

# Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

## Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2021, 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 – Brandon Pace for Kevin Smith, Kaiser Permanente
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Karl Pedroni, American Medical Response (AMR)	X	Law Enforcement – Lt. Shaun Hampton, Sheriff's Office
	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
	Hospital System – Michael Korpiel, Dignity Health – <i>Excused</i>	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
X	Hospital System – Kevin Smothers, MD, Sutter Health	X	County EMS Medical Director – Hernando Garzon, MD
X	Hospital System – J. Douglas Kirk, MD, UC Davis Health	<b>GUEST PRESENTER</b>	
		X	Brian Jensen, Hospital Council

Advisory Group Members in Attendance: 12 – *Quorum present*

Public in Attendance: 6

Staff: Sherri Chambers

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks - <i>Sandy Damiano, PhD</i></p>	<p>Sandy Damiano, PhD, welcomed advisory group members and members of the public and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. Sherri Chambers conducted roll call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Agenda Review</u>: Approval of Meeting Minutes, EMS Committees Update, Advocacy Work Group, EMS Staffing Roadmap, and Public Comment.</li> <li>• <u>Materials</u>: All members received copies of the agenda, February 11 Meeting Minutes DRAFT, and EMS Staffing Roadmap. <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 Member Announcements</u>: None</li> </ul>
<p>Meeting Minutes – <i>Sherri Chambers</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>APPROVED</u> – Advisory Group members had no changes to the February 11, 2021, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Doug Kirk, seconded by Kevin Smothers.</li> </ul>
<p>EMS Committees Update – <i>Hernando Garzon, MD</i></p>	<p>Hernando Garzon, MD, shared highlights from the various EMS stakeholder committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All committees have moved to a quarterly meeting schedule.</li> <li>• <u>STEMI/Stroke Committees</u> – Hospitals are starting to report data via the Get with the Guidelines registry. After a few quarters, we will have valuable data for QI purposes. Will share data reports with EMAG.</li> <li>• Doug Kirk asked how it is determined where a patient is transported for STEMI care, since many hospitals are within a one mile radius. Hernando referred to the EMS destination policy, which states that a patient is taken to the nearest facility based on time. Only Kaiser South and Methodist are specified as equidistant.</li> </ul>
<p>Advocacy Work Group – <i>Brian Jensen, Hospital Council</i></p>	<p>Brian Jensen, Regional Vice President, Hospital Council of Northern &amp; Central California, provided an update on the advocacy work that has taken place since the last EMAG meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Recap</u> – Following the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting on February 9 where Brian presented the <u>EMS Advocacy Paper</u>, EMAG members wanted to meet with individual Board members to garner support.</li> <li>• <u>Individual Board Member Meetings</u> – Brian scheduled separate meetings with Supervisor Desmond and Supervisor Nottoli and a small group of EMAG members including Karl Pedroni, Barbie Law, Doug Kirk, and Michael Korpiel. The group later met with Ann Edwards and Bruce Wagstaff.</li> <li>• <u>Response</u> – The Supervisors heard the message and understood the problem. Brian thought EMAG members made an impact by sharing real-life examples of what happens when EMS is understaffed.</li> <li>• <u>Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB)</u> – Brian presented at the PHAB meeting on April 7. They were receptive but ran out of time to take action. PHAB is convening a special meeting where they will vote on whether to send a letter of support to the BOS echoing the EMAG position.</li> </ul>

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<p>Advocacy Work Group – <i>Continued</i></p>	<p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barbie Law (also a PHAB member) commented that it went very well and she believes PHAB will send a letter of support. She noted that former chair Steve Orkand was instrumental in educating PHAB members.</li> <li>• Barbie and Doug Kirk expressed that the individual meetings with BOS members were productive. They appreciated being able to point out and have conversations about specific issues.</li> <li>• Sandy Damiano (also a PHAB member) concurred with Barbie that it went well and echoed Steve Orkand’s contributions. She noted that PHAB meets quarterly with the Chiefs of Staff, another vehicle for sharing information with the BOS.</li> </ul> <p><u>Next Steps:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brian will follow up with PHAB to see if they approve the letter of support.</li> </ul>
<p>EMS Staffing Roadmap – <i>EMS Staff</i></p>	<p>David Magnino reviewed and discussed the EMS Staffing Roadmap (<i>posted on the website</i>). <u>Key Points:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sacramento EMS with 7.5 FTEs is understaffed as compared to other local EMS agencies (LEMSAs).</li> <li>• Staff sent out a survey to other LEMSAs for updated comparisons. Only a few were received so far.</li> <li>• See handout for a list of EMS statutory functions and to what extent requirements are being met.</li> <li>• Dave explained the type, number, and cost of staff needed to fulfill each statutory requirement.</li> </ul> <p><u>Discussion:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A question was asked about the cost of increasing the Medical Director contract from 0.5 to 1.0 FTE. Dave said he would check on it and report back.</li> <li>• Doug Kirk asked how EMS can fail to meet statutory requirements without consequences. Dave explained they may use activities completed by the providers, such as public education, and include it in the EMS plan.</li> <li>• Cindy Myas, Dignity Health, commented that failing to meet a regulatory standard seems like a good reason to submit a growth request. Did EMS feel they could not get more than 2 FTEs? Sandy responded that departments were told to maintain a status quo budget, and EMS was asked to prioritize their growth positions. Dave added that they requested 3 positions giving top priority to areas not being met that they felt were the most important: Investigations, Critical Care Programs, and Quality Improvement. Two of the three positions were selected to move forward in the departmental review process.</li> </ul>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Cindy Myas, Dignity Health</u>, asked when we will hear whether or not the requested positions were approved. Sandy responded that the County Executive’s recommended budget will be posted just before the budget hearings in June. Staff will hear about requested positions about 2 weeks prior.</p>

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	<p><u>Tom Arjil, Alpha One</u>, stated that wall times continue to be a problem and he would like it addressed. Following discussion about the issue and whether EMAG was the appropriate forum to address it, the group decided to put the topic on the agenda for next meeting. Hernando agreed to get some data on wall times and diversion for the discussion.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Sandy Damiano</i>	<p>Sandy thanked everyone for participating in today’s meeting. <i>Thank you to Brian Jensen for presenting!</i> With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.</p>
Next Meeting	<p><b>Thursday, June 10, 2021 / 3:00 – 4:30 PM</b> Zoom Meeting Details – <a href="https://zoom.us/j/97868563296?pwd=M05oVVlzOXlaS3RRSUY0c1lXamRsQT09">https://zoom.us/j/97868563296?pwd=M05oVVlzOXlaS3RRSUY0c1lXamRsQT09</a> Meeting ID: 978 6856 3296 Passcode: 728452</p>