

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

June 18, 2020

1:00 PM

Via Teleconference Only

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle, Karen Wilson, Tom Wilkinson, Chip Griffin, Dr. Karen Hilgar, Justin Lang. Lisa Epps, Nick Munoz

STAFF: Jim Whitworth

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nanette Wardle called the meeting to order at 1:03 PM. There was not a quorum present.

B. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Chairperson Wardle did a roll call of those on the teleconference and each one introduced themselves to the group.

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

No quorum present to approve the agenda.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Tabled to the next meeting.

F. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Tom Wilkinson

No report.

- **HPP Grant Discussion** – Nanette Wardle

- FY 20/21 Grant Application for \$127,000 was submitted to the State on 6/17/20.
- Mountain-Valley allowed \$36,000 approved in FY 19/20 for FirstWatch to be used for the COVID response, so that amount was included in the FY 20/21 budget as well as the first year's maintenance fee.
- The grant budget includes the purchase of 600 stat packs of PPE. Committee members were asked if there are other items that could potentially be purchased by the grant. No other needs were identified.

2. **MCSO** – Not present

3. **American Red Cross** – Not present
4. **CHP** – Not present
5. **MCHSA** – Not present
6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – Karen Wilson
 - County Fire is dealing with COVID response.
 - No representative from Cal Fire.
7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Not present.
8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Justin Lang
 - Hoping volumes will pick up with COVID winding down.
9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth
 - The Agency hired Justin Murdock as the EMS Critical Care Coordinator. He will oversee the Stroke and STEMI programs and be the liaison for Calaveras and Amador County.
 - The Agency hired Mike Vitro as the EMS Education/Disaster Coordinator. He is developing the Mobile Simulation Lab that will be used for EMS education throughout our five member county region.
 - The policy workgroup has been working on clinical protocol updates.
10. **YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC** – Chip Griffin
 - Yosemite National Park reopened on June 11, 2020 to general visitation in the valley.
 - The regulated 1700 vehicles per day appears to be working.
 - Craig Balbalian departed in January 2020 and that position is now being filled by George Hein.
 - The clinic looks to expand to 50 hours per week after the July 4th weekend and then to 60 hrs per week in mid-August.
 - COVID plans include to establish a holding facility in the clinic with the capacity to keep a patient overnight or up to several days until downhill facilities are not able to accept the patient. John C. Fremont hospital loaned the clinic a transport ventilator for this purpose. There have not been any COVID patients in the clinic to date.
 - Since JCF hospital has COVID testing capacity now, could the Yosemite Clinic deliver specimens for testing to the hospital while the patient waits in the clinic?
 - Tom Wilkinson said it is something to talk through and evaluate as various factors are involved.
 - Justin Lang shared Mercy Air has policies and procedures in place to transport a critically ill COVID-19 patient out of the Park if needed.

- Nick Munoz reported collaboration with the County has helped improve the time period to receive COVID test results for suspected patients. The immediate changes made in the clinic to meet CDC have been reviewed and further changes have been made to enhance controlled access points and provide outside screening and testing until weather prohibits outdoor operations.

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

12. **NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE** – Karen Wilson

- Are there any updates about getting the clinic back up in Greeley Hill?
- Tom Wilkinson shared the general plan is to try to open this summer.

13. **SOUTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

G. **NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 1:00 PM

H. **ADJOURNMENT** – Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:28 PM.