



EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

County of Santa Cruz

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

DATE:	January 23, 2017	TIME:	8:30 AM
PLACE:	1080 Emeline Ave, Santa Cruz, Small Auditorium		

MINUTES

ITEM:

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes– [8:35 am] Minutes approved, motion by Dr. Benedict, second by Chris Jones.
2. Written Correspondence Report – [8:39 am]: None
3. Oral Communications – [8:40 am]:
 - 3.1. Commissioner McIntyre requested feedback on the letter draft she sent to the Commissioners earlier.
4. EMS Administrator Report
 - 4.1. TAG/Ambulance Contract Implementation: Compliant, November TAG pending.
 - 4.2. Hospital Run Data: sent via email.
5. RFP Process Update and possible action:
 - 5.1. Stakeholder meeting on 2/1/17 scheduled.
6. Discussion regarding changing ambulance staffing configuration from two paramedics to one paramedic plus one EMT as early as possible to take advantage of attrition, to avoid the potential for layoffs of paramedics when the new contract begins. Dr. Ghilarducci wrote a “white paper”, which was distributed, noting statistics suggest clinical care can be improved due to increased experience gained by paramedics due to an overall reduction in personnel, it frees up money to be reinvested in unit hours and other system improvements, it brings us in line with all other California counties. One item of data was noted to need correcting: the actual number of current paramedics in Santa Cruz County is less than what was reported. Discussion by the group included: a desire to assure a safe, sustainable workload for the paramedics, as currently it is felt they are too busy and this move might amplify that. They also requested adequate training for the transition. Action: Motion by Celia Barry to write a letter of support to move forward with 1:1 staffing configuration with the previously supported amendment of AMR’s contract to extend until Oct. 1,2018 at 0900 hours. Second by Dr. Kent Benedict. The group voted 7:1 to approve the motion.
7. Prehospital Advisory Committee – Report provided.
8. Behavioral Health: report from Juana Castillo and Dr. Marc Yellin. Possible action: Juana Castillo and Dr. Yellin unable to attend, agenda item to be rescheduled.
9. 2017 meeting schedule: schedule provided
10. Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting – Action
 - 10.1. Please mute cell phones for EMCC meetings
 - 10.2. Update the email list

10.3. Kaiser contract with UCSC-potential impact questions including: will their patients request to be transported to Watsonville Hospital (significant system impact), what is the new enrollment, how should the EMS system respond?

11.Adjournment – Action (9:25 am): motion by McIntyre, second by Barry.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Priscilla Leighton

Ian Larkin

Robyn McIntyre

Dan Quinto

Chris Jones

Celia Barry

Kent Benedict, MD

Marcus Kwan, MD

Donna Salvi, RN

Excused:

Lisa Angell, RN

Juana Castillo, RN

Marc Yellin, MD

Paul Vincent

County Staff:

David Ghilarducci, MD, EMS Medical Director

Brenda Brenner, EMS Administrator

Guests:

Adam Galotti, Chief Union Steward

Paul Angelo, Dominican Hospital

Brian Stevens, Watsonville Hospital

Brad Cramer, AMR

Scott Vahradian, EMSIA

Ron Whittle, Scotts Valley Fire

Pam Rogers-Wyman

Erik Riera

Jon Jones, Aptos/La Selva Fire

Michael Baulch, LifeFlight