



S-SV EMS Regional Medical Control Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 18, 2023

1. Call to Order/Introductions

- Dr. Royer called the meeting to order at 9:00 am, all attendees introduced themselves.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes: May 16, 2023

- Dr. Wood pointed out that on page 4, Item 9, “JHACO” should be “The Joint Commission”. The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee with this correction.

3. Approval of Agenda

- The committee approved the agenda as written with no changes.

4. Public Comment

- Sutter Roseville Medical Center has a run review scheduled on 9/13, and there is a disaster preparedness course on 9/1. Check the S-SV EMS website for details.
- It was suggested that ALS/LALS and AEMT/Paramedics be made consistent throughout protocols/policies.

5. Old Business

- None.

Policy Actions for Final Review & Approval:

- **510: Rapid Re-Triage & Interfacility Transport of STEMI, Stroke & Trauma Patients**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Debbie Madding motioned to approve the policy as written. Jeremy Veldstra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- **849: Transfer of Care**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Mark Belden motioned to approve the policy as written. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **850: Refusal of EMS Care (includes associated forms)**
 - Since the previous meeting, S-SV EMS reached out to Placer County Counsel who advised having an attorney who specializes in EMS/refusal of care review the Policy. S-SV EMS has reached out to an EMS attorney who is currently reviewing it.
 - Roseville FD reached out to law enforcement as well as the Roseville City Attorney to get some help. Dr. Iwai thanked Roseville FD for their efforts.
 - This policy is being deferred to the September meeting.

- **851: EMS Care of Minor Patients**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Dr. Iwai motioned to approve the policy as written. Debbie Madding seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **852: Patient Restraint Mechanisms**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Dr. Iwai motioned to approve the policy as written. Jeremy Veldstra seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **853: Tasered Patient Care & Transport**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Mark Belden motioned to approve the policy as written. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **890: Communication Failure**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Mark Belden motioned to approve the policy as written. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **913: Paramedic Accreditation (includes associated forms)**
 - Additional language was added to clarify that the new ACLS requirement will become effective on July 1, 2024.
 - Mark Belden motioned to approve the policy as written. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **915: MICN Authorization/Reauthorization**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - Dr. Iwai motioned to approve the policy as written. Debbie Madding seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- **1106: Mechanical Chest Compression Devices**
 - No changes were made since the previous meeting.
 - It was suggested to utilize the brand name of the device only and not include the specific model number as this information changes from time to time.
 - Dr. Iwai motioned to approve the policy with the recommended changes. Teri Arrwood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. New Business

Policy Actions for Initial Review:

- **220: S-SV EMS Policy/Protocol Actions**
 - S-SV EMS is proposing to change the REMAC schedule to meet quarterly, to ensure the schedule is in line with other S-SV EMS committees (PAC, STEMI, Trauma, etc.). The meeting frequency change is also meant to streamline the policy/protocol review process as follows (pending consensus/approval):
 - Shortly after each REMAC committee meeting, the PAC will meet and discuss any upcoming policies/protocols that need reviewed for the following REMAC.
 - Applicable policies/protocols will also be sent to subject matter experts, as necessary, for their review and input.
 - S-SV EMS will collect the input from the PAC and any applicable subject matter experts and then meet internally, with the REMAC Chair/Vice-Chair to review and publish the final meeting packet at least 30 days prior to the applicable meeting. This extended publishing timeline will allow EMS system participants adequate time to review the material prior to the meeting. EMS system participants can either provide S-SV EMS staff input prior to the meeting or can provide their input during the actual meeting where the policy/protocol is agendaized.
 - Policies/protocols on the agenda will be up for final review and approval during that meeting, based on any additional input/recommendations from EMS system participants.
 - If there are unresolved issues or a lack of consensus related to a specific policy/protocol, it can be held and referred to a future meeting(s) until the issues are resolved.
 - This new proposed process would also alleviate conflicts with standing State meetings that occur in March and September (EMSAAC, EMDAC, and EMS Commission), and would allow S-SV EMS to publish the bi-annual policy manual updates approx. 6 weeks prior to implementation for field provider notification/training purposes.
 - This process does not require bylaws changes and is proposed for implementation beginning with the 2024 calendar year (January, April, July, October meeting schedule).
 - None of the attendees were opposed to these proposed changes.

- **620: EMS System Quality Improvement Program (EMSQIP)**
 - The last time EMS system participants were required to submit a complete EMSQIP 5-year plan to S-SV EMS was in 2017. S-SV EMS has been delaying the EMSQIP 5-year submission process due to the California EMS Authority (EMSA) working on revised EMSQIP regulations. Since this regulatory process has been delayed, and there have been some recent discussion with several different EMS system participants regarding EMSQIP matters, S-SV EMS is moving forward with proposed policy updates.
 - The policy language has been expanded to provide further clarity to EMS system participants and to better capture necessary EMSQIP information and activities.
 - Following revision/implementation of this policy, all EMS system participants will be required to submit a new written EMSQIP to S-SV EMS for review/approval (anticipated 2024 Q1). S-SV EMS QM staff will provide technical assistance to EMS system participants related to this matter as needed.

- **825: Crime Scene Management**
 - This policy was shared with law enforcement subject matter experts for review/feedback.
 - The only suggestion was to include a reminder that once a patient is declared deceased, the patient should no longer be touched/moved.
 - It was also requested that once approved, this policy be sent to local law enforcement agencies for sharing with their staff.

- **834: Active Shooter/Mass Violence Incident**
 - On page 1, under 'Purpose' new language was added.
 - On page 3, Item D, added "If possible" and 'quickly' to line 1, and 'should' to line 2.
 - On page 3, under "Considerations", letter A, lines 12-13, added "utilizing the START method (see S-SV EMS Multiple Casualty Incidents Policy 837)."
 - On page 5, line 25, removed "Prevent Hypothermia", and added "Limit environmental exposure".
 - There was a recommendation to add "JumpSTART" language to the policy, which will be incorporated.

- **883: Prohibition On Carrying Weapons by EMS Personnel**
 - This policy is due for routine review. No specific changes are being recommended.

7. EMS Aircraft Provider Updates

- AMR recently transitioned to ImageTrend for ePCR documentation purposes.

8. Ground EMS Provider Updates

- The Penn Valley FPD, Rough and Ready FPD, and Nevada County Consolidated FPD are pursuing a reorganization/merger. At this point, the Rough and Ready fire station is being jointly staffed by Penn Valley FPD and Nevada County Consolidated FPD. They don't currently have the capacity to expand the non-transporting ALS in to the Rough and Ready station but hope too eventually.
- The Butte County EOA Agreement will be on the September JPA meeting agenda for approval.
- The Colusa County RFP is undergoing final legal review and will most likely be released in the next 6-8 weeks.
- Various non-exclusive ground ambulance provider contracts have been recently renewed.
- The Sierra Nevada Ambulance EOA Agreement is due for renewal at the end of the year. S-SV EMS staff will be working with Nevada County representatives and EMS system participants on this matter.

9. Hospital Provider Updates

- Sutter Roseville Medical Center had their American College of Surgeons (ACS) Trauma Center accreditation site review in May. It was their first virtual review and went very well. Cheri White complemented their team on an amazing job. There were no deficiencies and very few weaknesses identified.

10. EMS Data Updates

- The S-SV EMS ImageTrend account is up and running and S-SV EMS is no longer using the ICEMA ImageTrend account.
- S-SV EMS thanks all providers who are working through the rough patches and continuing to enter their data through these EMS data system transitions.
- Jeff McManus is doing a significant amount of work with this transition.
- There is some concern regarding the accuracy of the June and July APOT data. S-SV EMS will be doing additional data review to ensure accuracy prior to publishing this data publicly.
- One additional EMS data system transition, from NEMSIS V3.4 to NEMSIS V3.5 will need to occur prior to the end of this calendar year as the EMSA and NEMSIS will no longer accept V3.4 data after December 31, 2023. A few providers have already made this transition, and S-SV EMS as well as the EMSA would like all providers to transition no later than October 31, 2023. This transition shouldn't be a significant change for the end users.
- Please contact Jeff McManus or John Poland with any EMS data system questions or concerns.
- The committee thanked Jeff McManus for all his hard work.

11. EMS Quality Management Updates

- The Regional Training Module has been finalized and is now available now on the S-SV EMS learning management system (LMS).
- Some of the BLS providers have reached out to S-SV EMS for help with education for their BLS personnel. S-SV EMS has also recently published a BLS transport training module on the S-SV EMS LMS. If any providers need additional assistance related to this please reach out to Michelle Moss.
- S-SV EMS is working on a new mobile application to replace the one that has been utilized since 2014 and has limited functionality. The new application will have many additional features such as drug calculators, push notifications, etc. S-SV EMS staff are still working with the application developers (who also provide mobile applications for other California LEMSAs) and hope to have it available by the end of September.
- Brittany Pohley will return from maternity leave on Monday, 7/24/2023.
- The PAC meeting was held last week. They discussed the protocols for the September meeting. There was a suggestion to possibly add a Sepsis protocol – this is being reviewed.
- Pain Protocol: on hold waiting for final EMSA regulatory changes.

12. S-SV EMS Regional Committee Activities

- No additional meetings were held since the previous REMAC meeting.

13. Medical Director's Report

- Dr. Falck was not present.

14. Next Meeting Date

- September 19, 2023, at 9:00 am.

15. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 am.