

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

October 17, 2019

1:00 PM

SHERIFF'S ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
5099 Old Hwy N  
MARIPOSA, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle, Dr. Sergienko, Morris Jones, Jeremy Briese, Tom Wilkinson, Karen Wilson, Justin Lang, Esther McIlvain, Steven Lewis

STAFF: Jim Whitworth, Lance Doyle

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Nanette Wardle called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with a quorum present.

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

Self-introductions were made by all participants.

C. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

D. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

M/S/C (Dr. Sergienko/Tom Wilkinson) To approve the agenda as written.

E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Dr. Sergienko noted Rick Lindgren's name is misspelled in the CHP report.

M/S/C (Dr. Sergienko/Tom Wilkinson) To approve the minutes from August 15, 2019.

F. **REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD** – Tom Wilkinson

The north side clinic is currently delayed by OSHPD regulation.

Nanette Wardle shared the hospital had looked at a school as a possible site, but it is too large. Dr. Sergienko reported there have been some talks of using the school for a County building but the challenge would be finding the funding to buy the building and perform renovations.

The owner of the damaged clinic building is still waiting on the insurance company to decide what they will do. He hired his own structural engineer who said the building needed to come down. Rebuilding has not been decided.

The hospital sends a provider over three days a week for in-home visits. And patients are still encouraged to come to the hospital clinic if they are able. Gas cards are still being offered for those that travel to the hospital clinic.

The license for the north side clinic had to be surrendered, but the hospital will reapply once another site is ready to function.

- HPP Grant Discussion – Nanette Wardle
  - The approved budget has been received from CDPH-EPO.
  - The FirstWatch request from EMS has been approved.
  - A small generator for the isolation tent will be purchased.
  - For the Statewide Medical Health Exercise:
    - The County is participating in two days of communications tabletop exercises with Region V. Morris Jones is in charge.
    - On November 21, 2019 the hospital is going to set up and run an exercise with the Closed POD.
- 2. **MCSO** – Jeremy Briese
  - No report
- 3. **American Red Cross** – Not present
- 4. **CHP** – Steven Lewis
  - No report
- 5. **MCHHSA** – Dr. Sergienko
  - EMS Continuing Education is offered on the third Wednesday. Jim Whitworth said this was discussed at LQIG and the new clinical base lead is going to set up training with Dr. Sergienko.
  - The hours for Gonzalo Tafoya are being reviewed. He is a nurse currently employed at John C. Fremont, Sonoma, Merced; and as an extra Public Health nurse who has done some of the immunization clinics. Dr. Sergienko would also like him to do some of the EMS Continuing Education as well as participate in some of the contract oversight work by taking some time from one of his other jobs to be in EMS at the County level.
- 6. **CAL FIRE/COUNTY FIRE** – Karen Wilson
  - Training has been postponed due to fire season.
  - Dr. Sergienko would like to see the work continue on the Public Safety First Aid documents.
  - Jim Whitworth explained the EMR test is composed of questions selected from the National EMR test bank. He has been working with Karen on scheduling the tests so he can be available to administer them.

- Dr Sergienko wondered what the reading grade level is for the test.
- Lance Doyle asked if the Agency's grading app is being used to score the EMR tests.
- Esther McIlvain recommended some attention be given to the students identifying their personal learning style, study habits, recommended study habits.
- Tom Wilkinson commented the data analytics from the test results will help identify some of the common challenges.

7. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT** – Jesse Figueroa  
Not present.

8. **AIR AMBULANCE** – Esther McIlvain  
No report.

Dr. Sergienko asked if Public Health can receive some feedback from air ambulance such as final diagnosis, triage, patient outcome.

9. **MVEMSA** – Jim Whitworth

- Dr. Greg Kann will attend LQIG and EMCC on December 19, 2019.
- Lance Doyle shared the first draft of the new response time grids, reviewing the base response time map. The map uses the National Grid System with population density indicated by color. Some areas have been identified by Dr. Sergienko and Supervisor Menetrey as pockets of population that need to be reviewed for response times. This is the starting point for the new response times and will eventually be uploaded with the response time per grid into the ECC CAD so it will be possible to generate compliance reports for the ambulance provider and integrate with FirstWatch and FirstPass which allows the Agency to see clinical performance County-wide.
- Dr. Sergienko explained more of the population density details on the map. There can also be a pin map which shows where most of the EMS patients are located.
- Lance Doyle stated the current contract for ambulance services terms on December 31, 2019. It will probably be extended another six months until the new contract is completed.
- Dr. Sergienko discussed the ambulance response times and how they will be improved in the new contract. Response times will be a little longer, but the response areas will be larger.

10. **YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC** – Not Present

Dr. Sergienko reported the new Medical Director is Karen Hilton. The clinic is switching to an EMS model. UCLA and the Clinic are talking about having UCLA Emergency Medicine Residents rotate up here to do STAR, EMS, Clinic and possibly air ambulance patients.

Esther McIlvain said UCSD trains with Mercy Air so training for UCLA can likely be accommodated.

11. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE** – Not present

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

- No report

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

G. **NEXT MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 1:00 PM**

H. **ADJOURNMENT** – Nanette Wardle adjourned the meeting at 1:35 PM.