80% on flu; however, there is some resistance to COVID vaccine, but staff is still being encouraged to get vaccinated.
- Shasta System Status Management Plan:



- Mark went over the revision to the Tehama Posting Policy and will finalize the comments and sent the final document out to the group.
- Shasta County System Update:
 - Still facing some staffing challenges with both Medics and EMTs.
- Tehama County System Update:
 - Still facing some staffing challenges with Medics and EMTs.
- CISD Updates:
 - On hold due to COVID
- EMS Aircraft Auto-Launch for Rural/Wilderness Areas
 - On hold due to COVID
 - Several questions being looked at with regard to direct transport to specialty centers from the scene.
- Common Communications Plan for MCI's & Special Events
 - Mark is working on this but is waiting for the repeated project to be completed before finalizing the plan.

3. EMS Ground Transport Provider Updates

- AMR Shasta County
 - Down 5 medics-company is offering a \$5K signing bonus;
 - Hiring another Supervisor position and a Clinical Educator Position.
- Burney Fire Protection District: None
- Dignity EMS (Mercy Redding & St. Elizabeth Ambulance)
 - Added a unit in nights
- SEMSA: None

4. EMS Aircraft Provider Updates

- CHP Air Operations: None
- PHI: None
- REACH:
 - Working on new staff quarters

5. Fire/Rescue Provider Updates: no one was on the call from any of these agencies:

- Anderson Fire
- Cal-Fire/Shasta County Fire
- Redding Fire
- Corning Fire
- Cal-Fire/Tehama County Fire
- Red Bluff Fire

6. Dispatch Provider Updates

- SHASCOM:
 - Many new hires this year and still continuing to hire staff. There have lots of training going on right now.
- Cal-Fire ECC, Shasta: None
- Cal-Fire ECC, Tehama: None



7. Hospital Updates

- Mayers Memorial Hospital: None
- Mercy Medical Center Redding:
 - ED chronically busy at this time;
 - A lot of high acuity traumas;
 - Taking down the last outdoor tent in parking lot
 - Staffing still a challenge;
- Shasta Regional Medical Center
 - COVID free as of the meeting;
 - ED staffing a challenge
 - Holding patients in ED much of the time
 - Updated the parking lot to add a couple more ambulance spaces;
 - EMT/Medic students back in the hospital;

Siskiyou County EMAG: next month

Yuba/Sutter Counties EMCC March 17, 2021

- The Committee discussed a few recent MCI's (a multiple patient shooting in Yuba City & 2 MVA's in the Wheatland area). All were smaller MCIs – no prehospital or hospital issues identified.
- Sutter & Yuba PHDs are working on HPP grant deliverables & reminded facilities they need to purchase/spend authorized funds, waiting for 2021/2022 grant guidance from EPO.
- S-SV EMS staff provided an S-SV EMS update on multiple current EMS system issues.
- The Committee completed/approved the 2019 Annual EMCC update, and are currently working on completing the 2020 Annual EMCC update to become current with their HSC reporting requirements. The 2020 Annual EMCC update is anticipated to be complete in April/May 2021.
- No other Yuba-Sutter County EMS or hospital system issues/concerns were identified/discussed.

J. **LEGISLATION**

EMSAAC is in a watch-and-wait for most of the legislation. One of the controversial bills among the counties and MHOACs, which was a reporting bill, is now in suspense and probably unlikely to go anywhere.

K. **MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- Sunday begins National EMS Week (May 16-22)
- The theme this year is, "This is EMS. Caring for our Communities".
- S-SV Staff will be attending many provider events – from Blood drives to food trucks, to support and recognize the EMS personnel in our region.

L. **S-SV EMS AGENCY ACTIVITIES**

Noted.

M. **NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Friday, July 9, 2021, 1pm – 3pm, 535 Menlo Drive, Suite A, Rocklin, CA. Or via Video-Conference at: 1255 East St., Suite 201, Redding, CA.



N. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

Date

Jim Holmes, Chairperson

Date