

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2024. 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	X	Hospital System – Dr. Joseph Galante, M. D., UC Davis Health
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Gabe Cruz American Medical Response (AMR)	X	Law Enforcement – Jesse Brucker, Sheriff's Office
X	ALS Air Transport Providers – Joseph Drago, REACH Air Medical		Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
X	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance	X	County Public Health Division – Dr. Olivia Kasirye, M.D.
X	Hospital System – Michael Williams, Dignity Health	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
	Hospital System – Linzy Davenport, Kaiser Permanente		County EMS Medical Director – Dr. Gregory Kann, M.D.
X	Hospital System – Dr. Phillip Yu, M.D., Sutter Health		

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

Public/Guests in Attendance: 5

Staff: Stephanie Mello

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Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	Dr. Kasirye welcomed advisory group members, guests, members of the public, and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. <u>Agenda Review</u> : Approval of October Meeting Minutes, Legislation, EMS Committee Updates, APOT, and Open Discussion. <u>Materials</u> : October Meeting Minutes, Legislation Bill SB1180, APOT Survey Summary <u>Agenda Items for Discussion</u> : None <u>Other Member Announcements</u> : None
Roll Call <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	Dr. Kasirye conducted roll call. Quorum was established by count.
Meeting Minutes <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	<u>APPROVED</u> – Advisory Group members had no changes to the October, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Dr. Joseph Galante and seconded by Dr. Phillip Yu. Meeting minutes were approved by members' vote.
Legislation <i>David Magnino</i>	<u>SB 1180</u> : Healthcare Coverage Emergency Medical Services – Signed by the Governor. Discussions continue regarding MediCal billing and possible exemption waiver for transport to alternate destinations.
EMS Committee Update <i>David Magnino</i>	<u>MAC/OAC</u> : APOT policy review and discussions regarding Sacramento County APOT remaining at 20 minutes or increasing to 30 minutes to match the State's maximum allowable APOT. SCEMSA is working with department and County leadership taking into account all discussions to come to a decision by mid-January. <u>STEMI/Stroke</u> : STEMI – Two STEMI hospitals within the same medical group were on diversion at the same time. The medical centers agreed to not allow this to happen again. SCEMSA will monitor. STROKE – Large vessel inclusion study continuing. <u>Technical Advisory Group (TAG)</u> : No report back. <u>Trauma Improvement Committee (TIC)</u> : Prehospital whole blood approved by the State. UC Davis and Sacramento City Fire are participating in the study. SCEMSA will submit data to Los Angeles County to submit to EMSA and the Commission.
APOT <i>David Magnino</i>	<u>APOT Summit #2 – Survey Review</u> : David presented the survey results. <u>Innovation Challenge Overview</u> : Stakeholders finished the work with Growth Factory to develop ideas on how to use technology to lower APOT. Kaiser South, Sutter Medical Center, Sacramento City Fire and Consumnes Fire offered to pilot the program. Dr. Kann and the workgroup will work on identifying funding for pilot program.

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<p>Open Discussion <i>David Magnino</i></p>	<p><u>EMS Roadmap</u>: The Fiscal Year 2025-26 growth request for one (1) EMS Specialist to develop the BLS program is being put forth.</p> <p><u>Revenue/Fee Assessment</u>: The draft report was provided to the CEO's office. Once it's reviewed, then it will be presented to the Board of Supervisors and stakeholders with recommendations.</p> <p><u>AEMT</u>: The online applications are up and running. Sierra College remains the only local AEMT training program. AEMTs are mostly focused on inter-facility transfers.</p> <p><u>TAD Program Update</u>: The online application will be up and running by end of December. The TAD accreditation is an add-on to the paramedic's current accreditation. The initial training course is 8 hours with a 4-hour refresher course every 2 years. The providers will identify paramedics for TAD accreditation. Still waiting to hear from CareStar Foundation regarding our grant application.</p>
<p>Roundtable - Member Comments</p>	<p><u>Training Program Update</u>: Jason Hemler provided an update via email – Sacramento State completed interviews for both traditional and its hybrid programs. They have 41 in their traditional and 27 starting their hybrid, the middle of January. Those paramedics will be hitting the streets in less than a year.</p> <p><u>Jesse Brucker (Sheriff's)</u>: Recommends, because the Sheriffs are busy, that SCEMSA be a bit more persistent in regard to OOD Maps. Narcan use continues to increase.</p> <p><u>Michael Williams (Dignity Health)</u>: Meeting with skilled nursing facilities and opening up discussions regarding alternate destinations for patients other than the emergency departments.</p> <p><u>Dr. Galante (UC Davis)</u>: The emergency department population isn't increasing, but the hospital is busy on the back end boarding up to 80% of emergency department patients. Would like the skilled nursing facilities to be the next focus for APOT. Hospitals can look into working with the skilled nursing facilities staff to provide some education and training. Pediatric burn patients increasing due to close of bay area pediatric burn center.</p> <p><u>Robert Kasparian (Cosumnes Fire)</u>: Sacramento City Fire has partnered with Medic Ambulance for BLS transports. David Magnino confirmed CareStar grant process is always open for applications.</p> <p><u>Joseph Drago (REACH)</u>: Joe requested an update on SCEMSA Aircraft Auto-launch policy. Dave stated the policy is still being worked on, so, no new update.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Skilled Nursing Facility Meeting (Tom Arjil-AlphaOne)</u>: Mercy San Juan, Michael Williams, Brian Jensen and Dr. Kann spearheaded a meeting with EMS, acute care and the skilled nursing coalition to establish measures to access low vs high acuity, discharge programs, etc. The EMS system is already seeing improvements from these discussions.</p> <p><u>Brian Jensen (Hospital Council)</u>: Thanked Dave for his service, spearheading EMAG which helped bring the EMS system together.</p> <p><u>Tom Arjil (AlphaOne)</u>: Praised David for bringing the EMS system together and building the agency.</p>
<p>Action Item(s)</p>	<p><u>TAD</u>: Dr Yu asked for any numbers indicating TAD's effect on emergency departments.</p>

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	<u>OOD Maps</u> : Sheriff's Office: SCEMSA to contact POC at Sheriff's Office to request them get it implemented. Get POC from EMS Specialist, Jenna Jimenez.
Closing Remarks and Adjourn <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	Dr. Kasirye thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:45pm.
Next Meeting	Thursday, February 13, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Thursday, April 10, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM