

# EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

## MINUTES

April 6, 2017  
1:00 p.m.

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nanette Wardle (Chair), Megan King, Deputy Chief Curtis Jackson, Undersheriff Byron Robles, Rich Drozen, Steven Ward, Dr. Sergienko, Preston Smith, Karen Wilson, Chip Griffin, Craig Balbalion

GUESTS: Steve Crabtree, Jacob Figueroa

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:**

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

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

M/S/C (Jackson/Robles) To approve the meeting minutes as written.

**F. MASS CASUALTY PLAN WORKING GROUP:**

Dr. Sergienko and Nanette will work on assembling a working group to review the Mass Casualty Plan. Members of the EMCC, National Park Service and other agencies within the region will be invited to participate.

**G. MOA BETWEEN MARIPOSA COUNTY AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE**

Dr. Sergienko distributed copies of the draft agreement to the Committee members for review. Mountain-Valley EMS Agency had previously provided feedback and County Counsel was given the document for review as well.

Chip Griffin recommended the agreement define the ambulance response service areas for Yosemite Valley and El Portal. The Committee members were asked to email Dr. Sergienko or Chip Griffin with any further comments.

**H. 5150 CAGE CAR TRANSPORT POLICY**

Lance Doyle highlighted the edits made to the policy since the previous meeting.

The definition section still needs to be completed, but the Committee was asked to approve the policy pending those changes.

**M/S/C** (Sergienko/Wilson) To approve the policy with the understanding the definitions will be completed prior to finalizing the document.

**MOTION PASSED**

**I. TRAINING MANIKIN**

Jim Whitworth explained the manikin will be used to assist in the paramedic accreditation process. Paramedics new to the Mountain-Valley region will be scheduled for a paramedic orientation, protocol test, and a 2 hour block of time to run through 5 protocol scenarios on the manikin. The scenarios have been completed. The policy and protocol check off sheet have been approved by the Agency Medical Director and Executive Director. Some equipment is still pending and it is hoped the manikin will be in use within a few weeks.

Aside from accreditations, the manikin will eventually be used to simulate cardiac arrest events in the field with all providers. Logistics for that include acquiring an ambulance for transport.

**J. REPORTS:**

1. **JCFHCD:**

- Nanette shared that changes in the HPP grant are requiring a healthcare coalition to have 2 acute care hospitals in order to qualify for funding. By September 1<sup>st</sup>, Mariposa County will have to combine with another county to develop an HPP work plan and budget for the entire coalition.
- Dr. Sergienko is looking at Stanislaus and Fresno counties as possible partners. The decision will come later.
- The Hazard Vulnerability Analysis was completed this morning. The results are being calculated.
- The next HPP Coalition meeting is May 4<sup>th</sup>.

2. **MCSO:**

- Nothing to report

3. **American Red Cross:**

- Not Present

4. **CHP:**

- Not Present

5. **MCHD:**

- Dr. Sergienko shared EMS Week is the week of 5/21/17 – 5/27/17. The theme is EMS Strong: Always in Service. The CAO will issue a resolution. If anyone else is interested in being part of the presentation at the Board of Supervisors meeting on 5/22/17 please let Dr. Sergienko know.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> is World CPR Day.
- The Forest Service now has a Medical Director for AEDs with devices and pads on their engines. Jim Whitworth said that changes in Health & Safety Code no longer required a medical director or physician for CPR and AEDs on public safety vehicles. The only requirement is to notify the Public Health Officer or EMS Agency that the AED device is on the vehicle.
- There will need to be a full-scale mass casualty exercise at a future date.

6. **CAL FIRE:**

- Currently in the second to last round of AED purchases and will soon have a device on every apparatus and at a majority of the fixed locations.
- Hiring for fire season has already begun.
- Fire season is beginning early this year.
- There is a tree mortality rotation for firefighters.
- Defensible space inspections are underway.
- Rich Drozen is retiring. A reorganization is underway in the Mariposa Division.

7. **COUNTY FIRE:**

- Will be burning a couple of houses for training purposes on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>.

8. **MERCY MEDICAL TRANSPORT:**

- Previously called away from the meeting

9. **AIR AMBULANCE:**

- Not Present

10. **MVEMSA:**

- Lance Doyle shared the value of the High Performance CPR training and encouraged Mariposa County Fire to coordinate with Mercy Ambulance to receive the refresher training.
- Trauma protocols will be approved by the JPA Board soon and include some minor changes.

11. **Yosemite Medical Clinic:**

- Chip Griffin introduced Craig Balbalion as the new EMT Supervisor and brings much experience and knowledge to the position.
- Casey Nelson is the new Physician Assistant at the clinic.
- The current Medical Director will be leaving in mid-June. The presumptive replacement will arrive for a visit soon.
- Chip Jenkins is the Acting Superintendent for Yosemite National Park for the next 120 days.
- April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day and April 23<sup>rd</sup> is National Park Effects Day. Health services will have a big presence in the park on both days to help educate park visitors.
- Summer hours of operation will begin May 15<sup>th</sup> and will be 10 hours a day, 7 days a week.

12. **Physician Representative:**

- Not Present

13. **North County Citizen Representative:**

- Karen Wilson will start an 8 day a Wilderness EMR course at Sonora City Fire on Monday, April 10, 2017.
- Karen continues to be the AED trainer for agencies throughout the Stanislaus National Forest.
- Coordination is underway to start a monthly health awareness day for the people of Greeley Hill.
- The American Heart Association would like to see people do a yearly refresher for healthcare provider CPR training.

14. **South County Citizen Representative:**

- Not present

**K. ELECTIONS**

Approved nominations from the February 2017 meeting were:

Nanette Wardle for Chair

Jesse Figueroa for Vice-Chair

There were no other nominations.

The vote was taken and the Committee members re-elected Nanette Wardle as Chairperson for a term of one year; and elected Jesse Figueroa for Vice-Chairperson for a term of one year.

**Next Meeting: [Thursday, June 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.](#)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 1:56 pm