

**Emergency Medical Care Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday September 21st, 2023  
2995 McMillan Ave, Ste 178, San Luis Obispo**



**Members**

- CHAIR Jonathan Stornetta, Public Providers
- VICE CHAIR Dr. Brad Knox, Physicians

- Bob Neumann, Consumers
- Alexandra Kohler, Consumers
- Matt Bronson, City Government
- Chris Javine, Pre-Hospital Transport Providers
- Michael Talmadge, EMS Field Personnel
- Dr. Rachel May, Emergency Physicians
- Jay Wells, Sheriff's Department
- Julia Fogelson, Hospitals
- Diane Burkey, MICNs

**Ex Officio**

- Vince Pierucci, EMS Division Director
- Dr. Bill Mulkerin, LEMSA Medical Director

**Staff**

- Rachel Oakley, EMS Coordinator
- David Goss, EMS Coordinator
- Ryan Rosander, EMS Coordinator
- Denise Yi, PHEP Program Manager
- Sara Schwall, Administrative Assistant

**Guests** – Rob Jenkins, CALFire; Natasha Lukasiawich, French Hospital

AGENDA ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Meeting called to order at 08:34 AM
<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>Public Comment</b>	No comments
<b>Approval of Meeting Minutes –</b>	No quorum
<b>Schedule next meeting – EMSA administrative decision tentatively Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup></b>	V. Pierucci
<b>2022 State of the EMS System Report:</b>	V. Pierucci
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- System Data: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 2022 saw a significant increase in responses and transports. The system experienced almost 2,000 more calls than this time last year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ V. Pierucci says locally we can look at building a more formal EMD system that will help lessen code 3 calls.</li> <li>▪ J. Fogelson asks if the data compares code 3 vs code 2 calls to see how much time would be saved.</li> <li>▪ C. Javine responds depending on the system, 10-20% time could be saved.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Incident Volume for 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The top five highest call volumes included traumatic injury, weakness, abdominal pain, behavioral health and general illness. Behavioral health rose to number 4 in 2022; not included in the top five the previous year and making up 10% of call volume.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Review of Trauma Alert Step Map and Cardiac Arrest Map: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Many cardiac arrests have drug overdose as an underlying cause. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ J. Fogelson says this may be worth looking at ROSC policies.</li> <li>▪ R. May says it is difficult to accurately show the volume based on just transports instead of total calls.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>- Hospital Destinations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o The highest destination is TCCH at 27% and second highest is SVRMV at 26%.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mental Health Call Volume: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Cities with highest call volume are SLO/Avila at 28%, followed by Five Cities area at 21% and Paso/Templeton/San Miguel at 20%.</li> <li>o Most common ages of these calls are 31-40 years old at 21% and 21-30 year olds at 18%.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Mental Health Transport vs Response and Repeat Callers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 2022 saw 72 repeat callers compared to 44 repeat callers in 2021.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Overdose/Substance Abuse – Incident Volume by Substance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o 49% reported alcohol followed by 16% fentanyl.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>EMS Agency/EMCC 2023/2024 Goals Update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Goal 1: A plan to open a sobering center is in place for Spring 2024. Currently, there are no facilities eligible to be an alternate destination. There are plans to upgrade the CSU and/PHF to meet these requirements for an alternate destination. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ R. May asks what can be done to get these plans to come to fruition.</li> <li>▪ V. Pierucci responds that the main challenges are staffing and getting all stakeholders on the same page.</li> <li>▪ B. Mulkerin says that EMS has tried to put out the message that EMS can do more with an alternate destination.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Goal 2: A new Medi-Cal benefit requires counties to have a mobile crisis team. Mental health evaluation team does not go out into the field often. There are concerns that one team will be able to meet demands. EMSA will be a part of a workgroup to look at how to optimize this benefit.</li> <li>• Goal 3: Staff met with Behavioral Health to discuss policies and protocols for pre-hospital use of Buprenorphine. No new progress has been made.</li> <li>• Goal 4: No reportable action at this time.</li> <li>• Goal 5: A code of ethics is anticipated to be proposed at the next EMCC meeting.</li> </ul>	V. Pierucci
<p><b>EMSA Director Report:</b> The passage of AB-40 Bill will require a policy for patient offload from each LEMSA.</p> <p><b>EMS Medical Director Report:</b> I am getting up and running in this new position and please feel free to reach out. We are still seeing medication shortages.</p> <p><b>PHEP Staff Report:</b> A date has been set for this year’s POD exercise. This year will be a FRPOD, which is open to first responders. The FRPOD will take place on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> and will be at four locations throughout the county.</p>	V. Pierucci  B. Mulkerin  D. Yi
<p><b>Announcements:</b> None</p>	
<p><b>Future Agenda Items:</b> None</p>	Adjourn at 9:38 AM.
<p><b>Next Regular Meeting</b> Next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 08:30 AM at EMS Agency.</p>	