

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

December 12, 2017

1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle (Chair), Jesse Figueroa (Vice-Chair), Megan King, Dr. Sergienko, Morris Jones, Danny Suarez, John Morgan, Jeremy Briese, Anthony Lassos

GUESTS: Steve Crabtree, Chip Griffin, Jennifer Marshall

STAFF: Lance Doyle, Jim Whitworth

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Nanette Wardle (Chair).

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Committee members were welcomed and self-introductions were conducted.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Nanette Wardle changed the agenda to replace the Chempack Presentation with the MHOAC presentation.

M/S/C (Sergienko/King) To approve the meeting agenda as amended.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (Figueroa/Sergienko) To approve the meeting minutes as written.

F. MHOAC PRESENTATION

Morris Jones presented and explained the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) role and responsibilities in providing guidance to staff in the incident area and responding to mutual aid resource requests during a medical and public health emergency. Dr. Sergienko is the primary MHOAC for Mariposa County. Morris Jones and Melissa Fluharty have been designated as the secondary MHOAC. The MHOAC communicates with Nick Liggett, RDMHS for Region V to elevate medical/health resource requests as needed.

Dr. Sergienko shared Public Health is currently coordinating with the Sheriff's Department to improve planning for mass fatality management to include family resource centers and overcoming language barriers as there are many international visitors to the area.

G. MASS CASUALTY PLAN WORKING GROUP

Dr. Sergienko invited the working group members to meet briefly after the EMCC meeting to coordinate a future meeting date for the working group to convene. Representatives from Yosemite National Park and Riggs Ambulance were invited to participate as well. The working group will be reviewing and updating the County's 2011 Mass Casualty Plan.

H. KETAMINE STUDY UPDATE

Jim Whitworth reminded the Committee of the study to use Ketamine for pain management. This is a statewide project. There is commitment from three counties within the MVEMSA region and five counties outside the region. The study begins February 1, 2018. Mercy Medical Transport has committed to participate. The treatment protocol and policy are available on the Agency website. There will be a data component to the study as well, but it is not expected to be difficult to collect. The goal of the study is to see Ketamine use for pain management go into legislation within one year.

I. MOA BETWEEN MARIPOSA COUNTY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Dr. Sergienko reported progress has been made. A draft copy was supplied electronically to the Committee for review and comment. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure the area from the park boundary at El Portal down to Briceburg has an adequate level of response in terms of automatic aid and mutual aid from the Park Service. The agreement is nearly ready for a final review by legal counsel before being sent out for signatures.

Chip Griffin reviewed the history of the Park Service mutual aid up to Briceburg. The previous agreement lapsed in 2016. The present MOA is being developed to again put in writing the Park Service response that has been and continues to be provided without interruption.

Dr. Sergienko said the agreement is being crafted to allow the County to provide some funding to help maintain ambulance service in El Portal. Chip Griffin shared the staffing challenges for the El Portal ambulance.

J. REPORTS:

A. JCFHCD:

- HPP Grant Discussion
 - Nanette Wardle used the HPP budget to purchase twelve air scrubbers. They are at the hospital and can be requested as needed.
 - A draft Closed Point Of Dispensing (POD) Plan for John C. Fremont hospital was presented to the Healthcare Coalition (HCC) at today's meeting. Nanette explained the closed POD would be used to dispense medication to hospital and EMS personnel and their family members in the event mass prophylaxis is required. Dr. Sergienko explained Public Health would run an Open POD to provide medication to the general public. Nanette will provide a copy of the draft plan to interested EMCC members.

- Morris Jones provided a ChemPack presentation to the HCC at today's meeting. The closest source is in Merced.
- Mass Casualty Planning has been in the HPP work plan for the past 18 months. Work will begin today after the EMCC meeting.

B. MCSO:

- No report

C. American Red Cross:

- Not Present

D. CHP:

- Lt. Rebecca Hagen is being promoted to Captain and transferring to Merced effective February 1, 2018. Future EMCC emails should also be sent to Sgt. Anthony Lassos. Contact information for the next commander will be provided when it is available.

E. MCHD:

- Dr. Sergienko recently participated in the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Local Capabilities Working Group in Sacramento. Over the next two State fiscal years, the County will have deliverables for the MCI Plan, Mass Fatality Management Plan, and Closed POD Plan.
- Narcan will be going out to first responder agencies at the beginning of 2018.
- An EMT class begins January 8, 2018 at John C. Fremont hospital.
- Lance Doyle will follow-up with Richard Murdock at MVEMSA regarding a document for the doctors at Yosemite Ski and Snowboard Area (formerly Badger Pass) to use to sign patients over to the Park Service.
- Riggs Ambulance provided the County with over 200 R.A.T.S. tourniquets. They have been shared among Public Health and first responder agencies.
- Dr. Sergienko is offering 2 hours of Continuing Education for EMRs, EMTs and Paramedics every month on the third Wednesday night in the Board Of Supervisors Chambers. Topic ideas are welcomed.

F. CAL FIRE:

- No report

G. COUNTY FIRE:

- Not present
- Eventually the representative from Cal Fire and County Fire will be the same person. The contract between the two entities has not yet been signed.

H. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT:**

- Jesse Figueroa reported there has been the first Chinese Fentanyl case in the County. The drug is available by mail order. The patient used the drug, then coded and died. The crew was able to resuscitate the person, but Narcan took about 10 minutes to work.
- A new paramedic was just hired. Another is getting ready to graduate in December and will be hired as a new paramedic after the first of the year. For the first time ever, there will be dual medic crews on Mercy 1.

I. **AIR AMBULANCE:**

- No report

J. **MVEMSA:**

- Lance Doyle reported MVEMSA will be participating in the Wednesday CE trainings and doing some training with CalFire.
- The Agency is working on MVEMSA BLS treatment protocols to bring them in line with the State. They are expected to be ready in May 2018.

K. **YOSEMITE MEDICAL CLINIC:**

- Jennifer Marshall reported there is an upcoming nurse changeover. One of the nurses is leaving. The clinic is in the process of interviewing for a replacement.
- PHI is presently handling night responses as needed. Riggs Air needs to develop a night approach plan before being able to perform night operations in the valley.
- HR 3607 was introduced by Congressman McClintock to help alleviate a financial problem in the Park. If enacted, the legislation would allow the Park to charge for clinic and EMS services and retain the revenue locally to help pay for salaries and supplies rather than having to remit it to the federal government.

L. **PHYSICIAN REPRESENTATIVE:**

- Not Present

M. **NORTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE:**

- Not Present

N. **SOUTH COUNTY CITIZEN REPRESENTATIVE:**

- Not present

O. **NEXT MEETING:**

Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 1:00 PM

P. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 1:50 PM