

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

October 9, 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 – Eric Frizzie, Detective, Sacramento County Sheriff
	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	
	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
x	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: 7 – *Quorum present (50% attendance + two)*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 10

Staff: 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 August 2025 Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Updates, APOT, and Open Discussion. <u>Materials</u> : August 2025 Meeting Minutes <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 August 2025, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by James Hendricks and seconded by Rachel Wyatt.
EMS Committee Update <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i>	<u>MAC/OAC</u> : Implementing policy changes bringing forward best practices; taking stakeholder input to incorporate into policy updates. High Priority: California Surgeon General, Dr. Ramos put forward for all local US Agencies to look at pre-natal policies for humans, specifically in managing prehospital hypertension in pregnant patients, managing post-partum care, pre-eclampsia, eclampsia and types of prenatal interventions. <u>STEMI/Stroke</u> : Policy changes on destination for suspected large vessel occlusive strokes for patients that are outside the window of thrombolytics. This will come down to soliciting some voting from stakeholders on how we move forward. Final determination at county level on stroke destination policy at stroke meeting in November. <u>Trauma (TIC)</u> : Next Trauma meeting is the second Thursday of November – November 13, 2025. SCEMSA appreciates Sac Fire and other EMS Agencies coming forward with robust effort to be involved in the trauma improvement community. Stepping up and attending these meetings and bringing cases for discussion, as we move forward into pre-hospital blood, bringing those cases will be very important. <u>TAG</u> : Changes with CEMSIS data reporting. To enhance reporting with behavioral scores (BARS) for adjudicated patients, we are asking for better documentation elements (in ePCRs) in it around triage to alternate destination that we are looking to make better due to unsafe scene documentation.
APOT <i>Dr. Gregory Kann & Tom McGinnis</i>	<u>APOT Parallel Groups</u> : APOT Operations Group - Moved forward into case conference series. Hospitals bring forward APOT delay instances, gather information, apply best practices, elevate issues or address and come up with solutions. First opportunity was last month with Kaiser Roseville, great discussion to pick cases apart. Terry Liddell, MSJ, is presenting case end of October to dissect and understand if any opportunities shall be addressed or ways to do it quicker. SCEMSA wants hospitals to present a case and have the opportunity to dig

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	into their case, for everyone to see again, and see what's been identified from various obstacles and distributed across our entire stakeholder group. <u>APOT 2.0:</u> Expansion of MIH outreach, more MIH presence in the community was put forward. Great discussion surrounding 911 dispatch. Better opportunity for patients to be directed to appropriate location. Bringing dispatch into 2.0 meeting to work on some solutions with their leadership. Excellent data is being carried out with Dale Ainsworth and Sac State partners to find associations with various factors and APOT to narrow down where these patient calls are coming from. The goal is to talk about them, have targeted interventions within those particular areas, and mitigate some of those 911 calls. There is a current downtrend in APOT. APOT measurement is at 27 minutes. Sacramento County came into 2025 in the high 30-to-40-minute range, saw a blip up in the respiratory viral season, but steady down trend, now at 27 minutes. <i>Robert Kasparian</i> – commented: Having challenges with communication between passing information. Looking for a “One Stop Shop”, navigator to contact physician, send emails, phone calls etc. <i>Brian Morr</i> – commented: Not to focus on MIH – to broaden thought process. Coordinated to make the most of the resources we have. Gave example of what San Diego did 15 years ago, creating mental health data base, and offered free to every provider in county. This way all providers would have access to all information, to see all patient visited locations, ambulance trips, ED visits, all in one place. <i>Dr. Kasirye</i> – appreciated Brian Morr's comment and requested Brian to write up a report that she can present to Public Health leadership.
Open Discussion <i>Tom McGinnis & Dr. Gregory Kann, Dr. Kasirye</i>	<u>Staffing Update:</u> Introduced Katie Cloonan as EMS Coordinator to replace Sydney Freer. <u>FY 2025-26 Growth Requests:</u> Working through process on retaining EMS Specialist to fill Katie's position. <u>EMS Revenue Analysis:</u> David Magnino started helping move forward starting October 8, 2025. At the next meeting, December 11, 2025, new timelines should be introduced. <u>Legislation Update (AB40):</u> Emergency APOT – SCEMSA is very limited to what can be pulled out of ImageTrend state repository. With no money we are unable to have our own system, in which we would be able to insert certain data elements and collect data locally, differently. This is a goal SCEMSA has, and we will be able to look at our own data internally.

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	<u>AEMT</u> – Looking to expand AEMTs within current pilot to actual scene calls with AlphaOne. EMSA granted approval, as well as Liz Baznett, EMSA Executive Director, Hernando Garzon, Chief Medical Officer, and TASA, with possible further information if needed. Thank you to Matt Burruell, for communicating and helping with dispatch, SCEMSA will be communicating back to EMSA and making our case that we want to be allowing AEMTs to do some scene calls. This gives Sacramento County an opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness and the safety of the program. <u>Prehospital Blood:</u> None <u>TAD Program:</u> SCEMSA has implemented a monthly call with our TAD facilities. Brought Sacramento County Mental Health Treatment Center Urgent Care online to bring the patients that don't meet criteria for 72-hour hold but are able to be seen in urgent care. Meeting with Heritage Oaks next week to bring on board as TAD partner. Seen success with billing. Trying to mitigate the fact that there is no building pathway for our providers to get compensated for this work. All of Sacramento County ALS providers are encouraged to jump on Triage to Alternate destination.
Roundtable - Member Comments	None.
Public Comment	None.
Staff Comments	None.
Closing Remarks and Adjourn <i>Dr. Kasirye</i>	Dr. Kasirye thanked everyone for participating in today's meeting.
Next Meeting	Thursday, December 11, 2025 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Thursday, February 12, 2026 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM