

**Mountain-Valley  
Emergency Medical Services Agency  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
December 9, 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: Al Lennox

Staff: Richard Murdock - Executive Director; Susan Watson – Executive Secretary/Financial Services Assistant

**A. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am by Chairman Boitano with a quorum of members present.

**B. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

**C. Correspondence**

Calaveras County Fire Chiefs Association letter dated December 8, 2015 requesting Policy 409.00, Non Transport Equipment and Supply Inventory, be removed from the Consent Calendar pending further consideration.

**D. Additions/Deletions, Corrections to Agenda**

M/S/C (Ponte/Woodrow) To Approve the Agenda as written.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**E. Public Forum**

Mr. Lennox wished the Board a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; and thanked the Board for all they do for EMS in Amador and Calaveras Counties.

**F. Approval of Consent Calendar**

Policy 407.00, Transporting Ambulance Equipment and Supply Inventory; and Policy 409.00, Non Transport Equipment and Supply Inventory, were removed from the Consent Calendar by the Agency Executive Director.

M/S/C (Woodrow/Carrier) To Approve the Consent Calendar as amended.

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**G. Policy Development Process**

Mr. Murdock explained the current internal process the Agency follows to review, update and issue policies for approval. Each policy is being carefully reviewed in detail and the Agency will place policies for Board approval on the meeting consent calendar throughout the coming year.

**H. CALSTAR Agreement Renewal**

Mr. Murdock requested the Board approve a second amendment to extend the present agreement with CALSTAR to July 1, 2016. This will provide time for CALSTAR to respond to the Agency letter dated November 11, 2015. In contention are the provisions of the US Department of Transportation guidelines dated April 2015. Legal counsel for CALSTAR will meet with Amador County Counsel for discussion. This issue is not specific to the Agency. Other EMS Agencies are experiencing the same challenge with CALSTAR. There are not similar challenges from other air ambulance providers.

**M/S/C (Woodrow/Ponte) To Extend the Current CalSTAR Agreement to July 1, 2016**

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**I. ALS First Response Agreement with Modesto Fire**

Mr. Murdock described the agreement renewal with Modesto Fire for ALS First Response service. The agreement has been approved by the Modesto City Council.

**M/S/C (DeMartini/Woodrow) To Approve the Renewed Agreement with Modesto Fire for ALS First Response and Authorize the Executive Director to sign the finalized document.**

Vote: 5-0

**Motion Passed**

**J. HPP Contract Amendment Update**

Mr. Murdock reported the Agency work plan and grant funding for the FY 15-16 HPP project was approved by CDPH-EPO on December 8, 2015. The contract amendment documents are expected in the next few weeks.

**K. Annual EMS Plan Update**

Mr. Murdock reviewed the history and path to the 2011 EMS Plan approval, citing the avoidance of a lawsuit related to the Transportation Plan for Amador County. On January 27, 2015, the State EMS Authority granted an exemption from submission of a 5-year plan, permitting a LEMSA to choose to submit either a 5-year plan or annual plans moving forward. The Agency is 80% finished with a 5-year plan for the period of 2012-2016, and plans to submit it when completed. Moving forward, the Agency will submit annual plans. The Agency is currently operating under the 2011 EMS Plan, and this will continue until the next approval is received.

**L. Community Paramedic Pilot Study**

Mr. Murdock shared there was an OSHPD site survey on November 19, 2015. The Agency was asked to be the "poster child" for the Pilot Study process and invited to present/testify before the State legislature when the time is appropriate. Dr. Mackey has devoted many hours to this project.

The State also recognized American Legion Ambulance for their Critical Care Transport Paramedic project in Amador and Calaveras Counties. It is the first in the State of California. ALA and the Agency worked together to develop policies and procedure approved by Dr. Mackey. ALA sent all field supervisors to Loyola College in Chicago, IL for training to expand the scope of work for

paramedics. More clinical training hours are currently needed, and Dr. Mackey has arranged to provide these through Kaiser in January 2016.

**M. Financial Audit**

Mrs. Watson reported the audit of the FY 2014/2015 financial records will be performed by Fechter and Company, and will begin with field work scheduled in January 2016.

**N. Agency and County Reports**

*Agency* – Dr. Mackey and Mr. Murdock will meet with Craig Marks of Mark Twain Medical Center regarding Base Hospital responsibilities.

The Agency is beginning development of Stroke Systems of Care in Stanislaus County. Doctors Medical Center, Memorial Medical Center and Kaiser Medical Center are interested in designation. Oak Valley Hospital is exploring stroke telemedicine. There will be a presentation on this topic at the Stanislaus County EMSC meeting on December 10, 2015.

Last week, Mr. Murdock met with Rich Todd, El Dorado County EMS Administrator. The contract for ambulance service has expired and the Agency is reaching out to renew the agreement. Dr. Johnson advised Supervisor Woodrow will follow-up on this issue. Mr. Murdock will coordinate.

*Alpine County* – No report.

*Amador County* – There have been debriefings with PG&E and CalFire regarding the Butte Fire. The County may plan a debrief for the public perhaps in conjunction with Calaveras County.

*Calaveras County* – The County continues to recover from the Butte Fire. A debriefing is planned in 2016. CAL OES and FEMA have reported the County is recovering well and a good pace.

*Mariposa County* - The County is actively recruiting for a new Health Officer. Dr. Rose is serving in the interim. Dr. Ryder resigned in November 2015. Dr. Mosher cannot return due to CALPERS retirement rules.

*Stanislaus County* – No report.

**O. Next Scheduled Meeting**

February 10, 2016 at 9:00 AM, Copperopolis Fire Station Training Room

**P. Adjournment**

Chairman Boitano adjourned the meeting at 9:45 AM.