



M I N U T E S

JOINT POWERS AGENCY BOARD – BI-MONTHLY MEETING

Friday, September 10, 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
Bill Connelly
Don Blaser
Jim Holmes

REPRESENTING

Siskiyou County
Tehama County
Shasta County
Colusa County
Butte County
Yuba County
Placer County

MEMBERS ABSENT

Susan Hoek
Tom Arnold
Nick Micheli

REPRESENTING

Nevada County
Glenn County
Sutter County

EX-OFFICIO MEMBER

Victoria Pinette

REPRESENTING

S-SV EMS Agency

LEGAL COUNSEL

Clayton Cook

REPRESENTING

Placer County/S-SV EMS Agency

OTHERS PRESENT

Amy Boryczko
John Poland
Troy Falck
Gabriel Cruz
Mark Belden
John Wagner

REPRESENTING

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

Supervisor Holmes called the meeting to order at 1:14 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**

There were no conflicts and the Agenda was approved as it stands.

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

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

F. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None was forthcoming

G. **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.
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to Kristy Harlan.

2. **Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT) –**

- This report is from August, and there have been some changes since then.
- There are increased APOT times
- There is impact from Sacramento County
- There have been a few meetings with Sacramento County Administrators as well as Ambulance personnel.
- A policy was previously implemented in the S-SV Region to help eliminate long wait times, which has helped. Though recently has changed due to Sacramento County.
- S-SV is monitoring this on a daily basis, and it seems to have stabilized at this point.
- Data shows about 10% of total Sacramento patient Ambulance volume comes to the S-SV Roseville Hospitals and impacts them.
- S-SV will continue to work with all providers to try and help alleviate the problems.



H. **NEW BUSINESS –**

1. **Contract cancellation of the Health Information Exchange (HIE) grant – *for approval***

- Vickie drafted a letter to the SacValley MedShare – who is the health information exchange contractor
- This has been a grant through the State, which has providers log in to a database to allow pre-hospital personnel to log in and get information on patients specific to that hospital system.
- There are issues with rural providers who can't get the information. Providers can't wait on scene to get that data.
- When this grant ends all who are participating must then assume the cost. S-SV isn't seeing enough progress in this to take the cost on.
- This letter cancels the HIE contract with SacValley MedShare.
- The other EMS Agency, NorCal, also cancelled.
- Supervisor Garton moved to approve the grant cancellation. Supervisor Kalfsbeek Smith seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Placer, Siskiyou, Tehama, Shasta, Butte, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Nevada, Sutter, Yuba, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

2. **Butte County EMS requested extension of Exclusive Operating Area contract and State EMS Authority letter to S-SV regarding RFP – *for approval***

- Butte County was determined to be an Exclusive Operating Area (EOA) through a bid process 8 years ago. At that time, there were guidelines set by the State, in effect stating every 10 years a county that is an EOA must have a new RFP issued.
- Butte County has sent Vickie a letter, and met with Vickie to request a contract extension.
- When they originally bid on the contract, they expected a certain rate of return. During the last 8 years they have been impacted by fires, they lost the City of Paradise, and Covid has affected them.
- The second letter that was included in the packet was issued almost simultaneously from the State EMS Authority, reminding S-SV that in 2 years, another provider must be chosen through RFP. Subsequent to that, Butte County EMS met with the State EMS Authority requesting that the EMS Authority allow an extension for the above reasons, but also because the original guidelines that were in place 8 years ago, no longer exist.
- Vickie's recommendation is that the Board authorize Vickie to draft and/or send a letter to the EMS Authority requesting a 5-year extension. Vickie feels this is the only way to get something in writing from the State.
- S-SV could go ahead and extend the contract on their own. The impact, however, would be the State probably denying the annual S-SV EMS plan. This could and probably would result in the State withholding the general funding from S-SV.
- Clayton Cook advised the Board can approve drafting a letter for review, or can approve sending a letter without review.
- Supervisor Connelly requested that Vickie write a letter and send it to the Board Chair as well as himself for review.
- Supervisor Connelly moved to approve Vickie drafting a letter to the State EMS Authority, and send it to the Board Chair as well as Supervisor Connelly for review. Supervisor Moty seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Placer, Siskiyou, Tehama, Shasta, Butte, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Nevada, Sutter, Yuba, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

3. **Governmental Accounting Standards Board Actuarial FY20-21 report – *for approval***

- This report is required every two years.



- This is done separately from CalPERS, and is sent to CalPERS to make them aware of what state the OPEBs is in.
- The last two years S-SV has been overfunded in the OPEBs, and have taken a disbursement the previous two fiscal years of \$59,141.
- This report tells CalPERS what the liability is.
- There is a net OPEB liability in the amount of \$560,768 – S-SV is overfunded.
- The liability has been paid off, and as long as it remains overfunded – there are no payments to CalPERS. Each year of being overfunded, S-SV will take a disbursement.
- The Board asked if any money was being put aside, just-in-case CalPERS comes back to claim more money.
 - S-SV can be overfunded by 115%.
 - Vickie will check with Placer County to see if S-SV can establish another fund for this purpose.
 - Another option is to not request the disbursement.
 - The Board would feel comfortable if some money was set aside.
 - This is separate from the Payroll liability – this is OPEBs.
 - With regard to the Supervisor’s concern, the retiree health bill tripled one month (at the end of the last fiscal year). CalPERS had conducted an audit and found they had undercharged S-SV 5 years prior. The Board’s concern is not unfounded.
 - Vickie will keep an eye on this going forward.
- Supervisor Moty moved to approve the report. Supervisor Criss seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Counties of: Placer, Siskiyou, Tehama, Shasta, Butte, and Colusa). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Nevada, Sutter, Yuba, and Glenn Counties) Motion approved.

I. **OLD BUSINESS -**

1. Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinators and Specialists (RDMHS) II position-

- S-SV recently hired the RDMHS II position.
- Jennifer Johnson from Shasta County Public Health started this week, and will be working with Patti Carter.
- This is a new State-funded position for S-SV.
- Jennifer will work out of the Redding office.

J. **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. This was emailed out to the Supervisors before the JPA Board meeting. No other information was provided.

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 – meets next week

Colusa County EMCC: 6/16/2021



- Public Health discussed various active PHD activities in progress related to the ongoing COVID response activities (winding down), the current heat emergency and the current drought. They also discussed emergency shelter activities that they were currently working on.
- OES discussed their current activities related to the drought response, including their household emergency water tank program for individuals experiencing a dry well situation. The County EOC remains open (staffed daytime/virtual after hours) and active in response to COVID related matters. They are also currently working on pre-fire related preparedness activities.
- I provided a report on several S-SV EMS related matters.
- Colusa Medical Center was in attendance, but did not have anything specific to report on.
- No FD, LE or EMS representatives were in attendance.
- There was a discussion regarding the recent re-location of the Enloe Colusa County Ambulance from the City of Colusa Quarters to the refurbished Williams Quarters. There appears to have been a lack of adequate notification regarding this move to multiple pertinent entities. Wendy Tyler indicated that the previous statement from the Maxwell FD Chief that the vacated Colusa City Ambulance Quarters were being re-purposed was not accurate, and that there has been no discussion/decision at the Colusa County level on what to do with this building. She further indicated that there will likely not be a decision made on the future of this building until after the AP Triton EMS System Evaluation is finalized/published and the County decides how to move forward related to ambulance service in the County. Wendy further stated that the AP Triton EMS System Evaluation Report is in the final stages of development and is expected to be published/presented “soon”.

Glenn County EMCC: 6/9/2021

- S-SV gave system updates
- Glenn County cancelled the State of Emergency and have 90 days to submit the AAR to the State
- Working on closing the HPP grant and submitting next year’s grant
- Declared a local emergency for drought, some private wells running dry already
- Returning to normal congregant sheltering
- The school district will be starting an LVN program
- Enloe Ambulance is having staffing issues
- The current acres burned has doubled from this time last year

9/8/2021

- The COVID AAR was presented as was the as was the Integrated Preparedness Program
- S-SV staff provided an update
- Amy Travis discussed OES grants
- An update on fires was given
- The next meeting is December 8, 2021.

Nevada County EMCC: 9/8/2021 Nevada County EMCC Notes:

- The Annual EMCC Report was completed & submitted. The BOS presentation was delayed due to Clayton Thomas (Committee Chairperson) being deployed on the Caldor Fire. Clayton expects the report to be presented to the BOS in October (specific date TBD).
- Nevada County Public Health provided a COVID situation update. The committee had a lengthy discussion regarding several COVID related matters.
- There was a discussion related to the recent River Fire incident in Nevada and Placer counties. Although Nevada County had initially planned on avoiding congregate sheltering this summer,



there were too many evacuees and not enough hotels requiring the use of congregate sheltering. There were no significant issues related to this.

- S-SV EMS staff provided an update on several EMS and medical/health system related matters.
- There were no issues/concerns related to hospital or prehospital providers in Nevada County.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for December, 2021 (specific date/time TBD).

Placer County EMCC: no meeting

Shasta/Tehama Counties EMAG:

Siskiyou County EMAG: TBD

Yuba/Sutter Counties EMCC May 19, 2021 - 08:30 AM – 9:00 AM - Google Meet Session

1. Public Health Emergency Preparedness Program Updates
 - a. Still waiting for 2021/2022 HPP & PHEP Grant Guidance. Once released, it will likely compress timelines to complete applications and obtain funding proposals.
 - b. The last HPP meeting for the current grant year will be held today.
 - c. The final Yuba/Sutter County mass vaccination clinic was held on May 15th. Both counties are working with Optum Serve to continue clinics – still have a few second dose clinics in the next week.
2. Sierra-Sacramento Valley EMS Agency Report:
 - a. Updated EMSA guidance 3/19/2021 – posted on our website
 - b. Policy Manual Update #68 – effective 6/1/2021 (emailed/posted)
 - c. BLS Optional Skills reporting reminder
 - d. Robbins FD ambulance response – Yolo Mutual Aid Agreement
 - e. Currently updating pain management protocols
 - f. Developing a new EMS Student Field Training Policy
 - g. EMS personnel vaccinators – reminder EMT personnel are not allowed to draw up vaccines
 - h. MHOAC & DOC training (Rocklin tomorrow, Redding Friday)
 - i. S-SV EMS online training & training manakins reminders
3. Old Business
 - a. Committee working on finalizing the 2020 Annual EMCC Report.
4. New Business
 - a. Adventist Rideout announced that Dr. Martin (Base Hospital Medical Director) is retiring, Dr. Haynes will be his replacement.
 - b. Adventist Rideout announced that they have re-established their Sexual Assault Response Team consisting of 6 nurses. They have had 5 cases since re-starting the program in March. They will have their first community meeting with law enforcement today & have 25 different law enforcement reps that want to be involved.
 - c. Happy EMS Week.
5. Next Meeting **July 21, 2021 @ 8:30AM**

7/21/2021 Yuba/Sutter EMCC Report

- Meeting was well attended – including several PHD, hospital, FD and EMS entities.



- Both Yuba and Sutter counties have completed all of their 2020/2021 HPP/HCC/PHEP grant year activities and expended all of their allocated budgets. Both counties have submitted their 2021/2022 grant applications and are awaiting approval from EPO.
- Dr. Rice is retiring from Yuba County Public Health this week and is being replaced with Megan Marshall, who will be the new Yuba County PHD Deputy Director.
- Adventist Health Rideout will be planning/conducting a wildfire exercise in the next few months – focusing primarily on smoke impacts/mitigation activities.
- Adventist Rideout Trauma Program will be holding a teen impact distracted driving education course for teens and parents that is scheduled to occur (online) August 10, 2021 at 6:00 pm.
- Adventist Health Rideout will be holding an in-person run review related to human trafficking on August 11, 2021.
- Region 3 will be holding a regional CHEMPACK exercise in April 2022.
- There were no specific EMS/hospital issues identified/discussed during the meeting

K. **LEGISLATION** - Supervisor Blaser joined the meeting at 1:42pm

- AB389 –
 - This flew through both houses, and is expected to be signed by the Governor in spite of the fact that most EMS Agencies are not on board with this.
 - This Bill will allow ‘the Lion’s model’ in counties, which means:
 - When an EMS Agency puts a County up for bid, the County Fire Department can sub-contract with a private ambulance company and bid on the contract.
 - This bill was sponsored by Contra-Costa County – and this happened in their county
 - It may not be as critical for S-SV as it would be for single-county Agencies
 - Potentially, there will be 2 Counties, in the S-SV Region, going to bid in the next couple of years – which could be a concern if this bill passes.

L. **MEDICAL DIRECTOR’S REPORT**

- There are new vaccine mandates coming from OSHA
- Even in the most impacted areas of the S-SV Region, we’re coming off the 4th COVID wave. Things should be lightening up on both the EMS and Hospital sides in the next several weeks.
- Dr. Falck acknowledged the resilience of the S-SV staff, as well as EMS crews for the past 18-months, in meeting so many challenges.

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

Noted.

N. **CLOSED SESSION**

Closed Session convened at 1:58 pm

- ITEM 1. Government Code § 54957 - Regional Executive Director Performance review
- ITEM 2. Conference with legal counsel – Existing litigation (Gov. Code, § 54956.9(d)(1)) *Gurrola, et al. v. Duncan, et al.*, U.S. District Court, Eastern District Case No. 2:20-cv-01238-JAM

CLOSED SESSION REPORT – reconvened at 2:25pm



Two matters were discussed in closed session

- For the first matter, the performance review of the Regional Executive Director, the Board heard a report and provided direction.
- For the second matter, the Board heard a report but no direction was provided.

O. **NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING**

Friday, November 12, 2021, 1pm – 3pm, 535 Menlo Drive, Suite A, Rocklin, CA. Or via Video-Conference at: 1255 East St., Suite 201, Redding, CA.

P. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

Date

Jim Holmes, Chairperson

Date