

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

February 10, 2022, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Held Electronically

Zoom Video Conference

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ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS			
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Public – Barbie Law, Sac Metro Fire	X	Hospital System – J. Douglas Kirk, MD, UC Davis Health
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Karl Pedroni, American Medical Response (AMR)		Law Enforcement – Lt. Shaun Hampton, Sheriff's Office
	ALS Air Transport Providers – Mike Kaslin, REACH Air Medical	X	Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
X	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance	X	County Primary Health Division – Sandy Damiano, PhD
X	Hospital System – Michael Korpiel, Dignity Health	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
X	Hospital System – Michael Scates, Kaiser Permanente	X	County EMS Medical Director – Hernando Garzon, MD
X	Hospital System – Kevin Smothers, MD, Sutter Health	GUEST PRESENTER	
		X	Brian Jensen, Hospital Council

Advisory Group Members in Attendance: 8 – *Quorum present*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 12

Staff: Stephanie Mello

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks- <i>Sandy Damiano, PhD</i></p>	<p>Sandy Damiano welcomed advisory group members, guests, and members of the public, and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Agenda Review</u>: Approval of December Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Update, COVID Update, Wall Times. • <u>Materials</u>: Approval of December Meeting Minutes, APOT Data. <i>Materials are posted on the website.</i> Link: https://dhs.saccounty.net/PRI/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group.aspx • <u>Additional Agenda Items for Discussion</u>: None • <u>Other Member Announcements</u>: None
<p>Roll Call – <i>Stephanie Mello</i></p>	<p>Stephanie Mello conducted roll call. <i>Quorum present.</i></p>
<p>Meeting Minutes – <i>Stephanie Mello</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • APPROVED – Advisory Group members had no changes to the December 9, 2021, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Michael Korpiel and seconded by Kevin Smothers. Approved by vote of members in Zoom chat.
<p>EMS Committee Update – <i>Hernando Garzon, MD</i></p>	<p>Dr. Garzon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No EMS Committee meetings since the December meeting. • No updates to report.
<p>COVID Update – <i>Hernando Garzon, MD</i></p>	<p>Dr. Garzon provided an update on COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>COVID Numbers</u>: Decrease in Omicron COVID cases and COVID hospital admissions, hospitals are slowly decompressing, ICU's are still full and are typically the last to decompress, non-COVID census remains high and hospitals are still impacted. Decreasing numbers for hospital ER visits.
<p>Wall Times – Current and Post Executive Order <i>All</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>State Surge Build Out</u>: State supported hospital build out added over 200 beds. 5 of 9 Sacramento area hospitals have APOT paramedics. State covered support ends March 31, 2022. APOT paramedics will remain available, if the hospitals can/will pay for them. • <u>APOT Times</u>: Dr. Garzon presented APOT data. APOT times improved at hospitals with State supported surge beds and APOT paramedics. David Magnino presented additional APOT data showing a Monday surge. Michael Korpiel – Dignity Health explained Monday's higher APOT times. Dr. Kirk – UC Davis concurred. Dr. Kirk – UC Davis agrees that APOT paramedics are helpful in getting ambulances back into service.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>APOT Paramedics</u>: APOT paramedics scope versus transporting paramedics. Can the scope be extended for APOT paramedics? Dr. Garzon approves, but the issue is the availability of medications and supplies for the APOT paramedics. Hospitals can lend some equipment. Providing medications is a challenge. • <u>APOT Workgroup Update</u>: Hospitals exchanged best practices and instituted some of them. The group continues to discuss resolving APOT issues post March 31, 2022. Action item for the hospitals is to share their plans post March 31, 2022 to consolidate patients on the wall into fewer paramedics and keep the lower APOT times. Michael Korpiel – Dignity Health – EMS feels hiring more staff is the solution, but hiring more staff doesn't resolve the hospital overcrowding and backlog of the system. Dr. Garzon - solutions must be collaborative. EMS transports account for about 15% of emergency room traffic. Dr. Kirk – UC Davis – Everyone has a part and solutions must also have an EMS base. David Magnino – EMS has implemented Assess and Refer, but due to regulations, is unable to implement alternate destinations. Sandy Damiano – Clarified that Dr. Kirk is asking if EMS has asked the State if it can use alternate destinations during this emergency. • <u>Post State Support</u>: Michael Korpiel – Dignity Health - Expressed concern that post March 31, 2022, the hospitals will be expected to hire and replace the APOT paramedics. Due to staffing shortage, hospitals are unable to find staff to hire. Jimmy Pierson – Medic Ambulance – Commented that the state associations need to come together to discuss better solutions or coalition type meetings. Sandy Damiano – Firefighter and Hospital Associations recently wrote a letter to the State urging them to move forward with solutions to mitigate APOT. • <u>Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) Interface</u>: David Magnino shared a screen shot of the EMResource CAD interface including real time ambulance transports in route to a hospital, the number of ambulances at a hospital and the APOT times. Dr. Kirk – UC Davis – Can real time data be actionable and used to redirect ambulance traffic? Sandy Damiano – This discussion could benefit from more internal discussion. David Magnino – Would like to see hospitals update EMResource hourly or every couple of hours and will present it as a possibility to the Medical Advisory Committee (MAC).
Public Comment	<p><u>David Buettner - UC Davis</u>: Following up on using data actionable items. We can discuss at MAC drawing up criteria on when the control facility should be used to make the system more balanced and get ambulance back out in the field to respond to calls.</p> <p><u>Jimmy Pierson – Medic Ambulance</u>: Review the paramedic accreditation process and possible online training. Allow providers to provide interim paramedic orientation to get paramedics in the field quicker, and then attend the monthly orientation. Waiting for orientation class is counterproductive to getting paramedics in the field.</p> <p>David Magnino will discuss with the EMS team.</p>

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	<p><u>Rose Colangelo – Sutter Roseville ED Director</u>: Always happy to collaborate with APOT and provide any help they can.</p>
Action Item	<p><u>Subgroup</u>: Develop a document, as a united front, that lays out the system issues, identifies the pitfalls, identifies what has already been done, and pulls together solution areas.</p> <p><u>Alternate Destinations</u>: David Magnino and Dr. Garzon to discuss the issue of alternate destinations and what's the State's thinking or when it might let up, given the situation in Sacramento County.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Sandy Damiano</i>	<p>Sandy thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting and acknowledged the hard work of everyone in the group.</p> <p>With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:43 PM.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday, April 14, 2022 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82434475443?pwd=UXV2blpPM3o1eFlqRm4vcmpRWjRydz09</p> <p>Meeting ID: 824 3447 5443</p> <p>Passcode: 220252</p>