

## Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

### Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2020, 3:00 PM – 4:30 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)	X	Law Enforcement – Lt. Shaun Hampton, Sheriff's Department
X	ALS Air Transport Providers – Mike Kaslin, REACH Air Medical	X	Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
X	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	
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 – Kevin Smith, Kaiser Permanente	X	County EMS Medical Director – Hernando Garzon, MD
X	Hospital System – Kevin Smothers, MD, Sutter Health		

Advisory Group Members in Attendance: 14 – *Quorum present*

Public in Attendance: 6

Staff: Sherri Chambers

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Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks - <i>Sandy Damiano, PhD</i>	<p>Sandy Damiano, PhD, welcomed advisory group members and members of the public and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Agenda Review</u>: Approval of Meeting Minutes, EMS Committees Update, Fiscal Work Group, and Public Comment.</li> <li>• <u>Materials</u>: All members received copies of the agenda, EMAG 2021 Meeting Calendar, October 8 Meeting Minutes DRAFT, and EMAG Advocacy Paper DRAFT. <i>Materials are posted on the website.</i> Link: <a href="https://dhs.saccounty.net/PRI/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group.aspx">https://dhs.saccounty.net/PRI/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group.aspx</a></li> <li>• <u>Additional Agenda Items for Discussion</u>: No additional items were requested.</li> <li>• <u>Other Announcements</u>: Sherri Chambers reminded members that meetings will continue via Zoom until further notice. She will send the recurring meeting invite within the next few weeks.</li> </ul>
Meeting Minutes – <i>Sherri Chambers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>APPROVED</u> – Advisory Group members had no changes to the DRAFT October 8, 2020, meeting minutes. Meeting minutes approved without dissent.</li> </ul>
EMS Committees Update – <i>Hernando Garzon, MD</i>	<p>Dr. Garzon provided a brief update of recent developments in the EMS committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Meetings</u> – All committee meetings have resumed except Trauma Review Committee (TRC).</li> <li>• <u>Medical/Operational Advisory Committees</u> – Have been discussing EMS workforce COVID exposure issues. Also discussing hospital COVID burden and effect on reporting COVID positive cases, wall times, etc.</li> <li>• <u>QI Committee and Technical Advisory Group (TAG)</u> – Focusing on process improvements for core measures and cardiac arrest data.</li> </ul> <p>Dave Magnino added that they have been focused on the COVID-19 response and maintaining their Mobile Medical Shelters in four counties. He also shared links to two new State EMS Authority reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Ambulance Patient Offload Delays</u> (December 2020) – Report to the legislature. Link: <a href="https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2020/12/EMSA-APOT-Report-to-Legislature.pdf">https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2020/12/EMSA-APOT-Report-to-Legislature.pdf</a></li> <li>• <u>Criminal History Impact on EMT Certification 2019</u> (December 2020) – Link: <a href="https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2020/12/CriminalHistoryImpactOnEMTCertification2019.pdf">https://emsa.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/71/2020/12/CriminalHistoryImpactOnEMTCertification2019.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Fiscal Work Group- <i>Brian Jensen, Hospital Council</i>	<p>Brian Jensen, Regional Vice President, Hospital Council of Northern &amp; Central California, provided an update on the EMAG Fiscal Work Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Focus</u> – How best to communicate to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) the importance of the Sacramento County EMS Agency (SCEMSA) to the community.</li> </ul>

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Fiscal Work Group  
(continued) –  
*Brian Jensen*

- Representation – The work group included hospital representatives (Kevin Smothers, Kevin Smith, Rose Colangelo, Debbie Madding) and EMS providers (Barbie Law, James Hendricks) with input from Dave Magnino, Paula Green, Cindy Myas and a few others. Brian facilitated.
- Objectives – They wanted to concisely explain what the agency’s purpose is, what it does, and why it is important. They wanted to show that the budget has not kept pace with the needs, but they did not want to state how the funding should be accomplished.
- Advocacy Paper – The first part of the paper covers the role of the EMS agency and its required functions. The next section outlines recent increases in workload while budget and staffing have remained relatively static. The final section focuses on ramifications of maintaining the status quo. They included ways other counties have funded their EMS agencies, but did not recommend specific funding strategies.

### Discussion:

- Many members thanked and congratulated Brian and the work group. Comments included that the letter was well-written, informative, had the right tone, and focused on how important the agency is to residents.
- Some members noted the need for minor grammatical edits.
- Regarding content changes, Sandy noted that the EMS for Children program was not yet formally approved so the letter should not state “will soon begin.” Brian agreed to change the wording.

### Public Comment:

- Cindy Myas, Dignity Health, asked how the paper will be presented to the BOS. She suggested it should come from EMAG rather than EMS Agency leadership. Important to present it from a community standpoint. She noted the EMAG was formed to give the Agency support, and the BOS should see it as organizations coming together to address a community need.

### Action:

- A motion to approve the Advocacy Paper with only minor edits and no additional approval was made by Dr. Kirk and seconded by Kevin Smothers.
- APPROVED – Seven members voted yes, one member voted no.

### Next Steps:

- Brian will send a Word version of the paper to staff, who will forward it to EMAG members.
- Members will send any minor edits to Brian at [bjensen@hospitalcouncil.org](mailto:bjensen@hospitalcouncil.org) by Wednesday, December 16.
- Brian will apply edits and forward the paper to the graphic design team.

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Fiscal Work Group (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final paper expected mid-January. Staff will send it out to the group.</li> <li>• Based on group consensus that the paper should come from EMAG, some members wanted to do a presentation for the BOS.</li> <li>• Sandy will look into how to get it on the agenda without a board item.</li> <li>• Members discussed seeking support from the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB). Sandy noted they have been supportive of EMS and may be able to write a letter of support or testify at BOS. Members did not want to delay while seeking support. They decided to proceed with getting the paper to the BOS as soon as possible. Will share information with PHAB and they can respond in their timeframe.</li> </ul>
Public Comment	There was no public comment in addition to that heard during the Fiscal Work Group topic.
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Sandy Damiano</i>	<p>Sandy thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting. <i>Many thanks to the Fiscal Work Group for their time and energy in creating a well-written paper.</i></p> <p>With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.</p>
Next Meeting	<p><b>Thursday, February 11, 2021 / 3:00 – 4:30 PM</b></p> <p>Zoom Meeting Details – <i>To Be Determined</i></p>