

**Mountain-Valley
Emergency Medical Services Agency
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
October 14, 2015**

Location: Copperopolis Fire Station
Training Room
370 Main St.
Copperopolis, CA 95228

Time: 9:00 AM

Board Members Present: Terry Woodrow – Alpine County; Louise Boitano – Amador County (Chair); Debbie Ponte – Calaveras County; John Carrier (Vice-Chair) – Mariposa County; Jim DeMartini – Stanislaus County

Guests: Mike Johnson, Al Lennox, Alan McNany, Ted Novelli

Staff: Richard Murdock - Executive Director; Lance Doyle – Quality Improvement/Trauma Coordinator; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/Financial Services Assistant

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Boitano with a quorum of members present.

B. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed those present and self-introductions were accomplished.

C. Correspondence

None

D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda

Item M, Policy Development Process, was removed from the agenda.

M/S/C (Woodrow/DeMartini) To Approve the Agenda as corrected.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

E. Public Forum

None

F. Approval of Consent Calendar

M/S/C (Woodrow/DeMartini) To Approve the Consent Calendar.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

G. CalSTAR Agreement Extension

Mr. Murdock reviewed the concerns of CalSTAR counsel regarding language in the agreement that does not comply with the federal Airline Deregulation Act of 1984. CalSTAR is currently refusing to sign a renewed agreement unless changes are made. Mr. Murdock will seek guidance from Amador County Counsel and requested the Board approve an extension of the current CalSTAR agreement to December 31, 2015.

M/S/C (Ponte/Woodrow) To Extend the Current CalSTAR Agreement to December 31, 2015

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

H. STEMI Receiving Center Agreements

Mr. Murdock presented the STEMI Receiving Center Agreements for renewal by January 1, 2016. The hospitals are currently reviewing the documents which are essentially unchanged from the present agreements. The Board was asked to approve the agreements and authorize the Executive Director to sign them once the hospitals have agreed to the contract provisions.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Woodrow) To Approve the STEMI Receiving Center Agreements and Authorize the Executive Director to Sign the Documents.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

I. FY 15-16 HPP Grant Contract Amendment

Mr. Murdock and Mrs. Watson explained the current contracting process with California Department of Public Health Emergency Preparedness Office (CDPH-EPO) and the associated deadlines imposed on the Agency. The finalized documents for the FY 15-16 Hospital Preparedness Project Grant are currently in process at CDPH-EPO with no timeline provided for their return to the Agency. The Board was asked to authorize the Executive Director to sign the contract amendment upon its receipt, so the executed agreement may be returned to CDPH-EPO within the timeframe required.

M/S/C (DeMartini/Woodrow) To Approve the FY 15-16 HPP Grant Contract Amendment and Authorize the Executive Director to sign the finalized document.

Vote: 5-0

Motion Passed

J. Butte Fire Report

Mr. Doyle summarized the Agency involvement in the Butte Fire, citing the work of the MHOAC program, the EMS Duty Officer, and the Agency DOC. He described the situation reporting process and follow-up After Action meetings which are on-going.

Mr. Murdock recognized the contributions of American Legion Ambulance in supporting the Medical/Health operations during the fire. Board members extended their thanks to both ALA and the Agency for the work performed and follow-up reports provided.

K. Advanced EMT Program

Mr. Murdock explained the current status of the Advanced EMT Program in Calaveras County. After several delays, the orientation at Mark Twain Medical Center was held on October 12, 2015. Six students began a 6 week refresher course which will be followed by clinical time in the hospital ED and 40 hours of ambulance ride time. A National Registry written test and skills testing will complete the steps for certification. Implementation of Advanced EMTs with the fire service is expected by February 2016.

L. Community Paramedic Pilot Study

Mr. Murdock reported Dr. Mackey is currently devoting 80% of his Agency time to the Community Paramedic Pilot Study. Mr. Doyle is also contributing time, and Richard Murdock remains the program director. The Pilot Study was implemented on September 25, 2015. In the first 10 days, 10 patients were transported to CERT with 7 of those admitted to the hospital for mental health treatment. This is the only pilot site in California to study on this topic. The study period is one year and beyond that will be work to complete with OSHPD and work with the California legislature to ultimately expand the scope of practice for Paramedics in this State.

M. Policy Development Process

Removed from the Agenda.

N. Financial Signature Card Update

Mrs. Watson reported back to the Board that the Resolution issued to update the Agency signature cards is required to cite individual names rather than Agency position. This requirement is issued by both the Stanislaus County Auditor and Valley First Credit Union.

O. Agency and County Reports

Alpine County – No report.

Amador County – Thanks to CalFire for all their work on the Butte Fire.

Calaveras County – The County is processing through the Butte Fire in recovery mode.

Mariposa County - A member of the local EMS Committee was diagnosed with terminal cancer. The Sheriff Deputy wounded in the officer-involved shooting will survive but faces a long recovery.

Stanislaus County – No report.

P. Next Scheduled Meeting

December 9, 2015, 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

Q. Adjournment

Chairman Boitano adjourned the meeting at 10:07 AM.