

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Marines Memorial Club
San Francisco, CA
Tuesday, December 7, 2004
10am to 4pm**

MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Darlene Isbell-Gidley convened the meeting at 10:07 with round table introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

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3. Approval of Minutes

Will wait until M. Frenn gets in.

4. Budget Report

Art reviewed the budget and transactions for the year. m/Leventon s/meyer

5. New Members

Art Lathrop reported that there are no new members

6. EMS System Standards and Guidelines

Darlene introduced Rick Narad who gave a brief update on the draft guidelines. The process started 12 months ago and he hopes to send it out for public review in the spring. The group felt that an electronic format would be a great benefit to the LEMSA's which would help with standardization and ease of use. Please forward your comments regarding the development and format of this document to Rick Narad or Maureen McNeil.

7. California Performance Review (CPR)

This was addressed as part of the joint EMSAAC/EMDAAC session.

8. EMDAC/EMSAAC Joint Session

Richard Watson introduced a new member of the EMSA staff who is now their in house attorney. She comes to us from the Health Services Agency where she worked in the licensing division. She is a reserve with the air force as a nurse. If you need advice from her you must go through Richard for approval of her time.

1. Richard thanked members of the EMT II task force for their work on the regulations. Sean Trask told the group that public safety agencies had a concern that they could not recertify their members in house by CE. EMSA will make the revision and send it out for public comment shortly. The group will be meeting this Thursday at the Marines memorial club from 10 am to 4pm.
2. EMSC will be meeting this Thursday at the Marines Memorial Club. They have put together a program for first aid for schools which will go out to 80% of the schools in the State. They will be discussing emergency disaster care for children.
3. The paramedic task force has a draft that has been circulated to their members regarding fines for disciplinary actions that are taken.
4. Richard will be sending a letter out re: personal protective equipment that recommends what should be carried on units. The ambulance task force committee will be working on this.
5. Sean Trask has completed three training sessions on the new regulations which have been well received.
6. Dr. Ray Johnson is replacing Tim Sturgel on the EMS Commission.
7. CPR Report

Darlene discussed the CPR report and the recommendation that came out which moves EMSA back under Health and Human Services. Darlene thanked Leonard for his work on this with the coalition. Richard does not have any additional information on this report, but mentioned he has a directors meeting soon to discuss. She introduced Mike Warner, President of the California Fire Chief's association. He discussed the position of his association

and supported the initial report and they are not locked into their initial position. Their fall back position is that EMSA stays where it is at. He invited EMSAAC to be part of their coalition with the sheriff's and want to work more collaboratively. He stressed that in light of the 05/06 and subsequent allocations being cut, that collaboration is key; fire and law have recognized this and are linking legislatively.

Leonard Inch reported that the CPR is not an "over thing". California Medical Association (CMA) is very much a part of the coalition. There has been no change in the coalition's position and the CPR is definitely not a done deal. There will be an upcoming meeting with the Governor and the recommendation will be to retain the Authority in Health and Human Services. It will be emphasized that EMS is predominantly a medical program and it is essential that its integrity be preserved. This does not preclude partnering with law enforcement or fire service interests. It is evident from the drafts of the CPR that a clear comprehension of EMSA (the Authority) by the authors of the CPR is lacking. Our desire is for EMSA to remain whole, and the preservation of the various grant funding sources.

Richard Watson offered that the worst case scenario would be for EMSA to be split, with disaster functions going to OES, licensing to DHS, etc. CDC provides 34% of the Authority's budget, 10% derives from HRSA, through DHS.

8. Legislation

Barbara Pletz gave the legislation report. The bill tracking website was down and given that it is the end of the year, not a lot passed. Nancy laPolla will be the new Legislation Committee Chair starting next session. A few items of note, there is bill coming up on AEDs for skilled nursing facilities, health clubs. The Orange County "Ray of Life" foundation for AEDs can help with this bill. The Alameda-Contra Costa County Heart Association Chair owns an exclusive health club chain. There are concerns about liability, and there is also issue involving young (high school) athletes.

Leonard Inch suggested there should be a Board vote to support Senator Dunn's position that EMS is an essential service, the third leg of essential services along with fire and law enforcement, and that EMS should be construed in the broadest possible terms. Moved by Carol Meyer and seconded by Dan Spiess, the motion

carried unanimously. The legislative platform will be reviewed in light of this position.

9. Maddy Fund Report

In the past, EMSA collected Maddy Fund information (collections, expenditures, etc.). The Authority discontinued this activity secondary to budget issues. Flores SB476 with input from EMSAAC, CSAC, CHEAC made changes in statute regarding the Maddy Fund. A lot of information was collected that wasn't needed, there was ambiguity, bad or misinformation, varying time frames, etc. SB476 carefully reworded the requirements and a workshop was held earlier this year sponsored by CSAC and CHEAC. A form is being designed. It is proposed that CHEAC collect the forms for reporting purposes. Letters should be redirected to the EMS Administrator (as opposed to the EMS Medical Director). Carol Meyer will work on legislation that adds new crimes to the Maddy Fund list for which penalties may be assessed. It is likely that CSAC/CHEAC will host another workshop.

10. Commission Items

Chuck Baucom, Commissioner representing EMSAAC, reported that the Agenda was light. There will be a new Commissioner, Dr. Ray Johnson (he's back!). The Commission will need to set the dates for their upcoming meetings.

With regards to CPR, there should be at least one more meeting of the Task Force before the next step of the HSS work groups.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws - Osur

There is a window of opportunity of 45 to 90 days after notification; the vote must take place no later than 90 days after notification. The vote must be by the members present, as long as 1/3 of the eligible members are present (that provides the quorum). The vote is then a simple majority to accept the new by-laws. Members of record, defined as active members under the current by-laws, must be counted. Art Lathrop will send out an official list. Members are advised to read all documents that are sent to them!

2005 Conference – Fisher

We are set for May 3-5, 2005. There will be a short Board/EMSAAC meeting and a Golf Tournament is included. The theme will be "Tools For Administrators". Some speakers include Gordon Graham, Mike Scarano, Glen Miller, the pilot for the Sioux City plane crash, and others. An EMSAAC exclusive wine tasting will be hosted by ReddiNet.

Ambulance Strike Team – Buchanan

Several of the scheduled trainings have occurred and about half of the attendees were from the fire service, at least at the Sacramento offerings. The response from fire overall has been positive. The opportunity exists to have a seat at the Firescope table and participate in the development of standards. There is also the need for regional coordination regarding the use of ambulance resources. Outstanding issues remaining include Funding/Reimbursement for response, Communications, Equipment, Training Program, Authorization, etc. Coordinating issues include Ambulance Strike Teams v. Ambulance Mutual Aid, Clarity, Coordination of Resources, etc. In Northern California, AMR has the capability to coordinate large numbers of resources in multiple counties. Strike teams are operational in some areas.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee – Gidley

A nominating committee was seated: Nancy Lapolla (Past President), Barbara Pletz, Chuck Baucom, Dan Spiess, Carol Meyer. The nominations are due by January 15, 2005.

Paramedic Training Standards – Ogar

No report.

RDHMC/Disaster Update Overview – Jeff Rubin, EMSA

In his usual style, Jeff provided a substantial amount of essential information addressing changes and movement regarding disaster services. Members should contact Jeff directly for more detailed specifics. Highlights included:

The federal structure for packaging all money is changing with applications due in 45 days. This includes State, Urban, Law, Citizen Corps, MMRS. Cities have

been added, Fresno was dropped. NIMS compliant is required. HSPD-8 is a must-read. Emphasis on catastrophic incident planning.

Dick Andrews recently met with representatives from law, fire, emergency managers, EMSA, EMSAAC. He pushed more proactive approach, including revisiting the regional UWASI structure. The time is right for medical/health to be at the table. All scenarios have evolved into medical readiness. There are discussion about changing the gang of 5 to 7, adding an emergency manager and medical).

Anticipate standardizing the Statewide Homeland Security programs to a medical message. There are 18 MMRS in California, ranging from advanced fire strike teams to sophisticated planning groups. No standards exist. How do/should they all fit? MMRS is defined as a medical/health asset, not a fire asset. Again, only 45 days are left for the application.

What should EMSAAC consider?

- Surge Capacity should be prioritized
- Get the MOAHC legislation out
- Push the Op Area concept instead of MMRS
- Push now for DMAT

Other issues include realizing that SNS efforts will likely triple in size over the next two years. With regards to UWASI, urban areas have been defined as 150+ miles leading to a lot of jurisdictional confusion. The Medical Reserve Corps is unfunded. The Governor supports, but medical liability and workmen's compensation need to be worked out.

Action: At the suggestion of Leonard Inch, it was agreed to send a letter to Dick Andrews adding an Emergency Manager and an EMS Agency Administrator to the current "Gang of 5" decision body.

Minutes

(Taken out of order due to the late arrival of the Secretary). Minutes of the September 21, 2004, meeting were approved.

Paramedic Task Force – Gidley

EMSAAC has been asked to provide a representative. Miles Julihn (absent) was appointed to fill this position.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CCLHO – LaPolla

Main news is that the State is going for SNS certification on 2005.

HRSA – Murrin

The Joint Advisory Committee met. The State is working on the subcontract. Major changes are coming to RIMS. Hospital statusing systems (Reddinet, CAHAN, EM-Systems, etc.) are all under scrutiny. The State desires a single point of data access for hospital status.

EMT-II Task Force – Pritting

Discussion included expression of concern that we (California) is doing the EMT-II thing when DOT is doing standardized curriculum. Why not adopt DOT instead of developing our own hybrid that won't fit nationally? Statute imposes some restrictions. The drive for EMT-II is to avoid the issues with trial studies and expanded scope that we have had over the past several years.

Hospital Closure task Force – Lee, et al

This is occurring under the auspices of the Emergency Services Access Committee. They will meet next month (January 2005) and Carol Meyer will be the lead. Michael Osur and Bruce Lee will serve as alternates.

California Ambulance Association – Fisher

Michael Frenn (alternate liaison) attended the November CAA meeting. CAA is very happy that there is an EMSAAC liaison and the lines of communication are open. Ambulance Strike Teams should be an issue of discussion.

ESAR-VHP – Osur

No report.

CDHS Flu/Vaccine Conference Calls – Osur

No one is collecting data at the State. Is there data we can/should collect everyday?

EMSAAC Policy Development – Gidley

We have an opportunity to standardize how we do things by way of policy templates. Three categories of documents are envisioned.

Statewide Communciations – Lee

Bruce Lee has requested that someone else take over these responsibilities. It was agreed that Doug Buchanon is imminently qualified and he agreed to take on the assignment.

Prevention and Public Information – Williams, et al

EMS Week should serve as a focal point for education. Steve Ambriese in Orange County is a good contact.

Firescope – Gidley

Darlene will follow up with Mike Warner from Cal Chiefs.

EMSAAC Website – Andriese

Steve is reviewing for outdated documents.

System Evaluation and Improvement – Andriese

Mountain Valley EMS is still working on data sets form the Vision Process. Health Analytics has been retained as a consultant. NHTSA has a minimum data set, and then a substantial data set. The LEMSA evaluation documents are done. Mountain Valley EMS applied for a grant to validate, but it wasn't funded.

Other

Staffing Ratios. Implementation has been delayed until '06 for med surge beds. Requirements for emergency staffing ratios also to be relaxed with historical data to provide the basis. Exceptions will be granted for sudden surge, and breaks

will be evaluated hospital wide, not just for the ED. ENA was opposite from CNA on this and other issues. Additional information available on the DHS website under Regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Frenn