

EMSAAC Board of Directors' Meeting

September 26, 2006

Holiday Inn – Sea World
3737 Sports Area Blvd.
San Diego, CA 92110

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1) Call to Order	EMSAAC President Carol Meyer called the meeting to order at 0905.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order.
2) EMS Authority Report Joint Session with EMDAAC	<p>In a joint session with EMDAC representatives, Dr. Caesar Aristeiguieta, EMSA Director, presented the following report:</p> <p>1) EMSA received substantial funding to enhance the state's EMS/Disaster capability. Some of the comments/initiatives include:</p> <p>a) 90% of funding necessary to meet EMSA 216 PPE Guidelines for public and private sector ambulances.</p> <p>b) Funding for 3 CALMAT Teams—the California version of a federal DMAT Team. Team locations not determined.</p> <p>c) EMSA will create three 200-bed mobile field hospitals—60% ICU capability, with HVAC, and full logistical support. Bid process to start soon. (\$6M per hospital)</p> <p>d) Ambulance Strike Teams--purchasing equipment/supplies with \$3.5 million of HRSA funds. Program will incorporate public and private-sector ambulances. The program will be sensitive to EOA issues.</p> <p>2) State Trauma Plan under review. Should be able to provide more information soon.</p> <p>3) EMT Licensing—AB 2554 on Governor's desk. Governor must sign or veto bill by September 30. (<i>Governor vetoed AB 2554 on September 30.</i>)</p> <p>4) Directors Advisory Group is being reformatted—will include representatives from each of EMSA's 17 stakeholders' groups. Next meeting planned for period before Thanksgiving.</p> <p>5) Dr. Aristeiguieta is instituting quarterly meeting with all LEMSA Administrators. He is still determining how to meet with LEMSA Medical Directors.</p> <p>6) Dr. Aristeiguieta is available to meet with all LEMSAs. Interested EMSAs should contact Dr. Aristeiguieta's assistant.</p>	

	<p>Carol Meyer asked whether EMSA would create a plan to unify EMSA's disparate disaster initiatives. Dr. Aristeiguieta indicated that due to legislative deadlines, EMSA must move quickly to implement programs. EMSA will work with LEMSAs after implementation to assure the programs are coordinated and LEMSA input is incorporated.</p> <p>Jan Ogar noted that she would like more information on the status of projects on which EMSA is working, specifically pandemic flu. Dr. Aristeiguieta noted that DHS (California Department of Health Services) is leading the pandemic flu planning process. DHS is hiring a consulting group to review current legislation/regulations to optimize pandemic flu preparedness.</p> <p>Barbara Pletz noted that pandemic flu planning is disjointed between DHS and Health Officers, and many of these planning processes do not reflect the reality of local medical systems.</p> <p>Virginia Hastings noted that EMSA is not providing leadership at the state level to assure that EMS planning is being integrated into health and medical surge planning. Also noted that contracts to assure maintenance of ambulance PPE are not in place. Dan Smiley noted that contracts are being developed and will be distributed soon.</p> <p>David Ghilarducci, MD, noted that EMS is not the primary answer for flu patients. EMS operations during flu pandemics could include: 1) screening at dispatch; 2) triage at scene by non-traditional EMS personnel in specialty vehicles; 3) triage at scene; and, 4) transport to non-hospital destinations. Dr. Aristeiguieta stressed the importance of forming multi-disciplinary groups to develop pandemic flu solutions.</p> <p>Carol Meyer noted that another phase of hospital/ED closures are occurring. Dr. Aristeiguieta noted that the Governor shares our concerns about the health care system. The Governor believes that the balanced billing initiative is unfair to patients.</p> <p>Bruce Lee asked about Dr. Aristeiguieta's perception of the role of the EMS Commission. Dr. Aristeiguieta noted that the EMS Commission is the primary method by which EMSA provides information to members of the public. He invites all EMSAAC and EMDAAC members to attend EMS Commission meetings.</p> <p>Jan Ogar requested information about the EMS System Standards and Guidelines. Dr. Aristeiguieta noted that EMSA will develop policy directions, and submit those directions to constituents to receive public comment before moving forward.</p> <p>Brian MacGavin asked about the status of the AutoPulse registry. Dr.</p>
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	Aristeiguieta recently spoke to a Zoll scientist to start a QI registry with independent quality review organization. Zoll will not sell any devices in California until authorized by Dr. Aristeiguieta. The registry's purpose is only to test for safety, not efficacy, of the AutoPulse device.	
3) Welcome & Introductions	<p>EMSAAC members and visitors introduced themselves.</p> <p>Carol Meyer announced that Tom Lynch has accepted the Monterey County EMS Administrator position.</p> <p>Jan Ogar requested to discuss pandemic flu planning.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No Action.
4) Consent Agenda	<p>Minutes from the last meeting and a budget report were not available for review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No action taken. Minutes and budget to be reviewed at next meeting.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of Agenda • Approval of Minutes • Budget Report 		
5) Legislation	<p>AB2554 regarding EMT discipline, and AB 586, which creates the MHOAC position in statute, are on the Governor's desk.</p> <p>The 2006 EMSAAC Legislative Platform was distributed.</p> <p>Should EMSAAC support Proposition 86? Vibrant discussion of pros and cons of Proposition 86.</p> <p>Use of StateNet. StateNet is a system that tracks legislative and regulatory changes. Barbara Pletz noted that the free service, LegiTech, provides the same services, but in a rudimentary form. She feels that the StateNet is not worth the expense. Others indicated that StateNet is a more powerful system that allows the user to more effectively track legislation. Decision</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. Information only. • Motion to accept the 2006 EMSAAC Legislative Platform. M /S/C/ Inch/Karsteadt. • Motion to support Proposition 86. M/S/C Inch/Pletz. Osur and Petrie opposed. • None.

	<p>delayed until conference call with CHEAC occurs.</p> <p>Use of 7-digit numbers v. 911 for emergency calls from cell phones. Some police and fire jurisdictions and elected state officials are recommending that callers dial a 7-digit emergency number instead of 911. Discussion indicated common concern noted over this practice. ICEMSA EMSA has discussed and referred this issue to EMSA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EMSAAC to write letter to EMSA and Department of General Services—Telecommunications expressing concern over this practice. Virginia Hastings, Dan Lynch, and Jan Ogar to work on this issue, and to contact California State Sheriff's Association.
Old Business		
<p>6) Committee Appointments and Reporting</p>	<p>Carol Meyer distributed the EMSAAC 2006 – 2007 Committee appointments list. Minor modifications to various committees, made at request of members.</p> <p>Discussion regarding the role of EMSAAC and LEMSAs at Director's Advisory Group and Director's LEMSAs Quarterly Meeting. EMSAAC should request to sit as an ex-officio capacity at Director's Advisory Group to avoid confusion between LEMSAs role as EMSA partner v. EMSA stakeholder.</p> <p>Past President to consider attending National Association of State EMS Directors meeting on behalf of EMSAAC.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. • None. • Barry Fisher and Carol Meyer to speak to Dan Smiley regarding attending this meeting.
<p>7) Draft Letter to EMSA Director</p>	<p>Officers will review draft letter which will be sent to Dr. Aristeiguieta.</p> <p>Virginia Hastings noted that Dr. Caser has not responded to EMSAAC's letter requesting clarification of use of paramedics on DMAT teams.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carol Meyer to send letter to Dr. Aristeiguieta in early October. • Carol Meyers asked the EMSAAC Disaster Subcommittee to follow up on this

		letter.
8) Paramedic Training Program Review Form	Jan Ogar discussed the Paramedic Training Program Review Form. This standardized form can be used by LEMSAs to review paramedic training programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paramedic Training Program Review Form template will be posted on EMSAAC's website, and is available for use by LEMSAs.
9) 2007 EMSAAC Conference	The 2007 EMSAAC/CalACEP Conference will be held on May 29 and 30 at the Newport Beach Marriot Resort Hotel. The theme is: California EMS: Looking Ahead. Target audience is EMS managers, trainers, administrators and physicians, ED staff. The lead is Bruce Lee, President- Elect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
10) Commission Items	<p>Bruce Lee, EMS Commissioner, led a discussion on the September 27, 2006 EMS Commission report, emphasizing the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMSAAC should purchase a plaque for Chuck Balcolm to recognize his exceptional representation of EMSAAC on the EMS Commission. Trauma report. EMSAAC knows little about this report. Bruce will pull trauma report from consent agenda at tomorrow's meeting. EMSAAC members requested assurance that state trauma registry software will be compatible with local legacy systems. Discussion of proposed EMS System Standards and Guidelines. Emergency Healthcare Access Task Force—this issue is more important now, because additional hospitals are closing throughout California. Lengthy discussion regarding Local EMT-1 and EMT-2 disciplinary policies. Request that Bruce Lee assure that the EMSAAC position on AB 2554 be read into the EMS Commission record. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Meyer agreed to purchase plaque for Chuck Balcolm, outgoing EMSAAC EMS Commissioner.
New Business		
11) EMSAAC Disaster Committee	The first meeting of the EMSAAC Disaster Committee will be held immediately following today's EMSAAC committee. All EMSAAC members are welcome to participate in this committee. The committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.

	chair is Michael Petrie.	
12) CNAs Registered Nurse Response Network	Discussion regarding the California Nursing Association Registered Nurse Response Network. Concerns that programs such as this will impede development of statewide ESAR-VHP programs and usefulness of SEMS systems.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Meyer referred this issue to the EMSAAC Disaster Committee.
13) Pediatric Patient Emergency Department Guidelines	Barbara Pletz noted that the Pediatric Patient ED Guidelines are not complete. Barbara noted that the findings of this document will be placed into regulation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information only.
14) Pandemic Flu Planning	<p>Discussion regarding actions that LEMSAs should take to mitigate the affects of a pandemic flu incident.</p> <p>Discussion regarding activities taken by LEMSAs at local levels and need to develop standardized pandemic flu practices. Possibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pandemic flu dispatch protocols Priority access to anti-virals, vaccine, and PPE Develop continuity of government/continuity of operations plans. <p>Decision to create a pandemic flu task force, working with EMDAAC, investigate issue and develop a white paper. Committee to include Michael Osur, Barbara Pletz, Ross Elliot, and others, as volunteered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carol Meyer formed pandemic flu task force, with John Pritting as chair. Other committee members include Michael Osur, Barbara Pletz, and Ross Elliot. Bruce Lee will send link to Santa Clara pandemic flu plan, which is located on NAHO website, to all EMSAAC members.
15) Roundtable Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Central California EMS Agency.</i> Discussing consolidation of dispatch services. Only 10 EMT-2s left in Tulare County. <i>Coastal Valleys EMS Agency.</i> Piner ambulance (Napa County) threatened strike. CVEMSA developed contingency plans with contiguous counties. Strike averted. <i>Contra Costa EMS Agency.</i> West county hospital (Doctor's Richmond) is close to closing. <i>Imperial County EMS Agency.</i> Working on pandemic planning—will test plan during November exercise. <i>Inland County EMS Agency.</i> About to release its first ambulance RFP. Mandated by Grand Jury to set air ambulance rates. New medical director selected. <i>Kern County EMS Agency.</i> Had visit by Dr. Aristeiguieta. New ambulance ordinance, with EOAs, recently created. Developing auto-launch areas for air ambulance. <i>Los Angeles EMS Agency.</i> Board of Supervisors approved STEMI program. Using \$4 M dollars to fund 12-lead EKG 	

	<p>machines. LA EMSA will do site visits on hospitals. Diversion criteria changed—hospitals must be open for 15 minutes following each hour on diversion. Created new mutual aid policy for ambulances.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>North Coast EMS Agency.</i> EMS Medical Director resigning. Receiving QI Plans from all ambulance providers. Shifting to web-based PCR reporting. • <i>Northern California EMS Agency.</i> Issued RFP for redesignation of two level-two trauma centers. Both current level two centers are interested in continuing to participate in trauma system. • <i>Orange County EMS Agency.</i> Recruiting for new Medical Director. STEMI program in place county-wide, with 11 hospitals, for 1 ½ years. 249 STEMI patients. 226 validated at having STEMI. Average door to balloon time is 65 minutes. Best hospitals averaging in 40s and worst averaging 90 minutes. • <i>Ventura County EMS Agency.</i> LA County fires, which has been active for 3 weeks, moving into Ventura County. Ventura County EOC activated. Several local ambulances at base camp. • <i>Riverside County EMS Agency.</i> Riverside EMS conference may be cancelled due to competing fire service conference. Held two pandemic flu summits. • <i>San Diego EMS Agency.</i> Received authority from Board of Supervisors to designate cardiac centers. Hired Abaris group to do health care safety net study. Dr. Haynes is new Medical Director. Working with business leaders for pandemic flu preparedness. One hospital closing. • <i>San Francisco EMS Agency.</i> Implementing Electronic Patient Tracking Project. Using capabilities based planning to create new MCI plans. All EMS staff attending ICS training, up to ICS-400 level. • <i>San Mateo EMS Agency.</i> Medical Director Karl Sporer has accepted position with SFFD, and is leaving. Redesigning EMS System, and will release RFP for 10.5 EOA. Considering new and improved performance measures. Started SMART (San Mateo County Mental Health Assessment and Response Team). 1 paramedic in SUV with caged back seat, with goal of referring mental health patient to most appropriate mental health resources, avoiding 5150 by law enforcement. • <i>Santa Barbara County EMS Agency.</i> New EMS Plan reviewed by EMSA. Preparing for annual Halloween MCI. GlobalStar satellite phone system has problems with satellites—problem is expected for 9 more months. • <i>Santa Clara County EMS Agency.</i> Implemented Stroke System six months ago. Designated 8 of 12 hospitals, using JCAHO standards. Working with Contra Costa and Alameda County to create regional CCT-P program. • <i>Sierra-Sacramento EMS Agency.</i> Finalizing 10 year contracts for exclusive operating areas. Will submit contract to EMSA. Hospital diversion hours are increasing.
16) Items for	<p>Discussion regarding items for next agenda. • No action.</p>

next Agenda		
17) Adjournment	Carol Meyer adjourned the meeting at 1530 hours.	• Meeting Adjourned.

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