

# Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

**Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 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 – Robert Kasparian, Cosumnes Fire		Hospital System – Dr. Joe Galante, M.D., UC Davis Health
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Brian Henricksen/Gabe Cruz American Medical Response (AMR)	X	Law Enforcement – Matthew Burton, 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	<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	
	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance	X	County Public Health Division – Dr. Olivia Kasirye, M.D.
X	Hospital System – Tamra Kelly, Dignity Health	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
X	Hospital System – Brandon Pace, Kaiser Permanente	X	County EMS Medical Director – Dr. Gregory Kann, M.D.
X	Hospital System – Dr. Phillip Yu, M.D., Sutter Health		

Advisory Group Members in Attendance: 7 – *Quorum present*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 9

Staff: Stephanie Mello

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks- <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</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 June Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Update, and Open Discussion.</p> <p><u>Materials:</u> Approval of April Meeting Minutes. <i>Materials are posted on the website.</i></p> <p>Link: <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></p>
<p>Roll Call – <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i></p>	<p>Dr. Kasirye conducted roll call.</p> <p>Quorum was established by count.</p>
<p>Meeting Minutes – <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i></p>	<p>APPROVED – Advisory Group members had no changes to the June 8, 2023, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Tamra Kelly and seconded by Matt Burton. Approved by members’ vote.</p>
<p>EMS Medical Director Introduction – <i>David Magnino/Dr. Gregory Kann</i></p>	<p>David Magnino introduced Dr. Gregory Kann.</p> <p><u>Background:</u> Mountain Valley EMS Medical Director in 2019. Working with Mountain Counties EMS agency and Stanislaus County EMS since 2022 after the split. Lives and works in Sacramento County as an ED physician.</p>
<p>EMS Committee Update – <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i></p>	<p><u>STEMI:</u> Looking at tracking first medical contact EKG times/data points. Discussions around bringing back Nitroglycerin back into policy - but the benefits are still not clear. There are data reporting changes coming that will be discussed in next week’s STEMI Committee meeting.</p> <p><u>Trauma:</u> Discussions coming up regarding trauma activation criteria to align more with the National guidelines. Review trauma policies in regard to defining a trauma program and subspecialties that should exist with trauma programs.</p> <p><u>Technical Advisory Group (TAG):</u> No update.</p> <p><u>Stroke:</u> Data reporting continues to be discussed. Striving to improve data reporting from all hospitals to make sound clinical decisions.</p> <p><u>MAC/OAC:</u> Policy changes being put forth. TXA treatment is underutilized and need to put a focus on it and expand its treatment in trauma cases. Updating a traumatic arrest protocol.</p> <p><u>APOT Committee:</u> Will continue to standardize the time stamps. New work on 5050 policy. Looking at putting together a High User Committee to look at better managing this population. May look at a 2-Tier response</p>

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	<p>system where an EMT can remain with the patient at the hospital and free up the ALS unit. Looking into small changes in multiple areas that could improve APOT.</p>
<p>Open Discussion – <i>David Magnino</i></p>	<p><u>Staffing Update</u>: The current Critical Care Coordinator position is still vacant. Possibly getting another EMS Coordinator in the September budget that will focus on developing Paramedic Triage to Alternate Destination program. EMS Coordinator exam final filing dates are 8/11/23 and 8/25/2023. Once the list is developed, interviews will be conducted with the expectation of filling both positions in/by January 2024.</p> <p><u>CAD Interface</u>: David presented the CAD interface in real time. SCEMSA opened up the system to the hospitals and the three private ALS providers who completed the interface. Continue to work with getting Fire on the CAD Interface. The CAD information can help reduce APOT by using the data to more evenly distribute patient volume. Psych and Medical Hold numbers updated every 4 hours.</p> <p><u>Revenue/Fee Assessment</u>: The LOI was released, and 3 companies responded within the timeline. Per County policy, since the companies met the MQ's, all 3 companies will move forward to the Request for Proposal phase. SCEMSA is preparing the RFP to be released by the end of the month. Following the RFP process, award, Board of Supervisor approval, and contract execution, SCEMSA is hoping to have a contract in place by Spring 2024 (This is an updated timeline).</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Dr. Yu</u> – Who is the new UC Davis representative? <u>Answer</u>: Dr. Joe Galante</p> <p><u>Brian Jensen</u> – Regarding the RFP – What type of firms responded and will their scope end at the assessment and recommendation or are they able to perform the work recommended? A tax initiative is challenging to get passed in Sacramento County. <u>Answer</u>: The firms appear to specialize in the assessment and recommendations.</p> <p><u>Brian Jensen</u> – Recommends representation from all in the EMS system to work on developing a plan to address high users/frequent flyers.</p>
<p>Schools/ Training Program Update – <i>Jason Hemler</i></p>	<p><u>Jason Hemler</u> - Classes are full. Hybrid programs also full – fully sponsored (scholarships). Sacramento County programs run out of internships. This is a statewide issue.</p> <p>SCEMSA adding AEMT programs by January 2024. Group discussion regarding AEMTs.</p> <p><u>Gabe Cruz</u> - Will Sacramento County be a 3-tier system? Who would hire the AEMT's? AlphaOne would hire the AEMTs. AEMTs will take up clinical spots in the hospitals and compete with EMTs and Paramedics for clinical time.</p> <p><u>Robert Kasparian</u> – Would AEMTs be only available to private ALS providers? Answer: AEMTs could be used by all ALS Providers.</p> <p><u>Dr. Kann</u> – Get the policy in place across Sacramento County and available to all.</p>

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Action Item(s)	<p><u>Dr. Kasirye</u> – Provide members overdose mortality rates.</p> <p><u>RFP Review Committee</u> – Members interested in participating in the RFP review committee should email David Magnino (<a href="mailto:magninod@saccounty.gov">magninod@saccounty.gov</a>) by August 18, 2023.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</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, October 12, 2023 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b> 9616 Micron Ave. Suite 900 (Conference Room 1). Sacramento, CA 95827