



**Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency  
Regional Emergency Medical Advisory Committee  
(REMAC)**



**MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting Date**

**Tuesday, April 22, 2025**

**A. Call to Order/Introductions**

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

**B. Approval of Previous Minutes: January 28, 2025**

- The minutes were unanimously approved by the committee with no changes.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

- The committee approved the agenda with no changes.

**D. Public Comment**

- Sutter Roseville will have a June Run Review at S-SV EMS.
- Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta will have a Run Review on 4/29, at 7pm.

**E. REMAC & Policy/Protocol Actions**

- Jared Gunter reviewed the results of a survey sent out to the providers regarding frequency of the REMAC meetings, as well as feedback.
  - The majority of responders felt the current frequency of meetings was fine with no changes.
  - S-SV is trying not to push out too many updates/changes at the same time, to make it easier for the providers.
  - Dr. Royer mentioned that medicine constantly is changing.

**F. S-SV EMS Policy Actions**

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### 1 Policy Actions for Final Review & Approval:

Policy	Name	Motion	Second	Committee Vote
412	<b>Ground Ambulance Provider Rate Approval Process</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The EMS Authority has not issued regulations to go along with the statute that was put into place 1/1/24. This has left many LEMSAs in a bit of a lurch to make sure they're consistent with the statute and protecting the providers.</li> <li>This has been taken to the JPA Board twice in the last year and a half, to have them approve the rates of the ground ambulance providers. The challenge has been that rates are being submitted at different times, and rate changes after being approved.</li> <li>S-SV wanted to make sure there was a policy outlining the process for providers.</li> <li>The Policy language is directly from the statute.</li> <li>Mr. Poland plans to have a resolution on the June JPA Board agenda that would have the JPA Board set the rates and give Mr. Poland the authority to increase the rates at a standard cost of living increase. Providers also have the option to raise rates but would need to justify those increases to the JPA Board.</li> <li>This will not apply to any of the EOA providers that have contracted with S-SV, or with any public agencies.</li> </ul>	Debbie Madding	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
461	<b>Automatic Aid/Mutual Aid/Disaster Assistance (Including FEMP, AST &amp; MTF Resource Requests)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is due for routine review, with no recommended changes.</li> </ul>	Rich Lemon	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
462	<b>Temporary Recognition of EMS Personnel (Note: urgency policy, previously released to preserve medical control of the EMS system)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a new policy based on an urgency matter. S-SV wanted to make sure this was in place before 'wildfire season'.</li> </ul>	Rich Lemon	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A couple of years ago, the US Forest service changed their process of requesting and securing EMS resources on US Forest responsibility wildfire incidents. The change was a lot of resources coming into California from outside of California. The statutes and regulations do not allow for that to happen cleanly and consistently. The EMS Authority will not give a written legal opinion on questions S-SV has regarding this.</li> <li>Due to some challenges on both the operational and clinical side, S-SV wanted some oversight.</li> <li>Prior to publishing this policy, it was sent to several subject matter experts in S-SV EMS, the State and the US Forest service staff including their Medical Director – all agreed with the policy.</li> </ul>			
710	<b>Management of Controlled Substances</b> <b>(Note: will include discussion on ketamine availability &amp; required stocking quantities)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On page 1, line 24, 'Morphine sulfate' was removed. It is no longer a requirement for the inventory.</li> <li>Several providers have talked about the shortage of ketamine recently. S-SV EMS will be getting rid of the maximum dosage carried to help the providers.</li> </ul>	Rich Lemon	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
806	<b>Unified Paramedic Optional Scope of Practice for Qualified Transport Programs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is due for routine review, with no recommended changes.</li> <li>By 5/15, S-SV EMS must submit the renewal application to the State Authority Optional Scope of Practice EMDAC panel. The approval is good 3 years.</li> </ul>	Dr. Morris	Rich Lemon	Passed Unanimously
915	<b>MICN Authorization/Reauthorization</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On page 3, specificity on CEs has been added to Item 3.</li> <li>If hospitals have budget concerns with this, effect date 1/1/2026.</li> <li>Attendance of the REMAC counts as CE hours for MICN renewals.</li> </ul>	Josh Sher	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously

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<b>C-1</b>	<b>Non-Traumatic Pulseless Arrest</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On page 1, 'If resuscitation attempts do not obtain ROSC...' was removed, and added 'If ROSC is not achieved,'.</li> <li>On page 2, any occurrence of 'If no signs of ROSC' have been replaced with 'If ROSC is not achieved:'.</li> <li>It was suggested to separate ALS from BLS, on page one, on the 'Termination of Resuscitation' box.</li> <li>On page 1, in the 'Termination of Resuscitation' box, it was suggested to remove 'AED' from the ALS number (2).</li> <li>On page 2, it was suggested to remove 'see page 1' from the non-shockable rhythm box and just move that last bullet point to the first page.</li> <li>On page 2, in the very center of the page under the inverted pentagons, it was suggested that the arrows should be pointing in the opposite direction.</li> </ul>	Debbie Madding	Rich Lemon	Passed Unanimously
<b>C-5</b>	<b>Ventricular Assist Device (VAD)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is due for routine review, with no recommended changes.</li> </ul>	Rich Lemon	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
<b>E-1</b>	<b>Hyperthermia</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is due for routine review, with no recommended changes.</li> </ul>	Debbie Madding	Dr. Goldsmith	Passed Unanimously
<b>R-3</b>	<b>Acute Respiratory Distress</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On page 2, under asthma, the addition of Magnesium Sulfate for the treatment of asthma.</li> </ul>	Rich Lemmon	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously
<b>PR-3P</b>	<b>Pediatric Pleural Decompression</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is a new protocol.</li> <li>This includes a weight chart using regular catheter needles and shouldn't require any additional purchases.</li> <li>This was vetted with Pediatric Surgeons as well.</li> </ul>	Debbie Madding	Dr. Morris	Passed Unanimously

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### G. Law Enforcement Response to Behavioral Crisis Incidents

- Recently, the courts ruled that law enforcement is not given immunity if they go into a house where no crime is being committed and put hands on someone and cause any type of bodily injury.
- Now, if someone calls 911 and says their loved one is having a behavioral emergency, many law enforcement agencies will not go into the house unless a crime is being committed.
- S-SV has not yet made a policy for this. Refusal of care will be used currently.
- If a scene is unsafe, crews should not be going in.
- There was some discussion by the committee.
- Any ideas/suggestions should be sent to Patrick.

### H. EMS Aircraft Provider Updates

- Calstar 3 in Auburn – is moving forward with a blood agreement with Roseville. Once that gets going, they hope to expand that. This will be the first REACH helicopter in Sacramento Valley area with blood. They have on-going conversations with UC Davis for the REACH 17 micro base. REACH 7 & 80 will be next.

### I. Ground EMS Provider Updates

- Dignity Healthcare:
  - They have put video-laryngoscope on the trucks.
  - They're working on airway improvement.
  - The standby season has started with the Red Bluff roundup.
- BiCounty:
  - They just completed a demo of the air-track video laryngoscope. They will possibly be purchasing these.

### J. Hospital Provider Reports

- Mercy Medical Center Redding - they're preparing for Memorial Day weekend. They have an MICN class on 5/1. They have a STEMI Run Review in March and will have a Stroke Run Review in October. They continue to train their new crews on triage tags.
- UC Davis – they have a couple of construction cranes going up before Memorial Day, there will be official communication regarding the flight path.
- Mercy Medical Center Mt. Shasta - Trauma Run Review on 4/29, at 7pm with a zoom option.
- Rideout – having their annual Trauma Symposium on 5/6 in Roseville.

### K. Quality Improvement (QI) Case Review

- Brittany Pohley presented an MICN case review.

### L. S-SV EMS Agency Reports

- EMS Data System
  - The 3.5.1 update is still coming.
  - The State released a preliminary look at the limited list. They are coming out with a medication and procedure list.
  - 7/1 calls are going to start to fail from the update that occurred on 1/1/25 on the schematron.
  - Jeff is working on a list for E-protocols 01, to be added to your current data set.

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- **EMS Quality Management/QI Matters (including the new S-SV EMS Performance Measures Process)**

- Still working on the Regional Training Module – which will hopefully be ready in mid-May.
- The PAC committee is in charge of the airway module which should be ready on 6/1.
- QI Indicators – previously, S-SV EMS was tracking about 25 CPIs, this year it has been expanded to about 45 indicators. These are things hospitals can't control to where we're at. These will be distributed to the committee members. There are also EMS indicators.

- **Regional Specialty Committees**

- The STEMI committee met in March.
- The next Trauma QI Committee meeting will be in May. EMS and HEMS are welcome to attend.
- Trauma hospitals are changing Trauma registries again.

- **Operations**

- Non-EOA provider renewals will be sent out in June. Renewals will not be approved until they have been paid.
- Ambulance Inspections are now following the calendar year, and not the fiscal year.
- Fire season is coming up.
- There are currently some Tylenol shortages.

- **Regional Executive Director's Report**

- Continue to work towards a 24 month contract with AMR in Placer County. S-SV EMS is going to sign a contract with Health Strategists based on an RFP to do a system assessment of Western Placer County EMS System. This should be done by the end of this calendar year.
- EMS Authority Chapter 1 - Still in progress. EMSA has completed the large stakeholder group meetings, but may have individual stakeholder meetings.
- Chapter 1.2 is the new Ambulance Patient Offload Time (APOT) regulations – EMSA published a proposed emergency regulation public comment period and then quickly rescinded it. They plan on republishing it for a public comment period soon.
- Chapter 3 is the professional standards. EMSA is beginning to review these and should have the rule making process/public comment period mid-2025.
- Chapter 6 is the STEMI/Stroke/Trauma/EMS for Children. The initial comment period has concluded. There should be another public comment period.
- Chapter 5 is the Community Paramedicine Triage Alternate Destination which is being worked on by the EMSA to include the new post-hospital discharge follow-up section.
- AB645 – would require all dispatchers for public agencies to have emergency medical dispatch training. Initially it would have applied to all dispatchers but has been amended to exclude law enforcement only dispatchers.
- SB582 – would require long term health facilities to submit their disaster and evacuation plans to the county/Medical Health Operation Area Coordinator (MHOAC) program for review. There won't be an approval process. The MHOAC will have an opportunity to provide feedback.
- SB796 - would require the EMSA to be the optional skills approval entity for State agencies. The intent is for this to apply to public safety/first-aid personnel.

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- There's a bill for epinephrine for schools that changes auto injectors to an FDA approved administration device -which is cost related.
- There's a bill to allow rescue dogs/canines to be transported by ambulance to the vet if there are no patients that need to be transported.
- The 2024 S-SV EMS Plan was approved by the State. It's posted on the website.

### **M. Medical Director's Report**

- Looking forward to recognizing/celebrating the providers during EMS Week (May 18-24).

### **K. Next Meeting Date & Adjournment**

- The next meeting will be on July 22, 2025, at 9:00 am.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:49 am.