

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2025. 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)		Law Enforcement – Jesse Brucker, Sheriff's Office
X	ALS Air Transport Providers – Joseph Drago, REACH Air Medical		Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
	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 – Tom McGinnis
X	Hospital System – Rachel Wyatt, 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 (50% attendance + one)*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 9

Staff: Sydney Freer, Holly Winberry

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Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	<p>Dr. Kasirye welcomed advisory group members, guests, members of the public, started introductions. reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.</p> <p><u>Agenda Review</u>: Approval of December 2024 Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Updates, APOT, and Open Discussion.</p> <p><u>Materials</u>: December Meeting Minutes, APOT March 2024 Numbers.</p> <p><u>Agenda Items for Discussion</u>: None.</p> <p><u>Other Member Announcements</u>: Introduction of Tom McGinnis, new EMS Administrator.</p>
Roll Call <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	<p>Dr. Kasirye conducted roll call.</p> <p>Quorum was established by count.</p>
Meeting Minutes <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	<p><u>APPROVED</u> – Advisory Group members had no changes to the December 2024, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Robert Kasparian and seconded by Dr. Joseph Galante. Meeting minutes were approved by members' vote.</p>
EMS Committee Update <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<p><u>MAC/OAC</u>: March 13th meeting addressed concerns regarding providers responding to behavioral health crisis calls and law enforcement not assisting with these calls. A policy memo was issued for EMS providers providing them a pathway to leave a dangerous scene in the cases where law enforcement does not respond to the location. SCEMSA is tracking the utilization of the policy. Nationwide, law enforcement is stepping back from behavioral health crisis calls.</p> <p><u>STEMI/Stroke</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>TAG</u>: No update.</p> <p><u>Trauma (TIG)</u>: No update.</p>
APOT <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<p><u>APOT March 2025</u>: Reviewed the 2025 APOT times. APOT numbers increased in January and February, expected with RSV uptick. April numbers are looking good. Five hospitals are compliant with AB40.</p> <p><u>APOT Subgroup (Dale Ainsworth)</u>: Reviewing APOT delay instances and mitigation efforts. Looking at APOT delays and circumstances causing those delays. Expanding the work to include psychiatric facilities, skilled nursing, and expanding the stakeholder group. Next meeting is April 30, 2025.</p> <p><u>JEMS Summit</u>: Dr. Kann presented on APOT at JEMS summit and the future impact of AI in EMS.</p>
Open Discussion <i>Tom McGinnis</i>	<p><u>EMS Roadmap</u>: The Fiscal Year 2025-26 growth request for one (1) EMS Specialist to develop the BLS program and ImageTrend Data Registry are being put forth.</p> <p><u>Budget Update</u>: Federal decisions could impact the budget, but it's still too early to tell what the impacts might be. EMAG support is always appreciated as the process moves forward.</p> <p><u>EMS Fees</u>: Fiscal Year 2025-26 fee increase is 5%.</p>

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	<p><u>EMS for Children (EMSC)</u>: SCEMSA doesn't currently have an EMS for Children program. There are permissive State regulations for an EMSC program that provides guidelines for standardization/uniformity. Limited federal funding is available, but we don't know possible federal impacts that might be coming that could affect the funding. SCEMSA will keep EMAG apprised if the agency moves forward with implementing EMSC.</p> <p><u>Revenue/Fee Assessment</u>: Project remains ongoing. A report from PWW will be presented when it becomes available.</p> <p><u>AEMT</u>: SCEMSA received approval to implement a pilot program for inter-facility transports to demonstrate efficacy and safety. AlphaOne has AEMTs operating with the inter-facility system. SCEMSA will report back to the EMS Commission with the intent of expanding the program systemwide.</p> <p><u>Prehospital Whole Blood</u>: SCEMSA received State approval in September 2024 and Sacramento City Fire is ready to start. There remain challenges with securing a blood supply. There are four (4) California Counties with State approval, but none have administered whole blood.</p> <p><u>TAD Program Update</u>: The EMS system had its first TAD patient Sacramento City Fire transported a patient to the County MHTC. Transfer of care and providing the PCR's are an issue but should improve as everyone gets more familiar and comfortable with the program. SCEMSA is in conversations with more facilities. Group discussion about possible data collection that demonstrate the number of beds TAD could free up.</p>
Roundtable - Member Comments	<p><u>Joseph Drago (REACH)</u>: REACH had challenges with whole blood access. Sutter Roseville is onboard so they should have whole blood available this year.</p>
Public Comment	None
Action Item(s)	<p><u>APOT Presentations</u>: Dr. Kann presenting at EMSAAC and the EMS Commission. Dr. Kann will send out information regarding both presentations.</p> <p><u>TAD Numbers</u>: Dr. Kann to share TAD numbers at future meetings.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	Dr. Kasirye thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday, June 12, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</p> <p>Thursday, August 14, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</p>