

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Holiday Inn

Sacramento, CA

Tuesday, June 22, 2004

10am to 4pm

MINUTES

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1. Welcome and Introductions

Darlene Isbell convened the meeting at 10:05 with round table introductions.

2. Approval of Agenda

M/Inch S/Lynch

minutes

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3. Consent Calendar

Art Lathrop reported that EMSAAC has 58,000 in the bank and the conference came out in the black. He is forecasting an 8k profit.

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4. New Members

Art Lathrop reported that there are no new members

5. Budget

Art Lathrop reviewed the 2004/05 proposed budget. The big change to the budget is based on the assumption of status quo. If we change the membership due structure, we will have to revise the budget. Art proposed that when we change our organizational status that dues stay at the \$150.00 level for this fiscal period since most lemsa's have already set their budget for the year. 6k budgeted for advocates of EMS which includes 2k for the membership and 4k for travel. No expenses have been incurred at this time. Insurance projected at \$800.00. We have not received an invoice for the liability insurance. Art is checking into this.

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6. President Issues

Nancy recognized Gwen Jones for her many years of work in the EMS system and EMSAAC in her various roles and wished her luck in her retirement.

Discussion re: the Hospital Closure task force took place. Several members don't want to duplicate efforts by State EMSA in this area. Motion to dissolve this committee of EMSAAC was made by Lynard Inch, Seconded by Darlene Isbell.

Nancy passed out a press release from Advocates for EMS. They are looking for stories to collect that will show how a lack of money on a National level has affected local areas.

The next EMSAAC meeting will be on July 20, 2004 to discuss the proposed bylaws.

7. Legislative Report

Mike Osur reported that the report is current as of last week. Mike reviewed the current legislation that is in process. The paramedic license penalties (1655) passed and is going to the EMSA policy committee. AB1898 passed committee. SB431 has a hearing today, no additional news as of yet. SB635 is being heard today which would allow Santa Barbara County to set up a MADDY fund.

8. Old Business

A. By-Laws

Michael Osur reported that comments were taken from members and he has incorporated them into the new draft. Pat Tillman will review the legal aspect of the new bylaws and will send them out in a couple of weeks for review. The proposed bylaws should be ready to vote on during the September 2004 meeting. Lynard Inch wanted to make sure that the members and not the new executive board votes on issues. Pat Tillman stated that there may be some issues that come up unexpectedly where the executive board may have limited powers to conduct the everyday business of the organization.

B. Restructure of Membership Dues

C. 2004 Conference-Isbell

Darlene reported that she received positive comments regarding the conference. Orange and L.A. County paid for the speakers that related to BT which helped offset the costs of the conference. Darlene wanted to thank Virginia Hastings for her assistance in making the conference a success. Barry Fisher reported that he was looking into attaching EMSAAC with Riverside's annual conference the first week in May. Chuck Baucom, Michael Frenn, Ross Elliott, Mary Kaylor & Calstar volunteered to assist in next years conference.

9. EMSA Report

Richard Watson reported that tomorrows commission meeting is very important because of the items that are up for approval were part of the vision process. First

Aid guidelines will also be distributed to all public schools in the State. The budget as far as EMSA is concerned is working out well. The next two years should be ok with the budget due to the bond measure etc. The Governor announced that a deal has been reached with the Indian casinos on revenue sharing. The Governor will oppose the two current ballot initiatives regarding the casinos. OES is proceeding with a disaster prevention campaign in the near future. EMSA will possibly getting their own legal counsel assigned to their office from the State. National Registry is working on a computer adaptive testing program. It should be ready to roll out sometime in 2006. AB1655 allows EMSA to fine paramedics in discipline cases.

10. Commission Items

Chuck Baucom reported that there is a total of 5 action items on the agenda. He is not aware of any major issues with the agenda. There was discussion regarding whether or not the Fire Marshall EMT training will be going away. Sean Trask reported that it will not be going away, but certification must be done through the local EMS agency. The fire Marshall can only certify fire personnel. No other comments or questions regarding the agenda came up. EMSA will put together training sessions for the new regulations in the fall. Inter-facility and Emergency response guidelines for school's is anticipated to be approved.

11. New Business

No new business

Section Reports

12. Organization & Management-Pletz

A. Communications-Lee

Bruce Lee reported that he needs some new infusion to this committee. They have had one meeting since he took over. He would like guidance with where to take this committee or can we dissolve this. Nancy brought up the State EMS survey and stated a few agencies did not receive the survey and were notified by the local hospitals. Several members also stated they did not receive this survey. Nancy stated that the local EMS agencies should have been involved in the distribution to make sure the proper contacts at each hospital were listed. Steve Andriese questioned the process of how the survey was distributed. A "heads up" by EMSA would have been helpful.

B. Facilities & Critical Care-Inch

Lynard Inch discussed the current Emergency Medical Care Initiative and circulated information regarding this. The initiative polling currently reports that if a vote was held today, the initiative would pass by 53%. The Sheriff's groups have opposed the current language and are working at doing their own local initiative to help support their PSAPs. L.A. County Board of Supervisors is taking a vote today on whether or

not to support this. The phone companies are opposing this stating they don't want to collect additional taxes. Lynard was asking each of us to assist him in promoting this at a local level. 60% of the proposed monies collected will go to the hospitals. The hospitals are in opposition to this because the polling at the time did not look promising at the time of the initial signature gathering.

m/andriese s/lynch to support the Emergency Medical Care Initiative.

Discussion, there is a lot of unanswered questions regarding this. Jan Ogar reported that ENA supports this and states that if it fails, it probably won't be brought up again.

Straw poll 17 in favor 2 opposed

Board Vote 6 in favor, no opposition.

Dan Burch stated that he doesn't think the EMSAAC board should vote on this without members actually reading this. Michael Frenn is concerned that the money will not go to the appropriate facilities

C. Hospital Closure Task Group

No news to report. Task force is in the process of being formed.

D. First Responders & Transport _LeVenton

No news to report

E. System Evaluation & Improvement-Spiess

No news to report

F. Public Education & Prevention – Spiess

7th Annual EMSC conference will be November 5th in Sacramento.

G. Disaster Preparedness-Isbell

Attended EMSA sponsored HRSA meeting. County's can expect to receive about the same amount of money next year. CDC will probably have a reduction in funding for next year. EMSA ordered 20,000 of the CBRNE training CD and is available to LEMSA's.

Nancy brought up the draft language for the disaster medical standards. Major changes revolved around who could be the medical health coordinator. Health Officers felt they should always fill this role. Proposed language would require that the health officer and EMSA will have a joint role in disasters. There are concerns from CHEAC and the draft language has not been approved by them at this point. Michael Petrie is concerned that a political solution to this is not a good idea and will pose significant problems during a disaster if the two people do not agree.

Section “C” Proposed language by Nancy Lapolla, “the County health officer and EMS director shall jointly perform the duties of the MOAC. If they are unable to perform the duties, they shall jointly appoint the MOAC.

m/andriese s/Inch move ahead with health officers assoc. and move the legislation forward. Motion carries, one opposition

13. EMDAC Joint Meeting

A. CHP Helicopter Issues

Chris Graillat from the CHP opened the discussion and reviewed a list of bullet points that was handed out to the membership. Kym Mitchell from the CHP gave an overview of the aircraft program. Nine helicopters are classified as Advanced Life Support rescue helicopters by the State EMSA. The mission of the CHP air unit is to provide both medical and law enforcement services.

Kym also covered the CHP operating procedures with regard to their aircraft operations. The CHP crews work from the policies of the County they are based in. The department does not receive compensation from the services they provide. They are not in competition for compensation with the private providers. The CHP is here as a resource for the county’s. The CHP helicopters work under the direction of the Incident Commander on scene unless they are first on scene.

The CHP does not endorse or cancel responding helicopters unless they actually have a patient on board and the air ambulance is not on scene. CHP wants a clear understanding of how long they should wait on scene for an air ambulance? The departments paramount concern is to provide great patient care.

CHP did approximately 800 transports last year.

B. Legislative Issues

Other

Adjourn

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Members / Guests in Attendance

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