

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

June 12, 2025. 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Location

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

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

	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/Tim Reeser 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	
X	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance		County Public Health Division – Dr. Olivia Kasirye, M.D.
	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.
	Hospital System – Dr. Phillip Yu, M.D., Sutter Health		

Advisory Group Members in Attendance: 6 – *Quorum present (50% attendance + one)*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 9

Staff: Stephanie Mello, Kristin Bianco

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Topic	Minutes
Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	Dr. Kann welcomed advisory group members, guests, members of the public, reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. <u>Agenda Review</u> : Approval of April 2025 Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Updates, APOT, and Open Discussion. <u>Materials</u> : April 2025 Meeting Minutes <u>Agenda Items for Discussion</u> : None. <u>Other Member Announcements</u> :
Roll Call <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	Dr. Kann conducted roll call. Quorum was established by count.
Meeting Minutes <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<u>APPROVED</u> – Advisory Group members had no changes to the April 2025, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Jimmy Pierson and seconded by Dr. Joseph Galante.
EMS Committee Update <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<u>MAC/OAC</u> : June 12 th policy review. SCEMSA added the use of Magnesium into County policy to treat preeclampsia, those in respiratory distress and management of other pathologies. <u>STEMI/Stroke</u> : SCEMSA continues its ongoing work with the Stroke Compass project in collaboration with UC Davis. The next step is to move it out into the field. <u>TAG</u> : The group continues to meet and work on data collection. Challenges continue with in the in-field procedure documentation and administered medications. Complete and thorough documentation is necessary for QI Metrics. SCEMSA is working to tighten up its QI Metrics. <u>Trauma (TIG)</u> : No update. <u>TAD</u> : Dr. Kann presenting at the EMS Commission on June 18 th .
APOT <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<u>APOT</u> : APOT currently stands around 35 minutes, and the system is having challenges getting that number down to the agreed upon APOT of 30 minutes. <u>APOT Subgroup (Dale Ainsworth)</u> : Work with Dale and EMS system stakeholders (Behavioral Health, Hospitals, Skilled Nursing) where everyone identifies their needs when it comes to reducing APOT and what they can offer to decrease APOT. Focused projects will come out of the work with Dale. Brian Jensen noted that the primary drivers of APOT across the country all exist in Sacramento County.
Open Discussion <i>Tom McGinnis & Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<u>EMS Roadmap</u> : The Fiscal Year 2025-26 growth requests for one (1) EMS Specialist to develop the BLS program and ImageTrend Data Registry have not been approved in the current Recommended Budget. There remains a chance that in the mid-year budget the ImageTrend Data Registry request may be approved. SCEMSA having its own data repository, allows for more in depth data analysis and provide more insight into APOT.

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	<p><u>EMS Staffing</u>: SCEMSA is accepting EMS Coordinator applications until July 18th.</p> <p><u>EMS for Children (EMSC)</u>: The President's budget discontinued funding of the Health Readiness Services Administration which funds EMS for Children, which makes it a challenge to move this program forward.</p> <p><u>Revenue/Fee Assessment</u>: The County will renew the PWW contract to finish up some work and present their findings to stakeholders and the Board of Supervisors.</p> <p><u>Regulation Review</u>: There are a set of regulations out for public review and comment. Included in the review is how AB40 (APOT) will be handled in the State.</p> <p><u>AEMT</u>: SCEMSA launched the AEMT pilot program. AlphaOne is utilizing AEMTs for inter-facility transports without any adverse events. This highlights that AEMT's have a place and can function within our EMS system. The next step is to approach the State to expand the pilot program to include 911 calls. Including AEMTs in the EMS system will make available paramedics for the truly emergent situations.</p> <p><u>Prehospital Whole Blood</u>: SCEMSA received State approval in September 2024 and Sacramento City Fire is ready to start. UC Davis is able to provide the whole blood.</p> <p><u>TAD Program Update</u>: The program went live April 1st. There have been two (2) refusals with the Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center. Discussion with County Behavioral Health leadership will happen on how to troubleshoot beds. SCEMSA continues to work on getting more providers up to speed.</p>
Roundtable - Member Comments	<p><u>Joseph Drago (REACH)</u>: REACH hired a fire department liaison focusing on local and regional relationships. Also conducting classes on airway management.</p> <p><u>Dr. Galante</u>: UC Davis Medical Center received final verification from the American College of Surgeons for their level one adult and pediatric trauma centers. There are only 34 of those joint centers in the country.</p> <p><u>Jimmy Pierson (Medic Ambulance)</u>: Happy to see the progress made on APOT and the continuing conversations.</p>
Public Comment	<p><u>Terry Liddell (Mercy San Juan Medical Center)</u>: We are in beginning stages of trying to get our executive leadership team free up ED beds by finding creative spaces for and ED boarding area.</p> <p><u>Najwa Green (Mercy General Hospital)</u>: Mercy General has seen an increase of pediatric patients and is discussion with Metro that there are more appropriate locations to transport pediatric patients. Transferring a pediatric patient can take up to 4 hours and delays freeing up beds. The ED also opened up an Obstetric ER area separate from the ED to triage obstetric patients. Additional new process for 5150 patients - if the patient is too aggressive, for staff safety, staff contact law enforcement.</p>
Staff Comments	<p><u>Kristin Bianco (SCEMSA)</u>: Dr. Kann was awarded the EMS Director of the Year.</p> <p><u>Stephanie Mello (SCEMSA)</u>: The final filing date for EMS Coordinator application is June 18th.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn	<p>Dr. Kann thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting.</p>

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<i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i> <i>Tom McGinnis</i>	
Next Meeting	Thursday, August 14, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Thursday, October 9, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM