

EMSAAC Board of Directors' Meeting Meeting Minutes

March 25, 2008

**Sheraton Gateway LAX
6101 West Century Blvd
Los Angeles, California**

| Agenda Item | Discussion | Action |
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| 1. Call to Order | EMSAAC President Bruce Lee and EMDAC President Eric Rudnick, MD, called the joint session of the EMSAAC and EMDAC meeting to order at 0905. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order. |
| 2. Joint Session EMSSAC/EMDAC | <p><u>EMSA Director's Briefing</u> Dan Smiley, Interim Director, briefed attendees. The State's administration is committed to timely finding a new EMSA Director. The recruit process started in January, but EMSA cannot predict the time until the new Director is seated.</p> <p>Through budget cuts, the FY 08-09 \$15 billion deficit has been reduced to \$7 billion. The Governor proposed 10% budget cuts, which would have eliminated \$690,000 from the poison control center budget, but this amount was increased to \$1 million by Senate. Other proposed cuts include \$242,200 from regional EMS agencies, and \$36,000 from RDMHS funding.</p> <p>The statewide, multidisciplinary EMT working group is evaluating statewide EMT-1 issues, such as background checks, discipline, and whether to create a statewide EMT registry/database.</p> <p>Mr. Smiley also noted that EMSA is evaluating proposals for an EMS license plate. Additional information and model plates are available at the EMSA website.</p> <p>EMSA continues its comprehensive work in disaster planning, including development of the CD-MOM, Mobile Field Hospitals, and Ambulance Strike Teams.</p> <p><u>Fire Line Medic: From Phantom to Fact</u> Cathy Chidester and Craig Vanderzwaag from the FIRESCOPE EMS Specialist Group briefed attendees on the draft Fire Line Medic proposal. The goal of this proposal is to create a statewide paramedic scope of practice and standard equipment list, for paramedics that work alone on</p> | |

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| | <p>fire lines in remote areas. FIREScope members believe a standardized state-wide fire line medic program would allow greater inter-county flexibility, thus improving firefighter and public medical care, while assuring that the fire line medic is oriented and integrated into local system. The proposed scope of practice and equipment list is based on evaluations of past deaths at large wild land fires. Fire line medics operate under medical unit leader within logistics branch.</p> <p>Dr. Erick Rudnick noted that EMDAC would be glad to provide technical support on scope of practice issues. Questions were raised about PCR distribution—how can the LEMSAs where the care is provided receive a copy of the PCR? Questions were also raised about a standard training curriculum—EMSA would like to be involved in the development of the Fire Line Medic position.</p> <p><u>CARES Study</u> Bryan McNally, MD, MPH, briefed the EMSAAC and EMDAC audience on the CARES (Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival) Study. CARES is a CDC-funded national study. CARES is a registry consistent with NEMSIS and Utstein criteria, not a research database. The CARES program would help systems identify how well an EMS system it providing cardiac care and compare that system against other systems across the nation. This is a critical program as annually 300,000 die from sudden cardiac death annually. Thirty-eight of the 50 largest cities, could not, or would not, report their communities' cardiac arrest survival rates. The key purposes of the CARES Study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a method for uniform consolidation of EMS, 911, hospital, information in a centralized registry using standard data elements • Generate reports of response interval and patient outcomes for participant agencies in a useful format • Allow participating agencies to confidentially benchmark performance. <p>If interested in participating in the CARES program, please contact DR. Bryan McNally</p> |
| <p>3. Welcome & Introductions</p> | <p>EMSAAC members, EMSA staff, and visitors introduced themselves.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action. |
| <p>4. Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda • Approval of Minutes • Financial Reports • New Membership | <p>After review, the agenda for the last meeting, and the financial report (budget and actual to date) were approved as distributed. M/S/C LaPolla/ Elliott.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes from the last meeting and the financial reports (budget and actual to date) were |

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| | <p>Discussion on whether to amend the agenda to add “EMS System Standards and Guidelines”. Motion to add this item to the agenda. M/S/C Ogar/LaPolla.</p> <p>Art Lathrop announced that the Hospital Association of Southern California (HASC) has applied to join EMSAAC as an associate member. Motion to accept HASC’s application and to grant associate status. M/S/C/Frenn/Barton.</p> | <p>approved as distributed. M/S/C LaPolla/Elliott.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMS System Standards and Guidelines” added to the agenda. M/S/C Ogar/LaPolla. • HASC’s granted status as associate member of EMSAAC. M/S/C/Frenn/Barton. |
| 5. Approval of 2008 CHEAC Contract | <p>Bruce Lee presented and endorsed a contract for calendar year 2008 with CHEAC for legislative services. The cost of the contract has risen from \$15,000 last year, and is now \$16,000. The contact will be executed today, but post-dated to January 1, 2008</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to approve the contact as presented. M/S/C. Frenn/Ogar. |
| Old Business | | |
| 6. Fire Camp/DMAT/ CAL-MAT Paramedics | <p>Nancy LaPolla thanked those involved in the FIRESCOPE EMS Specialist group. Nancy and others hope to build upon the work of the FIRESCOPE group to address the use of CAL-MAT Paramedics and DMAT Teams statewide. Administrators raised questions about the Fire Line Medics’ medical control, and problems with creating a regulatory-based competitive advantage for DMAT and Cal-Mat Teams in providing service to fire agencies and other contractors.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only. |
| 7. EMS for Children | <p>Bonnie Sinz thanked those LEMSAs that participated in the EMS for Children surveys, which included questions about pediatric equipment, medical direction for pediatric EMS, and pediatric interfacility transfers. Twenty-eight of 31 LEMSAs participated in the surveys. Recommended ED Guidelines and</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommended ED Guidelines and Recommended Pediatric Equipment List will be presented to the EMS Commission |

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| | Recommended Pediatric Equipment List will be presented to the EMS Commission tomorrow. | tomorrow. |
| 8. Tactical EMS | Michael Frenn, who is the EMSAAC representative to the EMSA/POST (Peace Officer Standards and Training) Tactical Workgroup, briefly discussed the definition and proposed requirements of a tactical EMS program. The two key principles of the tactical medical program are that: 1) there must be an individual program within the law enforcement agency; and, 2) the tactical medics must complete the POST 80-hour tactical medic course. The February meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is scheduled for May. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only. |
| 9. EMS License Plates | EMSA has placed proposed designs on EMSA website, and met with CHP and DMV to assure license plates are appropriate for approval. After approval by Commission, EMSA hopes to have DMV-approval by mid-April. Following DMV approval, EMSA will have one year to pre-sell 7,500 license plates. Dan Smiley asked that each LEMSA display a link to the license plate voting area on their website. There is currently not a plan on how revenue that exceeds expenses will be spent. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposal for EMS license plates will be presented to EMS Commission tomorrow. |
| Internal Committee Reports | | |
| 10. Nominations Committee Report | <p>After meeting, the nominations committee presented the proposed slate of officers for fiscal year 2008-2009.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> President: Michael Frenn President-Elect: Bruce Lee Treasurer: Art Lathrop Secretary: Vicki Pinette or Ross Elliott <p>Bruce mentioned that he is accepting the nomination of the President-Elect position, presuming there will be substantial “retooling” of the annual</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion to approve the slate as presented. M/S/C/ LaPolla/ Elliott. |

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| | EMSAAC conference. Michael Frenn also noted that he considers modifying the conference a strategic issue. | |
| 11. Disaster Medical Services Subcommittee | <p>Michael Petrie and Nancy LaPolla briefed on the status of CD-MOM development since the last meeting.</p> <p>The CD-MOM has been presented at a number of forums, including a meeting with CDPH, State OES-Fire, California Hospital Association, California Association of Health Facilities, and other emergency services and health advocacy groups in late February. Overall, comments have been supportive of the document, and while there has been some resistance, many stakeholder organizations are understanding the necessary and importance of an operational manual for medical disaster preparedness.</p> <p>The Disaster Subcommittee has also completed its workplan for the 2008 calendar year. Projects on the workplan include advocating for the development of the structures and processes necessary to implement the CD-MOM at the local, regional, and state level. Rapidly developing the California Disaster Medical Network is a key goal for the first half of this year.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only. |
| 12. LEMSA CQI Coordinator Report | Jan Ogar reported that the LEMSA CQI Coordinator subcommittee met. She also reviewed documents, created by the groups four subcommittees. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 13. Regional EMS Agencies Report | <p>Virginia Hastings reminded attendees that the legislature has reduced regional EMS agencies' general fund support by 10%. Regional EMS Agencies serve 24 of California's 58 counties. Some Regional EMS Agencies may not be fiscally solvent without these funds.</p> <p>Discussion regarding options that</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Regional EMS Agencies will present a PowerPoint to the EMS Commission, identifying the impacts of the 10% cuts to |

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| | should be taken to increase regional EMS agencies' funding or reduce costs. | <p>Regional EMS Agencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional EMS Agency funding and sharing of resources to be discussed at EMSAAC summer strategic planning session. |
| 14. Legislative Update | Virginia Hastings distributed legislative update bill chart number 7, which was e-mail before this meeting. Virginia presented and discussed the bills on this update. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 15. County and Regional Roundtable Discussion | <p><u>Alameda County EMS Agency</u>- Moving forward on RFP process, and forming oversight committee to develop first responder standards.</p> <p><u>San Francisco EMS Agency</u> – Submitted EMS Plan to EMSA. California Pacific Medical Center (Sutter) will petition agency to begin ambulance operations in San Francisco. Electronic PCR with SFFD will be on line by June 30.</p> <p><u>Coastal Valley's EMS Agency</u>- Ambulance Transport within Sonoma County is being put to bid. Coastal Valley's EMS Agency is also considering user fees. Napa County will go to bid within one year. EMResource implemented region-wide.</p> <p><u>Imperial County EMS Agency</u>- A community-based ambulance company has requested a subsidy from Board of Supervisors. County has implemented mass notification system, using HLS grant funds.</p> <p><u>San Diego EMS Agency</u>- Just completed first year of STEMI program. Average door to balloon time is 58 minutes. Hospital capacity limitations are an increasingly severe issue.</p> <p><u>Northern California EMS Agency</u>- Implemented EMT-1 background checks.</p> <p><u>Kern County EMS Agency</u>- Completed Areomedical RFP process.</p> <p><u>Sacramento-Sierra EMS Agency</u> – Received numerous complaints about ski patrol operators. One trauma center had complete power failure during January storms.</p> <p><u>Santa Barbara EMS Agency</u> – The ever-popular Kelly Lazarus has left the EMS agency. Working to maintain Maddy funds past January 1, 2009.</p> <p><u>Contra Costa County EMS Agency</u>- Implementing a STEMI designation program with 3 to 6 hospitals on-line by September 2008.</p> <p><u>Riverside County EMS Agency</u>- Electronic PCR system,</p> | |

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| | <p>with inputs from all AMR units, is fully implemented—covers 95% of patient contracts, which equates to over 10,000 patient contacts/month. Two hospitals are approved as STEMI center under new STEMI protocols.</p> <p><u>Santa Clara EMS Agency</u> - Santa Clara is starting STEMI center program on July 1, with 8 hospitals paying annual fee of \$8,000.</p> <p><u>ICEMA EMS Agency</u>-ICEMA is presenting a STEMI designation fee to the Board of Supervisors. Completed implementation of EPCR with all private-sector ambulance providers, which constitutes 80 % of EMS System.</p> <p><u>Orange County EMS Agency</u>- Experienced surge in ED visits and ED waiting time.</p> <p><u>San Luis Obispo- Beginning</u> –Hiring for a new EMS Specialist. Beginning trauma center designation. New Kaiser hospital opening in May.</p> <p><u>Solano County EMS Agency</u>- Will implement CARES study in Solano County. Is considering fixed cost contracting, in which county would be at risk for billings, in exchange for possibility of improved and new services.</p> <p><u>Los Angeles EMS Agency</u>—Lively discussion on need for paramedic service provider agreements with fire service agencies.</p> <p><u>San Mateo County EMS Agency</u> – Ray Gilbert, MD, hired as new medical director, who is being assisted by Greg Souza, MD, who just completed his fellowship. EMS System going out to bid, preparing to release RFP.</p> | |
| New Business | | |
| <p>16. POLST (DNR)</p> | <p>The POLST Coalition is pushing the POLST (Physician’s Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) treatment form, which is similar to a DNR form, with addendums for certain palliative care. The group is also pursuing statewide legislation, based on the goals of the organization. Those supporting the form argue that it provides more options than a standard DNR form. Those opposing the form argue that it is redundant to the DNR form and is simply an additional process/form from which to comply.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referred to EMSAAC Legislative Committee |
| <p>17. Implementation of AB 220</p> | <p>Some fire service organizations are having attorneys provide briefings on impact of AB 220. Questions include what is fact finding v. investigating? What is the importance of being a witness v. the target of the investigation? Almost anything</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Chidester to advise EMSAAC members about AB 220 implementation courses. |

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| | constitutes an investigation. Bruce formed an EMSAAC Subcommittee to advise other LEMSAs and State EMSA on the impacts of AB220. The committee consists of Cathy Chidester, Michael Petrie, Nancy LaPolla, and Barry Fisher. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cathy Chidester and committee to work with their counsel's and advise EMSAAC, other LEMSAs, and State EMSA on the impacts of AB220. |
| External Committee Liaison Reports | | |
| 18. State Trauma Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEMSA/TMAC Relationship | <p>The EMS System Standard and Guidelines are out for a 60 day pre-public comment period.</p> <p>On Thursday, July 24, EMSA will hold a State Trauma System Summit Conference at the Marriot hotel on the UC Davis. Every LEMSA and trauma center will be invited to the Marriot hotel at UC Davis. Will include breakout groups. For additional information contact Bonnie Sinz, at EMSA.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LEMSAs to submit comments to EMSA before end of 60 day period. |
| 19. CalChiefs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North South | <p>CalChief's EMS Section-South met in January. The key issue discussed was EMS Agencies' authority to regulate the fire service.</p> <p>The CalChief's EMS Section-North met in March in Walnut Creek. Key topics included: 1) Legislation; 2) Development of Paramedic to RN Bridge program at Napa Valley Community College; 3) 2008 CalChief's Conference; and, 4) DEA presentation on prehospital narcotic control.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 20. HRSA (HPP) | Nancy sits on the Joint Advisory Committee (JAC). At their recent meeting they discussed the Health care Surge Standards and Guidance, local health assessments, and the HPP Grant. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 21. CCLHO | Nancy LaPolla continues to serve as the key liaison from EMSAAC to CCLHO on CD-MOM and other preparedness issues. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |

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| 22. CDPH Surge Project | California Department of Public Health published their Surge Standards and Guidelines earlier this month. The document is 1900 pages. CDPH is scheduling two day training sessions throughout the state. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 23. FIRESCOPE | Development of the Fire Line Medic program is progressing. Following completion of that work, FIRESCOPE EMS Specialist group will begin to revise the EMS Group within the ICS format. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 24. State Disaster Exercise Planning | There will not be a 2008 Health and Medical Exercise. The next health and medical exercise is scheduled for spring 2009. The 2008 Golden Guardian exercise will be held in the fall, simulating a large earthquake. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 25. State Cardiac Care and Stroke Task Force | <p>The next Cardiac Care (STEMI) meeting is scheduled for April 3. Copies of the draft STEMI guidelines will be distributed at the April 3 meeting.</p> <p>There has not been a meeting of the stroke task force since the last EMSAAC meeting. A stroke task force meeting is scheduled for May 6.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only |
| 26. State EMS Areomedical Work Group | <p>The State EMS Areomedical Work Group has grown, including many more public safety helicopter representatives. The work group has developed into two subgroups. Group 1 is working on dispatch and destination issues. Group 2 is working on medical control issues. Some helicopter service providers, especially private-sector providers, would like changes in paramedic accreditation and nurse authorization to allow greater flexibility.</p> <p>Private sector providers would like CAMTS accreditation for all areomedical providers. Public sector areomedical providers, who can not meet the requirements of Part 135, oppose this requirement, and have advanced SB 1141, which would</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Lee formed a new EMS Areomedical committee consisting of Vicki Pinette, Bruce Lee, Ross Elliot, Bryan Cleaver, Erick Rudnick (EMDAC) Joe Barger, Mark Louto, and Virginia Hastings. Bryan Claver will serve as chair, and the group will have a conference call within two |

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| | <p>exempt public safety aircraft from LEMSA regulation and CAMTS accreditation. Based on conversations with public sector providers, Virginia Hastings stated that public safety aircraft do not want exemption from LEMSA medical control regulation.</p> <p>Bruce Lee formed a new committee, consisting of Vicki Pinette, Bruce Lee, Ross Elliot, Bryan Cleaver, Erick Rudnick (EMDAC) Joe Barger, Mark Louto, and Virginia Hastings. Bryan Claver will serve as chair, and the group will have a conference call within two weeks.</p> | <p>weeks.</p> |
| 27. Emergency Healthcare Access Task Force | <p>The Task Force is focusing in three areas, and is developing a concept paper to provide guidance in those areas: 1) diversion of ambulance; 2) hospital mitigation measures to provide care to additional patients; and, 3) trail studies, including transport of patients to non-licensed destinations.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only. |
| 28. ENA Report | <p>ENA is working with other stakeholder groups to educate them about the impact of mental health patients in the ED, and related ED overcrowding and violence.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only. |
| 29. Other Committee Reports | <p>None.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only |
| 30. Commission Agenda Review | <p>Bruce Lee, EMSAAC representative to the EMS Commission, reviewed the EMS Commission agenda.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion. |
| 31. 2008 Conference Planning | <p>The 2008 EMSAAC Conference will be held on May 27 and 28, 2008 at Paradise Point Resort and Spa, Mission Bay, San Diego. The conference room rate of \$181 is available for 3 days before and after the conference. Highlights include discussions of the Southern California wildfires, medical care and sheltering, alternative care sites, modification of AMPDS dispatch protocols to austere dispatch protocols, AMR/FEMA national conference, Toronto's response to</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone interested in assisting in the conference, please contact Michael Frenn. |

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| | the SARS response, and EMT-1 discipline. Projected expenses are approximately \$64,000, and revenue should exceed expenses. | |
| 32. Items for Next Agenda | Please e-mail items for next agenda to Bruce Lee. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As noted. |
| 33. Adjournment | Bruce Lee adjourned the meeting at 1600 hours. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned. |

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