

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

August 14, 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		Hospital System – Dr. Joseph Galante, M. D., UC Davis Health
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Gabe Cruz/Tim Reeser American Medical Response (AMR)	X	Law Enforcement – Jesse Brucker, Sheriff's Office
	ALS Air Transport Providers – Joseph Drago, REACH Air Medical	X	Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
X	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
X	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson/Brian Meader, 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
	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: 8 – *Quorum present (50% attendance + one)*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 9

Staff: Stephanie Mello, Jenna Jimenez

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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 June 2025 Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Updates, APOT, and Open Discussion. <u>Materials</u>: June 2025 Meeting Minutes <u>Agenda Items for Discussion</u>: None. <u>Other Member Announcements</u>: Jesse Brucker announced his last meeting and introduced his replacements Jesus Arambula and Eric Frizzie. Dr. Yu announced Sutter Health received their stroke and cardiac comprehensive Joint Commission recertifications.
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 June 2025, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by James Hendricks and seconded by Robert Kasparian.
EMS Committee Update <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<u>MAC/OAC</u>: Triage for stroke care update – continue collaborate with Dr. Kevin Keenan at UC Davis using tools to identify Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO) strokes in the field and triage the patients to a comprehensive stroke center. <u>STEMI/Stroke</u>: SCEMSA is going to incorporate out of hospital cardiac arrest data review into its study review. April CARES report resulted in Sacramento County not performing as well as rest of the state and nation in cardiac arrest outcomes. <u>Trauma (TIC)</u>: Next Trauma meeting is first Thursday of September – September 4, 2025. SCEMSA continues to move forward with Pre-Hospital Blood. Anticipating September 1, 2025, launch date. <u>TAG</u>: The group continues to ensure EMS providers in the field are making appropriate EMS impressions and documenting the appropriate procedures.
APOT <i>Dr. Gregory Kann & Tom McGinnis</i>	<u>APOT Data Issues</u>: Changes to Schematron caused ImageTrend data issues. The APOT link is temporarily removed from SCEMSA's website until the State resolves the issues. Extended Stakeholder meeting with Dale Ainsworth on August 13, 2025, to address APOT issues and look for areas of collaboration and programs that the group can move forward. APOT Operations Group first set of meetings were conducted which addressed extended APOT. Look for case reviews in the next couple weeks with scenarios involving patient cases.

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Open Discussion <i>Tom McGinnis & Dr. Gregory Kann, Dr. Kasirye</i>	<u>Legislation Update (AB40)</u>: Emergency APOT regulations in place that reflect AB40. Reaching out to APOT Committees to figure out tracking of Emergency Regulations vs Traditional Regulation. Formal process is 180 days to take to the state. <u>FY 2025-26 Growth Requests</u>: Maintaining positions and services for now. Growth requests were not approved. <u>Staffing Update</u>: SCEMSA - EMS Coordinator interviews begin the week of August 18, 2025. <u>EMS Revenue Analysis</u>: Collaborated with Paige Wolfberg. David Magnino, will return as a retired annuitant to assist with completing the revenue analysis. <u>AEMT</u> - Effort to rewrite Scope of Practice and National Scope of Practice for an AEMT. <u>TAD Program Update</u>: Live April 1, 2025, with Paramedics from Sacramento City Fire and Cosumnes Fire Department. Success with Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center. Now shifting focus from high acuity to low acuity for a choice of stabilization units or urgent care. <u>Extended CPR (ECPR) / Extracorporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO)</u>: CARES data shows Sacramento County lags behind the state and nation when it comes to cardiac arrest patients. UPSTEIN CPR patients have a 25% of walking out of the hospital. ECMO patients experience full recovery up to the 40% range. ECMO is very effective in Southern California. SCEMSA may move forward with a pilot program that would be at least a year.
Roundtable - Member Comments	<u>Eric Frizzie</u>: Appreciates the effort of EMAG and that we genuinely care. <u>James Hendricks</u>: Is excited about the A-EMT program. <u>Brian Meader</u>: Excited about how EMAG has grown and developed and what Heath Services has accomplished. Commends the County's and stakeholders.
Public Comment	<u>Matt Burrue</u>: Appreciate effort for APOT Success and AEMT world. Brian Jensen – Acknowledged the growth that has happened over the years with EMAG, the sustained relationships, sustained investment and willingness to try new and bold ideas. Commends the County and all participants for the achievements being made.
Staff Comments	None
Closing Remarks and Adjourn <i>Dr. Kasirye</i>	Dr. Kasirye thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting.
Next Meeting	Thursday, October 9, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Thursday, December 4, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM