

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Hilton Irvine/Orange County Airport Hotel**  
**Irvine, Ca.**  
**Tuesday, September 21, 2004**  
**10am to 4pm**

**Minutes**  
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**Welcome and Introductions**

Darlene Isbell-Gidley convened the meeting at 10:15 am with roundtable introductions.

Handouts provided:

Leg Packet  
Agenda  
EMSAAC Priorities  
CMRS

**Consent Calendar**

Financial Report – M/S/C

(The financial report is emailed out ahead of the meeting and is available from the Treasurer)

**New Members**

Art Lathrop read two applications for membership. By board vote the following individuals were added to the membership:

Patti Murrin, San Diego  
Nancy , Santa Cruz County

**Ambulance Strike Team Update**

Doug Buchanon provided an update on this topic, including purpose, training dates, scope, etc. David Nivens from CAA also provided specific info regarding training. There are also ramifications of this program for the issue of statewide EMS communications. Coordination with RDMHC, existing resources and processes is an issue. Read the Ambulance Strike Team guidelines on the EMSA website.

Recommendation: Presentation at a future meeting on the California Mutual Aid System, perhaps Jeff Rubin. Accepted by consent. (More detailed information in Attachment "A").

**Legislation**

New CMS Proposed Rules – Funding of illegal aliens, taking affect early next year. Darlene participated in a conference call. Many questions about

implementation. Requires hospitals/physicians to determine legality/residency of patient post medical screening exam. Concern that people will not access care due to fear of discovery.

Trauma and Emergency Care Funding – Leonard Inch carried the report on this matter. The initiative is to place a fee on phone service (0.50 residential, up to 3% on cell phone service). Generate 500 -600 million/year to be used for improvement or enhance emergency and hospital services. Ad campaigns to start soon. There is notable opposition, especially phone companies. Polling suggests 46% approval. This will appear on the ballot as Proposition 67.

Barbara Pletz presented the specific report which was previously distributed by email (refer to this list for specifics):

AB1655 – EMSA's bill. Chaptered.

AB1898 – Fires' bill to change Commission. Vetoed

AB2874 – If a hospital is going to close, must be offered to county for sale. Enrolled

SB 476 – Maddy. Chaptered

SB 635 – Dunn. Limited to Santa Barbara; bad precedent due to 17% for EMS being eliminated. Chaptered

SB1157 – Vetoed.

SB1540 – Enrolled

AB2293 – No additional information

AB2406 – Simply statistics collection, no response time standards.

Barbara is interested in phasing responsibility for legislation out. Nancy Lapolla and Michael Frenn will take over this obligation.

#### **EMSA Report (EMDAC/EMSAAC Joint Session) Richard Watson**

AB1655 chaptered, providing for the imposition of fines for license discipline activities. Authority to move on this quickly; fines to go to general fund.

AB1898 vetoed.

New staff in the enforcement branch of EMSA: Special Investigator (now 3), Staff Counsel. Investigator will be handling medical cases as opposed to more criminal cases.

Disaster Preparedness Conference in Oakland on 9/30/04.

First Aid Guide going out to a number of schools (6500) in the State.

Hospital overcrowding task force will be meeting again soon.

CPR –

Is medical the same as health? Richard has a strong preference for being kept intact (whole, including disaster and licensing). Visibility is also important.

## **Old Business**

### **EMSAAC Proposed By-Laws.**

Discussed yesterday at the Annual EMSAAC Planning meeting. Date dues are due, other nuance changes. A redraft will go to by-laws committee, then to the membership by hardcopy for a vote (simple majority) an effective date July 1 2005,

### **Restructure Membership Dues.**

Option 1: Set dues at 250/LEMSA = \$7,750 + optional membership would give a similar revenue as last year. Would require continuing meeting fees. Option 2: \$375/LEMSA to cover meeting expenses throughout the year. Most feedback Art has received is to keep the dues lower (\$250) and keep the meeting fees as they are.

Move: Osur. Adopt the proposed due structure of \$250 per LEMSA under the new By-Laws assuming they pass, and to withhold billing of dues until July 1, 2005. Should the By-laws not be passed, the current dues structure will remain.

Second: Lapolla

Vote: Unanimous in favor.

### **2005 Conference:**

Scheduled for May 2 – 6, 2005. Will be combined with the Annual So. Cal. EMS Conference held by Riverside County EMS. There will be a golf tournament, vendors reception, etc. The speakers are mostly lined up. Looking for sponsors, desire to break even. We're using Creative Solutions to assist in conference planning and management. There will be a half day general meeting.

### **Air Transport Recommendations**

The Authority sent out recommendations for Air Transport which do not appear to have reached all of the membership. It will be resent with a request for comments for discussion and action at EMSAAC's December meeting.

There is also a separate EMS Aircraft data request. There was a lot of discussion regarding why it's being collected, what the data will be used for, what the various terms are etc. There was general agreement that data requests should go through the LEMSA, not from the providers directly.

## Paramedic Training Program Standards

Previous action. Debbie Becker took it concept to the Statewide Educators group who would like standardization, help from LEMSAs, etc. Will add to the 2004/2005 priority list.

## New Business

### CPR

The Board held a conference call to discuss our position as requested by a coalition comprised of EMDAC, CMA, Cal-ACEP, and CHA. Board recommendation for EMSA to remain intact in HSS as a division, or reporting directly to the Secretary. We should not change our position now, even though there is some variance of opinion regarding where EMSA would best be fit. Should the Authority be moved during the course of the CPR, our position needs to be flexible enough to adapt to that.

### EMSA EMT-II Task Force

Letter from EMSA requesting a rep from EMSAAC for the EMT-II task force. NorCal EMS and Central Valley EMS request consideration.

### CDC/HRSA joint Advisory Committee

Darlene has served for a number of years and given her current obligations, would like to pass the responsibility on to someone else.

## 2004 -2005 Priorities

### Statewide EMS Communications:

A group of stakeholders will be meeting to discuss interoperability, the state plan, communication plan, statewide communications, etc. Want EMSAAC representation. Meet every month, or so. From yesterday, Bruce Lee (Art Lathrop) will spearhead a group within EMSAAC to more explicitly frame the statewide EMS communications issue. Doug Buchanon, Dave Jones (Central Valley), possibly Larry Masterman from NorCal, someone from Riverside EMS and Art Lathrop will work with Bruce. Doug Buchanon will also represent EMSAAC to the state committee (CALSIEC).

### Prevention and Public Information:

Jan Ogar and someone from Riverside county will work with Lois from the State EMS Authority to work towards actual implementation of Public Information and Prevention efforts. This is a continuation of efforts from the Vision Process.

### Firescope.

Darlene to first explore proper avenue to approach this item.

**Policies:**

Develop EMSAAC Policies that would be a companion document to bylaws. Steve Andriese and Darlene will start on this.

**EMSAAC Website:**

Strengthen the EMSAAC Website: Steve and Darlene will also look at this as part of the EMSAAC Policy group.

**Paramedic Training Standards:**

Debbie, Jan and maybe Carol Meyer will handle this priority.

**CCLHO:**

LaPolla will handle this priority.

**HRSA:**

Packets are due out any day describing allowances for coming year. No date that apps are due yet. Some new areas (trauma, burn care – local option). Money probably similar to last year.

**Standing Committees**

Org & Mgmt. B. Pletz (not here)

Communications – Bruce Lee (not here, but from yesterday will continue)

First Responders & Transport – Chris LeVenton (not here)

Facilities & Critical Care – Leonard, no report, will continue as Chair. Bonnie Sinz needs info from LEMSAs for Hospital Closure Task Force.

Hospital Closure – Carol Meyer (not here)

System Eval & Improvement – Spiess; this will now be chaired by Steve Andriese. CEMESIS at EMSA is in place and beta tested. Data ad hoc group will be looking at LA data which has been mapped. Alameda and Orange may also be possible. MVEMS has a grant to develop a state data set, but held off until NHTSA completed their set. Will now compare NHTSA vs. MVEMS/Vision to create a more comprehensive data set. Will work with the data ad hoc group (serve as steering committee).

Public Education & Prevention – Spiess; Reported that the EMSA website has a large list of funding sources and other links. On

January 31, 2005, OTS will be requesting concept papers and may be interested in Pub Ed /Prevent projects. Contact OTS area coordinator to find priorities. Prevention Program registry up and available right now at the EMSA website. 6000 Spanish dictionaries, Bonnie to distribute.

Disaster Preparedness – Patti Murin will now take this committee.

### Other

Leonard Inch presented information on California's Trauma Care, Trauma Fund Utilization: A Follow-Up Report to the Legislature June 2004. The report is posted on the S-SV website @ ssvems.com.

The report shows the utilization of 47.5 million dollars in the Trauma Care Fund for FY 2001/02 and FY 2002/03. The report contains two separate trauma maps for the years 2000 and 2004. The expenditures of the trauma fund monies clearly assisted in the preservation of the existing trauma care system and greatly improved California Trauma planning with the addition of designated trauma centers (Level 3 and Level 4). The report contains recommendations and potential funding sources as well.

### Next meeting:

December 7, 2004, Marines Memorial in San Francisco. EMS Commission, on December 8, 2004. EMS-C will also have a half day workshop on Systems Standards and Guidelines.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM

## Attachment "A"

### **Ambulance Strike Team Leader Qualifications/Training**

#### Minimum Training Requirements:

- ICS 100 and 200 (or IS 195 at FEMA website)
- Basic MCI Field Operations Training Course (8 hours)
- Using
  - Strike Team Leader-Ambulance Course (16 hours)
  - One year Leadership experience in a related field, as determined by Provider

### **Equipment Standards/Requirements**

#### Personal 72-hour "GO" Pack for Ambulance Strike Team Members:

- Pack to contain the following:
  - Reflective Jacket
  - Extra Uniform, socks & underwear
  - Safety Boots
  - Sunglasses
  - 1-Qt. Water Bottle/Canteen with potable water
  - Raingear
  - 2 MREs
  - Toilet Paper
  - Personal Meds & Medical History Documentation
  - Toiletries & Other Personal Items as needed
  - Sunscreen
  - DEET
  - Sleeping Bag
  - Hearing Protection (ear plugs)
  - Photo I.D. and petty cash
  - Clothing Appropriate for Climate

#### Ambulance (Minimum requirements in each category)

- Equipment and Supplies to meet minimum scope of practice (ALS or BLS) as determined by Title 13 and Title 22
- Most recently published edition of State Thomas Brothers Map Book
- Communications Equipment
- Fuel & Supply Purchasing (Credit Cards, Cash)
- 20 Patient Care Reports (PCRs)
- 20 Disaster Triage Tags

- 2 pair Work Gloves
- 2 Safety Helmet with Dust-Proof Safety Goggles
- 4 HEPA masks and 4 dust filters
- 2 Flashlights or Headlamps

#### Strike Team Leader-Ambulance Vehicle

- Equipment and Supplies to meet minimum requirements in Title 13 for a CHP Support Vehicle
- Most recently published edition of State Thomas Brothers Map Book
- Compass
- Fuel and Supply Purchasing (Credit Cards, Cash)
- Communications Equipment capable of communicating with the team enroute and at the incident.
- Cell Phone, batteries and charger