

# Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

**Meeting Minutes**

April 13, 2023, 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Meeting Location**

9616 Micron Ave Suite 900 (Conference Room 1)  
 Sacramento, CA 95827

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS			
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Public – Rick Clarke, Sac Metro Fire	X	Hospital System – Dr. J. Douglas Kirk, MD, UC Davis Health
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Brian Henricksen American Medical Response (AMR)	X	Law Enforcement – Matthew Burton, Sheriff’s Office
	ALS Air Transport Providers – Mike Kaslin, REACH Air Medical		Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
X	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	
	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance	X	County Public Health Division – Dr. Olivia Kasirye, MD
X	Hospital System – Tamra Kelly/Amelia Hart, Dignity Health	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
X	Hospital System – Michael Scates, Kaiser Permanente	X	County EMS Medical Director – Dr. Kevin Mackey, MD
X	Hospital System – Dr. Phillip Yu, MD, Sutter Health		

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

Public/Guests in Attendance: 5

Staff: Stephanie Mello

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Welcome,                      Introductions and                      Opening Remarks-  <i>Olivia Kasirye, MD</i>  <i>David Magnino</i></p>	<p>Dr. Kasirye welcomed advisory group members, guests, and members of the public, and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.</p> <p><u>Agenda Review:</u> Approval of February Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Update, EMS Updated Goals, and Open Discussion.</p> <p><u>Materials:</u> Approval of February Meeting Minutes. <i>Materials are posted on the website.</i></p> <p><u>Link:</u> <a href="https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group-(EMAG).aspx">https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group-(EMAG).aspx</a></p> <p><u>Additional Agenda Items for Discussion:</u> None</p> <p><u>Other Member Announcements:</u> None.</p>
<p>Roll Call –  <i>Olivia Kasirye, MD</i></p>	<p>Dr. Kasirye conducted roll call. <i>Quorum present.</i></p>
<p>Meeting Minutes –  <i>Olivia Kasirye, MD</i></p>	<p>APPROVED – Advisory Group members had no changes to the February 9, 2023, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Dr. J. Douglas Kirk and seconded by Tamra Kelly. Approved by members’ vote. Brian Henricksen abstained from the vote.</p>
<p>EMS Committee Update –  <i>Kevin Mackey, MD</i></p>	<p><u>STEMI:</u> Dr. Mackey is working with Dorthy on simplifying and streamlining the data so the information is actionable. Keeping meetings at 90 day interval. Narrowing in on patient contact and 12-lead time. AHA standard is 10 minutes or less. Removing aspirin as a data point since providers consistently meet this mark. Working on identifying patients that have IVs started in the left arm preferentially as this is preferred by the cardiac cath lab staff. Considering adding Nitroglycerin into the protocol. Interventional cardiologists do not oppose this.</p> <p><u>Trauma:</u> Has not met yet.</p> <p><u>Technical Advisory Group (TAG):</u> Has not met.</p> <p><u>Stroke:</u> Discussed Comprehensive and Thrombolytic stroke centers. Wanting to get there as a system. There are some challenges. Dorthy to pull data to get some key factors related to it. Data will be validated by the Stroke coordinators before presenting it. Discussed CPSS scores and if there is another scale out there. Striving to get accurate data.</p> <p><u>MAC/OAC:</u> Passed a telehealth policy. Working through challenges with Telehealth doctors giving orders as a base hospital physician would to paramedics. IV Tylenol approved by the State and will be added to the policy. Discussed adding non-opioid options for paramedics. Revamping the burn protocol based on Australia protocols. ALS to BLS handoffs. Possibility of a true tiered system with BLS only ambulances. Solano County did an expansion with interfacility transports and received permission from the State to train their paramedics</p>

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	<p>on transport ventilators, monitoring the transport of blood and other drugs. SCEMSA may go to the State in June for similar approval.</p>
<p>EMS Updated Goals <i>Kevin Mackey, MD</i></p>	<p><u>APOT Subgroup</u>: Working on identifying how to get reliable data. Clock starts when transport arrives. Clock stops with turnover of care. These points are nebulous. Solutions: Involve the nurse in the turnover of care process to confirm the paramedic identified the correct hospital, apply their signature. Clock stop time is a stamp (click of a box), by the nurse. Once there is real data, then system changes and improvements can be made in the system.</p>
<p>Open Discussion – <i>Olivia Kasirye, MD</i> <i>David Magnino</i></p>	<p><u>Budget Update FY 2022-23</u>: Two new EMS Specialists are on board. New EMS Coordinator list is available and hoping to interview soon. Kathy retired and her replacement is on board.</p> <p><u>Budget Update FY 2023-24</u>: All new positions discussed in EMAG were submitted to the department and pushed forth to Downtown for CEO review. The CEO's office returned with questions, asking EMS to re-prioritize the requests, and if there is revenue/fees to support the costs, and what can be cut to fund the requests. Letter of support for EMS can be provided to the Board any time before the Board hearings (around end of May would be best). <u>Budget hearings June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup></u>.</p> <p><u>CAD Interface</u>: Working on getting Fire onboard. Once onboard, there will be 4 fire agencies and 3 private providers. The interface will show real time data on how many units are at the hospitals, how long they have been there, and how many units are in route. Hope to have it up and running in June and demo it live. It will not show the out of county transports to Sacramento County. Sacramento County is impacted by Yolo, Placer, and El Dorado counties. <u>Dr. Kirk</u>: Can CAD help with APOT? <u>Dr. Mackey</u>: Yes, in terms of the hospital being able to see how many units are in route. Group discussion of patients possibly being re-routed due to APOT times at the hospitals. <u>Rick Clarke</u>: How does CAD affect destination? <u>Dr. Mackey</u>: Dispatch is responsible for dispatching their units. Destination is determined by the patient's medical need, medical system of choice, and possibly wait time. <u>Tamra Kelly</u>: Could computer modeling be done to show hospitals the impact of re-routing patients?</p> <p><u>Vehicle Code Fine Revenue Replacement</u>: Discussed the declining VCF receipts and options (Bonds/Tax/Ordinance). Alameda and LA have Bonds that support EMS and it mirrors the Maddy/Richie allocation and supports the trauma hospitals and emergency physicians. Alternate source of revenue could decrease the annual EMS fee escalator from 5% to CPI. A Bond requires financial backing for a campaign. Members feel the County should fund the EMS agency.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Brian Jensen</u>: Clarification on the Community Paramedic triage to alternate destination regulation sunset dates still pending in the legislature. Still need an alternate destination policy in Sacramento County. ImageTrend time stamp transfer of care – supports piloting a program.</p> <p><u>Brian Henricksen</u> – AMR had an electrical fire at their main center. May cause some dispatch delays.</p>

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Action Item(s)	<p><u>EMS Growth Requests:</u> Prepare an updated department growth priority list for the members, including the budget hearing dates.</p> <p><u>VCF:</u> Prepare a report illustrating the VCF receipts for the past 9 years, and where the General Fund support is.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Olivia Kasirye, MD</i>	Dr. Kasirye thanked everyone for participating in today’s meeting and acknowledged the hard work of everyone in the group.
Next Meeting	<b>Thursday, June 8, 2023 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b> 9616 Micron Ave. Suite 900 (Conference Room 1). Sacramento, CA 95827