

EMSAAC Board of Directors' Meeting

May 31, 2007

Newport Beach Marriot Hotel and Spa
 900 Newport Center Drive
 Newport Beach, CA 92660

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<p>1) Call to Order</p>	<p>EMSAAC President Carol Meyer called the meeting to order at 0835.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order.
<p>2) Prison Paramedic Pilot Program</p>	<p>Dr. Angelo Salvucci provided the following briefing:</p> <p>In 2002, the state settled a class action lawsuit alleging that the medical care in the State Prisons constituted cruel and unusual punishment. After the state failed to comply with the court order, the court appointed Bob Sellen as the court receiver. With the support of Mr. Sellen, Dr. Salvucci is advocating using paramedics in prisons to improve patient care. An 18-month pilot project would involve 6 state prisons and include three phases: 1) Put ambulance based paramedics in prisons; 2) train medical staff on ACLS, CPR, and AED use to improve emergency care within the prison; and 3) paramedics would perform advance practice skills.</p> <p>Most of the 3 to 6 calls per day per prison are not emergencies. As proposed, all of the paramedics would be provided by AMR, through a contract with the federal receivership.</p> <p>The EMS Administrators voice many concerns, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of the title "Paramedic". • Lack of integration into the local EMS Systems • Exclusive Operating Area issues <p>EMS Agencies must be brought into the planning processes early in the planning processes in each county in which this proposal is contemplated. Dr. Salvucci promised to work closely with EMS Agencies on this project.</p> <p>Additional information on the federal receivership is available at www.cprinc.org.</p>	
<p>3) Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Carol Meyer thanked EMSAAC members for their work on the just-completed 2007 EMSAAC conference. Carol also introduced Cathy Chidester, who is the Acting Director of LA County EMS. EMSAAC members, EMSA Staff,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action.

	<p>and visitors introduced themselves.</p> <p>Carmel Angelo from San Diego EMS is retiring in 3 days.</p>	
<p>4) Consent Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda • Approval of Minutes 	<p>Carol Meyer noted that due to the length of the agenda, we will not have an EMS Agency Roundtable report.</p> <p>The following topics were added to the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. QI and Data 2. Media Updates/Investigations 3. State CQI Committee 4. Quarterly meetings with EMSA Director 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agenda approved as modified. M/S/C/Frenn/Karsteadt • Minutes approved as presented. M/S/C Julihn/Frenn
<p>5) Budget Report</p>	<p>Art Lathrop presented the financial reports and the budget report for FY 07-08, which were e-mailed to members before the meeting. There was no discussion.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The financial reports and the budget report for FY 07-08 were approved as presented. M/S/C Lathrop/Karsteadt
<p>6) Legislation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SB 583 • SB 254 • SB 261 	<p>Virginia Hastings voiced her strong support for continuing the legislative advocacy agreement with CHEAC.</p> <p>Virginia briefed the bills on the 2007 Bill Chart, number 13. Key bills and comments included:</p> <p><u>AB64 (Berg): Uniform Volunteer Health Protection Act.</u> This bill would facilitate the use of medical and veterinarian personnel from out of state. Jeff Rubin feels that this bill will create redundancies to the ESAR-VHP bill.</p> <p><u>SB 583 (Ridley-Thomas) EMT Discipline</u> In suspense at Senate Appropriations committee. Will probably not come out of appropriations, but may be a two-year bill. Hearing to determine fate of bill occurs today. <i>(Note: As of 1300 hours on June 31, 2007, this bill was held in suspense)</i></p> <p><u>SB 254 (Ashburn) EMT Licensure by EMSA.</u> This legislation would provide that EMSA would license EMT-1s</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Meyer formed a new taskforce to identify the incidents that EMT-P employers should be reported to LEMSAs. The task force includes: Bruce Barton, Cathy Chidester (LA County EMS), Pat Frost (Contra Costa County), Jan Ogar, and Larry Karsteadt. Cathy Chidester will chair the committee. • Carol Meyer asked that EMSAAC assures that trauma legislation

	<p>statewide. EMSAAC continues to support this CAA-sponsored legislation.</p> <p>Bruce Lee spoke about the EMS Commission's EMT Licensure and Discipline Subcommittee, which is discussing EMT licensure and discipline. The next meeting of this subcommittee is tomorrow.</p> <p>Discussion regarding incidents that EMT-P employers should report to LEMSAs. Carol Meyer formed a new taskforce to identify the incidents that should be reported to LEMSAs. The task force includes: Bruce Barton, Cathy Chidester (LA County EMS), Pat Frost (Contra Costa County), Jan Ogar, and Larry Karsteadt. Cathy Chidester will chair the committee.</p> <p><u>SB 261 (Romero) Statewide Trauma Systems.</u></p> <p>Virginia Hastings briefed this bill, noting that no funds are provided this year for this bill. Therefore, there are questions regarding the appropriateness of including coordinators or other personnel, as included in the current bill. Romero would like to see EMSAAC, EMSA and other sponsors come to consensus on this bill by June 30.</p> <p>Extended discussion on this subject and this legislation, considering whether this legislation creates new bureaucracy, whether it would improve trauma care for the patient, and whether examples of regional trauma programs, in state's that do not have county-based systems, are relevant to California.</p> <p>Questions were raised regarding whether trauma funds should go directly to hospitals or be linked to patients that receive trauma care or to local agencies, similar to the Maddy Fund.</p> <p>Larry Karsteadt stated that this legislation should focus on development</p>	<p>focus on developing a statewide trauma plan that integrates local EMS agency trauma plans and that creates statewide trauma systems.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMSAAC changed its position on SB 261 (Romero) from a watch position to support of amended position.
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	<p>of a statewide trauma plan that integrates local EMS agency trauma plans that creates statewide trauma systems. This point was well-received by other Administrators.</p> <p>Michael Osur noted that Dr. Cesar is not convinced that there is a large percentage of uncompensated care in trauma care.</p> <p>Carol Meyer asked that EMSAAC integrate Larry's concept into conversations with Burt Margolin, and to involve EMSA in those discussions. Virginia Hastings asked whether EMSAAC should change its watch position to a support of amended position.</p>	
7) Regional Issues	Virginia Hastings reported that EMSA is reducing the number of reporting requirements for regional EMS agencies. The regional EMS agencies may sponsor legislation to create direct funding for regional agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
Old Business		
8) Slate of Officers	<p>The nomination committee reported the results of the vote for the 2007-2008 EMSAAC Board of Directors. The following personnel were appointed to the board unanimously.</p> <p>President: Bruce Lee President Elect: Michael Frenn Secretary: Michael Petrie Treasurer: Art Lathrop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
9) CD-MOM Development	<p>Michael Petrie briefed on the status of the California Disaster-Medical Operations Manual. The disaster planning group, consisting of EMSAAC representatives, EMSA representatives, and RDMHSs, has worked hard on this complex document since September 06, and has scheduled numerous meetings and conference calls before the first draft deadline of August 31, 2007.</p> <p>The CD-MOM will describe structures and processes for: 1) alerting and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michael and other EMSAAC representatives to brief CCLHO, CHEAC, and CalChiefs about the CD-MOM document in the next two months. EMSA to mail an invitation to each LEMSA announcing the MST program

	<p>communicating among MHOACs, RDMHCs and EMSA; 2) distribution of patients across geopolitical boundaries. 3) requesting, deploying and receiving medical mutual aid; 4) assessing resource and status; and, 5) medical field operations.</p> <p>The planning committee is committed to developing standardized structures and processes statewide that will allow local flexibility within the OA/LEMSA area, and will provide uniformity above the OA level.</p> <p>Michael and other EMSAAC representatives will brief CCLHO, CHEAC, and CalChiefs about the CD-MOM document in the next two months.</p> <p>Steve Andriese provided a more detailed PowerPoint presentation regarding the CD-MOM document.</p> <p><u>EMSA Briefing</u> Jeff Rubin briefed on state disaster issues:</p> <p><u>Management Support Team</u>—EMSA will mail an invitation to each LEMSA announcing the MST program, and requesting that they send interested parties to the MST pilot training at the 2007 Rough and Ready exercise.</p> <p>Jeff also discussed the numerous committees on which EMSAAC is represented and on which EMSAAC can serve. EMSAAC was requested to provide representatives to the MRC Committee.</p> <p>MRC Committee—John Eaglesham (Santa Barbara EMS) and Kevin Rose (San Mateo EMS).</p> <p>Annual Medical and Health Task Exercise Task Force- Michael Osur will provide someone from Riverside EMS, and Tom Lynch will provide someone from Monterey EMS</p>	<p>and requesting that they send interested parties to the MST pilot training at the 2007 Rough and Ready exercise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Eaglesham (Santa Barbara EMS) and Kevin Rose (San Mateo EMS) to represent EMSAAC on EMSA's Medical Reserve Corp Committee. • Michael Osur to provide someone from Riverside EMS, and Tom Lynch to provide someone from Monterey EMS to serve on the 2007 Health and Medical Exercise Task Force. • Michael Frenn and Barry Fisher to represent EMSAAC on the Executive Steering Committee for the Department of Health Services Surge Planning Committee.
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	to serve on this task force. Bruce Lee appointed Michael Frenn and Barry Fisher to represent EMSAAC on the Executive Steering Committee for the Department of Health Services Surge Planning Committee.	
10) SB 1220 Heart and Stroke Task Force	Greg Bozwell reported that he had no report on the heart task, and that the stroke task force has not met.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
11) EMS and Trauma Plan Process	Larry Karsteadt spoke to Bonnie Sinz regarding the EMS Plan submission process. EMSA is modifying the EMS plan submission process to allow EMS plans to be updated on line. Will rollout and train when the new system is ready. No schedule provided. If you have not provided EMSA an EMS plan update within one year, please submit as soon as possible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
12) Paramedics on DMAT and CalMat Teams	EMSA has not responded to the EMSAAC letter on this subject, which was presented to EMSA on April 2005. EMSAAC will discuss this issue at the annual strategic planning meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMSAAC to discuss this issue at the annual strategic planning meeting.
13) Round Table Discussion (County Updates)	This agenda item was cancelled, due to the number of substantive agenda items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action.
14) Commission Items	Bruce Lee, EMSAAC Commission representative, summarized the following items <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next Commission meeting is June 27th in Sacramento. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Lee asked that the Prison Paramedic Proposal be discussed at this meeting. Bruce hopes to have coordinated comments from the Commission's EMT Licensure and Discipline Task Force meeting on June 21, in time for the June 27 Commission meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
New Business		
15) Prison Paramedic Pilot Project	Discussed under agenda item number two, above.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As noted.
16) Emergency Medicine License	Virginia Hastings and Michael Petrie briefed on the "Emergency Medicine"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bruce Barton to solicit further

Plates	license plate, asking that EMSAAC support the Riverside Community College's efforts to create the plate. Bruce Barton said he would solicit further information and distribute it to EMS Administrators.	information about the "Emergency Medicine" license plate and distribute it to EMS Administrators.
17) FireSCOPE Revisions	Working with Fire Chiefs in LA City Fire, Carol Meyer has secured a seat for EMSAAC on the EMS Advisory Committee to FireSCOPE. Carol Meyer recommended that Cathy Chidester represent EMSAAC on this committee. Following discussion on this issue, Carol asked Cathy Chidester and Michael Petrie to represent EMSAAC. Jeff Rubin asked that Randy Linthicum be the representative from LEMSA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cathy Chidester and Michael Petrie to represent EMSAAC. Jeff Rubin asked that Randy Linthicum be the representative from LEMSA.
18) Use of Combitubes by EMT-1s	Ross Elliot noted that Kern County EMT-1s use CombiTubes approximately 70 to 80 times/year. Ross sent a letter to EMSA, asking that they grandfather EMT-1s who have been previously trained in the Combi-Tube.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action taken.
19) On-Line CEUs	Larry Karsteadt discussed the importance of LEMSAs verifying the time spent on-line, when taking on-line CEUs. Jan Ogar requested that this item be discussed in more detail at a future meeting. The discussion should include the processes EMSA uses to approve on-line CE providers. Concerns include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Validity of hours claimed for on-line training courses. • CE certificates that do not differentiate on-line v. face to face training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On-line CE issue to be discussed at next quarterly meeting with Dr. Cesar. Bruce Lee to request that Nancy Steiner attend that meeting to discuss these issues.
20) 2008 Conference	The EMSAAC 2008 Conference will be held on May 27 and 28, 2008 at Paradise Point Resort and Spa, Mission Bay, San Diego.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information only.
21) QI and Data	Bonnie Sinz discussed the use of EMT-1s by CHP, California Fire, and State Parks and Recreation, noting that these agencies want to submit QI plans for approval. Administrators agreed that although these are state agencies, if they are providing emergency medical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnie will follow up with EMS Administrators by E-mail.

	care, it is as part of an organized local EMS system; therefore QI plans must be reviewed and approved by LEMSAs.	
22) Annual Planning Meeting	Bruce Lee proposed two timeframes for the strategic planning projects: August 29 and 30 or two days during the last week of June. The group decided to hold their annual strategic planning meeting on August 29 and 30 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Sacramento.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2007 EMSAAC strategic planning meeting will be held on August 29 and 30 at the Embassy Suites hotel in Sacramento.
23) Adjournment	Carol Meyer adjourned the meeting at 1430 hours.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting Adjourned.