

**Emergency Medical Care Committee
Meeting Minutes
Thursday November 17th, 2022.
2995 McMillan Ave, Ste 178, San Luis Obispo**



Members

- CHAIR Dr. Rachel May, *Emergency Medicine Physicians*
- VICE CHAIR Jonathan Stornetta, *Public Providers*

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

Ex Officio

- Vince Pierucci, *EMS Division Director*
- Dr. Thomas Ronay, *LEMSA Medical Director*

Staff

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

Guests – Tim Benes, CCHD; Rob Jenkins, CAL Fire; Natasha Lukasiewich, FHD ED Director; Gerry Perez, CHP; Doug Weeda, CHP

AGENDA ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
CALL TO ORDER	Meeting called to order at 08:37 AM
Introductions	
Public Comment	No comments
Approval of May 19^h, 2022 Meeting Minutes –	B. Knox Motions. B. Neumann 2nds. All in favor.
<p>EMCC Elections – Nomination and Election</p> <p>Chair Nomination: Jonathan Stornetta is nominated and motioned by B. Knox, R. May, and M. Talmadge. All in favor. Motion carries.</p> <p>Vice Chair Nomination: Dr. Brad Knox is nominated and motioned by J. Stornetta, M. Talmadge and R. May. All in favor. Motion carries.</p>	<p>V. Pierucci</p> <p>Motion carries, J. Stornetta elected as Chair.</p> <p>Motion carries, B. Knox elected as Vice Chair.</p>
<p>Staff Report for Revisions to Policies # 350 and 351, including attachments A-E (MICN):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For initial application, proposed to waive requirement of one year ED experience if the RN worked as an accredited paramedic in SLO County in the last two years. • Proposed that an MICN Liaison be the point person at each base hospital for collecting and submitting applications. As well as submitting letters of separation. • Added to the initial application policy is a four-hour ride along with an ALS provider using the MICN Field Orientation Checklist. Proposed to waive this requirement for RNs who worked as an accredited paramedic in SLO County in the last two years. • MICN Med Com Orientation is also four hours and follows a checklist. • Fees are required in the new fiscal year to align with paramedic and EMT fees. • Policy 351 was adjusted to mirror changes in policy 350. 	R. Oakley

<p>Discussion: R. May asks how much the fee will be. V. Pierucci is still being determined but will align with the State fees charged for EMT certification. M. Talmadge asks if the field orientation hours are FTO specific or if it can be anyone designated by the agency. C. Javine says he would feel comfortable letting a non-FTO paramedic do an orientation. R. Oakley says she will change the language in the policy to remove “FTO” and use “accredited paramedic” to conduct a field orientation.</p>	<p>R. May motions to approve revisions. B. Knox 2nds. All in favor, revisions approved.</p>
<p>Ambulance Transport RFP Update: EMSA hired a consultant from Healthcare Strategist. The consultant team consists of Chief Powers, Steve Athey and Dave Ghilarducci, MD. They will do a system assessment including a ride along and interviews. The consultants will bring back a report in January, which will be used to develop an RFP by early Fall. The new contract will take effect in July 2024.</p>	<p>V. Pierucci</p>
<p>Staff Report: We have been dealing with a surge of RSV for the past two weeks. Sierra Vista has become our pediatric center and at one point had 12 children admitted. The hospital had to open their old ICU to house all the patients. A mutual aid supply of albuterol was facilitated. At a meeting with the hospitals last week, coordination was worked out to keep the sick, younger kids at Sierra Vista and move non-RSV positive patients to French. B. Knox says thank you to French for accommodating the transfer of patients. He is expecting the cases to get worse in the next few weeks. It does weigh on the EMS system with transports to hospitals. RSV is nothing new, but we think it has been more aggressive because these kids have been isolated.</p> <p>EMS Medical Director Report: At the airway lab this summer, paramedics and EMTs were able to use the iGel Supraglottic airway. As we move toward an introduction, I thank everyone for thinking broadly about this new skill. I do recognize there is a ripple effect when a new tool is introduced into the system. The staff is working on Alternate IV access issues. Two weeks ago, David Givot, Esq. gave a lecture here on EMS documentation. The EMS Commission, under Title 22, passed Behavioral Health Alternate Care Destinations. Congrats to Paso Robles for instituting full public access defibrillators in Downtown Paso Robles!</p> <p>PHEP Staff Report: Thank you to everyone who helped at the PPODs this year!</p>	<p>V. Pierucci</p> <p>T. Ronay</p> <p>D. Yi</p>
<p>Announcements: J. Wells: There is an uptick in overdosing and Narcan use. We have seen 50-60 reversals, however. All locations and vehicles are stocked with Narcan and the State sent a large supply. We need to refresh the length of time between Narcan dosing. V. Pierucci: All the reports are showing solid work with the Narcan use and seeing good results. Behavioral Health is discussing creating “nalox-boxes” for the public.</p>	

<p>C. Javine: There has been paramedic shortages and San Luis Ambulance is working with Best Practices to contract five travelling medics. All are going through training. Their term is 3 months with an opportunity for extension. Joe Piedalue retired from SLA and promoted Kris Strommen to Operations Manager and Serena Genusso to a new Clinical Manager position.</p> <p>Vince says there has been positive feedback about these medics. The program operates under the Governor's COVID Executive Order.</p> <p>J. Stornetta: The medical professionals on this committee are some of the best in the county. We need to set goals for the new year. One thing to look at homelessness. Let's show our leadership and make a difference with this committee.</p> <p>N. Lukasiewich: We are going for a geriatric accreditation and working on pediatric readiness. We also are working on an emergency psychiatry program to make sure we have all the right people and equipment to support these types of crises.</p> <p>J. Fogelson: On the 28th, the new hospital president starts his tenure. We have had adult RSV patients and not licensed for pediatrics, nor are the staff insured to care for pediatric patients. We will continue to help offload what we can, however.</p> <p>J.Stornetta asks if there will be an impact to transports with the geriatric accreditation.</p> <p>N. Lukasiewich answers no, it is not a destination but will hold us accountable to provide the best care for these patients.</p>	
<p>Future Agenda Items: Make goals for the new year.</p>	<p>B. Neuman motions to adjourn. R. May 2nds. Meeting adjourned 9:50 AM</p>
<p>Next Regular Meeting Next meeting will be held Thursday, January 19th, 2022, at 08:30 AM at EMS Agency.</p>	