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S-SV EMS JPA Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 14, 2023

MEETING ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Bill Connelly	Butte County	X	
Merced Corona	Colusa County		X
Grant Carmon	Glenn County	X	
Susan Hoek	Nevada County		X
Jim Holmes (Chairperson)	Placer County	X	
Tim Garman/Mary Rickert	Shasta County	X/X	
Brandon Criss	Siskiyou County		X
Nick Micheli	Sutter County		X
Matt Hansen/Pati Nolen	Tehama County	X/X	
Don Blaser	Yuba County	X	
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER			
MEMBER	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
John Poland	S-SV EMS Agency	X	
LEGAL COUNSEL			
ATENDEE	REPRESENTING	PRESENT	ABSENT
Emily Taylor	S-SV EMS Agency/Placer County	X	

MEETING ATTENDANCE (CONTINUED)

OTHER ATTENDEES	
ATTENDEE	REPRESENTING
Amy Boryczko (Clerk of the Board)	S-SV EMS Agency
Jeff McManus	S-SV EMS Agency
Troy Falck	S-SV EMS Agency
Michelle Moss	S-SV EMS Agency
Mark Belden	AMR/REACH
Gabriel Cruz	AMR
Jennifer Johnson	S-SV EMS Agency

MEETING MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Due to the initial lack of a quorum, Supervisor Holmes couldn't call the meeting to order until 1:47 p.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

All in-person and remote attendees introduced themselves.

C. BOARD MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no board member announcements.

D. ACTION TO APPROVE AGENDA

There were no requested changes to the agenda. Supervisor Carmon motioned to approve the agenda as written. Supervisor Blaser seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Placer, Tehama, Yuba, Shasta, Butte, and Glenn Counties). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Colusa, Nevada, Siskiyou, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

E. ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None was forthcoming.

G. INFORMATION UPDATE – Oral Update by John Poland:

Supervisor Garman arrived around 2pm

1. Ambulance Response Times

- Updated response time information was included in the Board packet.
- Mr. Poland noted that there is nothing concerning for any of the counties. Everything is stable with no significant issues.
- Any questions or concerns regarding ambulance response times should be directed to Mr. Poland or Ms. Harlan.

2. EMS data system

- At the previous meeting, the board approved the ImageTrend contract. ImageTrend is the electronic patient care software vendor.
- Jeff McManus, the S-SV EMS data analyst, has had a significant amount of work – more than anticipated to get the data system transitioned over, and he's done an excellent job.
- All providers reporting EMS data have been moved over to the new system.
- By the end of the month, all the monthly data reports should be updated.
- There will be one more minor transition from one version to a newer one, but this should be relatively seamless.
- Mr. McManus, as well as other staff, have done a really great job with this.

3. Butte County ground ambulance exclusive operating area (EOA) agreement

- The final contract will be brought to the September JPA Board meeting.
- Butte County EMS LLC is currently reviewing the contract.
- The current agreement expires 9/30/2023, and the new agreement will begin 10/1/2023
- No significant issues are expected.

4. Colusa County ground ambulance Request for Proposal (RFP)

- S-SV EMS has met with the Colusa County CAO, Fire Chiefs, and City Managers.
- A draft RFP was recently submitted to the State EMS authority for the required review.
- The RFP document is expected to be reviewed by the Colusa County BOS during one of their August meetings, to ensure they do not have any questions, issues, or concerns.
- Mr. Poland asked the Board whether they wanted the RFP to return to the JPA Board for approval before it is released or move forward once the State EMSA Authority and the Colusa County BOS approves it. The JPA Board has no issues with Mr. Poland releasing the RFP following the State EMS Authority and Colusa BOS approvals.

5. Beale Air Force Base ambulance services

- S-SV EMS had a good meeting with Beale AFB recently.
- Beale clarified it was not their intention to leave the S-SV EMS system, they just had a few questions regarding protocols and scope of practice, which S-SV EMS staff will continue to work with them on addressing.
- They recently submitted their renewal permit to S-SV EMS and continue to be part of the S-SV EMS system.

6. Sutter and Yuba counties ambulance services

- Bi-County Ambulance continues to experience ongoing paramedic shortages.
- The Bi-County Ambulance grandfathered EOA agreement expires in December.
- A Performance Improvement Plan was put into place for them, with specific requirements on staffing and other quality improvement related matters. They have until the end of July to meet these requirements.
- A follow-up meeting has been scheduled for later this month with the Yuba/Sutter CAOs and Health Officer to provide an update and obtain additional input on this matter.
- Additional updates will be provided to the JPA Board as necessary.

7. Fall River Mills (Shasta County) ambulance services

- SEMSA has been providing ambulance service since 2017 but stopped providing services to this area of Shasta County on June 25, 2023.
- Mayers Memorial Hospital District resumed providing ambulance service to this area.
- Mr. Poland, Mr. Comstock, and Supervisor Rickert met with the hospital on the 26th and answered some of their questions.
- Supervisor Rickert thanked Mr. Poland for his help related to this matter.
- Mr. Poland will update the Board as needed.

8. Redding Office Lease

- The current lease at the Redding office location expires at the end of October.
- Mr. Poland has been working with the Shasta Regional Transit Authority, who owns the building, on a new 3-year lease.
- The new lease was reviewed by Placer County Counsel, with no issues/concerns.
- The new lease agreement will be placed on the September JPA Board meeting agenda.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Audit Firm Selection – *for approval*

- S-SV EMS sends out letters of interest to area Audit Firms every 3 years. 21 letters were sent out this year, and only 1 firm responded, the current auditor Jensen Smith. The Jensen Smith proposal is reasonable, and Mr. Poland is recommending the JPA Board approve it for the provision of Audit services for the next 3 years.
- Supervisor Carmon motioned to approve. Supervisor Blaser seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Placer, Tehama, Yuba, Shasta, Butte, and Glenn Counties). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Colusa, Nevada, Siskiyou, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

2. Resolution allowing the Regional Executive Director to sign the CalFire Cooperative Fire Programs Fire Protection Reimbursement for Grass Valley EVCC – *for approval*.

- This contract was approved during the May 2023 JPA Board meeting.
- The State requires a resolution to accompany that contract.
- Supervisor Connelly motioned to approve the resolution. Supervisor Blaser seconded. A roll call of votes was called: Ayes=6 (Placer, Tehama, Yuba, Shasta, Butte, and Glenn Counties). Noes=0. Absent=4 (Colusa, Nevada, Siskiyou, and Sutter Counties). Motion approved.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. EMCC/EMAG COUNTY COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were not many meetings since the previous JPA Board meeting. The report was included in the meeting packet and Mr. Poland provided appropriate updates to the JPA Board. No significant issues/concerns were noted at any of the EMCC/EMAG meetings.

K. LEGISLATION

- The California legislature is currently in recess.
- AB40: Introduced by Assemblyman Rodriguez to address Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) delays. The California Professional Firefighters (CPF) is the bill sponsor.
 - This has gone through both assembly committees, both senate committees, and after the recess it'll go through the senate appropriations committee.
 - The California Hospital Association continues to be opposed to this bill.
 - The bill requires LEMSAs to develop an APOT standard of no more than 30 minutes, 90% of the time, as well as includes other provision to address APOT delays. The S-SV EMS APOT standard is already set in policy at 20 minutes, 90% of the time.
 - This bill is likely to pass.
- AB379: LEMSA Transparency bill, introduced by Assemblyman Rodriguez.
 - Requires each LEMSA to post their approved EMS plans and their annual budgets on their website, which S-SV EMS already does.
 - As part of the EMS plan, it will require the Local EMS Agency to include the reasons for exemption of response times. S-SV EMS already tracks these but does not currently include this information in our EMS plans.
- AB716: Ambulance Billing
 - Legislation to prevent surprise medical billing passed several years ago but did not include/address ground ambulance billing. This bill is meant to address this.
 - Most ambulance providers operate/bill in an 'out-of-network' position which allows them to bill and collect a little more in some cases. This bill would prevent a ground ambulance provider from billing more than they would bill an in-network patient. It would also likely require private insurance companies to pay more for ambulance services.
 - If passed and signed by the Governor, it may have an effect on ambulance rates and collection, depending on the final bill language.
 - As currently written, it would also require the County/LEMSA to set ambulance rates or require the ambulance providers to bill a usual and customary rate based on various factors. Currently only Yuba and Sutter Counties in the S-SV EMS region set ambulance rates.

- AB1168: Introduced by Assembly Member Bennett related to FD JPA matters and the ability to maintain Health and Safety Code 1797.201 rights (the right to continue to provide EMS services, including ambulance services, that were provided prior to 1981).
 - The City of Oxnard and Ventura County had recent litigation regarding this matter, and the courts ruled that The City of Oxnard did not in fact have 1797.201 rights. One of the primary purposes of this bill is to override this court finding and deem that the City of Oxnard would in fact have 1797.201 rights. This would allow them to remove themselves from the Ventura County established ground ambulance EOA transport system and be able to provide ambulance services just to the residents of their City. Most California counties continue to be opposed to this bill as its expected consequences, if passed, would likely fragment the EMS systems in California.

L. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Dr. Falck had nothing specific to report.
- Dr. Falck was asked about concern for West Nile Virus. He said it's very concerning as it's a chronic disease.
- The Board also mentioned that Yellow Fever had been found in Glenn County. Dr. Falck wondered what the source was for this, as it's extremely rare.

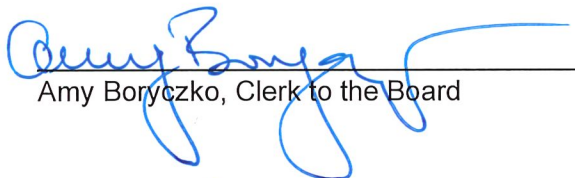
M. NEXT JPA GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

The next JPA Board meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 535 Menlo Drive, Suite A, Rocklin, CA or via videoconference at 1255 East St., Suite 201, Redding, CA.

N. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Amy Boryczko, Clerk to the Board

9/8/2023

Date



Jim Holmes, Chairperson

09/08/2023

Date