



Mendocino County Emergency Medical Care Committee

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EMCC General Meeting Summary ~ June 4, 2009 *Mendocino Coast District Hospital*

PRESENT

Stacey Cryer, MC-HHSA-CHS
Jonni Mayberry, CALFIRE
Mark Luoto, UVMC/CVEMS
Sam Barnett, CVEMS
Everett Holbrook, UAS
Debbie Pardee, CALSTAR
Valerie Lawe, CHS
Nathaniel Norling, MCDH
Dennis Bushnell, MC Sheriff
Samuel Parsons, CLSD

Kirk Thomsen, Ukiah Fire
Anna Blair, REACH
Christy Carlton, CVEMS
Bruce Longstreet, AVA
Dottie Deerwester, MCOE/ROP
Tim Rohan, UVMC
Jeff Diehl, MDH
Elizabeth Weaver, Laytonville Fire
Alden Baker, MCDH

OPENING REMARKS DEBBIE PARDEE, MADE INTRODUCTIONS AND OPENED THE MEETING AT NOON.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Approved minutes for March 2009.

AREA REPORT JEFF DIEHL Mendocino Coast District Hospital currently has two ambulances, 17 staff members and averages four transports and twelve inter facility transfers a day.

OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES –NO REPORT

EMS REGIONAL STAFF REPORT

- Policy and Procedure Updates**-Dr. Luoto-The Afib policy is to be less permissive with the intent to emphasize supportive care and limit cardio version to patients in extremis. It is possible by mid June to halt data collection in the Zofran study. The statistics are showing IV dosage is more effective than oral Zofran. In 2000 uses there have been no significant events. Fentanyl will most likely not be approved as optional scope at this time, due to abuse potential. If CVEMSA adopted Fentanyl, morphine would most likely be removed, the region doesn't want to have multiple narcotics. CVEMSA would like to see adoption of Fentanyl by another LEMSA, prior to making a change.*
- Trauma System Update**-UVMC applied for level IV trauma center designation. Bethany Chainy, Trauma Coordinator and Tim Rohan applied for MADDY funds for pediatric equipment UVMC needs; request is being processed. Also on the horizon is some training thru a national program for pediatrics in pediatric trauma and pediatric medical.
- Data System Report.** – No report
- Mendocino County Office Report**- Rumors have been circulating that Mendocino County is pulling out of the region-that is not true. Due to shortfalls in funding including realignment funds, the decision was made to terminate the contract with Sonoma County for our local EMS Coordinator and to fill the position internally with a Mendocino County employee. Stacey Cryer will be the interim EMS Coordinator until Community Health Services gets the Board of Supervisor's approval to internally fill this position. Community Health Services is committed to the region. James Salvante will be spending one day a week in Mendocino County until the end of July. The contact for Mendocino County EMS issues is Christy Carlton at 707-472-2785, she will assist you or direct your call to James Salvante, Dr. Luoto or Stacey Cryer. Fitch and Associates has been contracted to do an in depth sustainability study of the Mendocino County EMS providers and region. We will be asking the stake

holders to attend meetings and supply data for this study. CVEMS has contracted to do a Joint Powers of Authority/EMS study with Jack Becker, EMS consultant. He will be looking at other EMS agency models and structures of operations and what would suit the region best.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Mendocino County All Hazard Preparedness** -No report
- Medical Advisory Committee**- Is where the region changes protocols, if there is a protocol that you think could use updating, attend the next meeting. *these items will be discussed in the July 1st MAC meeting.

AGENCY REPORTS

- California Highway Patrol**- No report.
- CALFIRE**- Dispatch contract with Mendocino County has been signed for another 3 years. Another cut in pay from the state may bring more retirements. Chris Rowney is the new Howard Forest Unit Chief. All stations are staffed as of June 1st 2009, and CALFIRE is ramping up in preparation of fire season. Jonni Mayberry is transferring to Eureka.
- Mendocino County Fire Chiefs Association**. There was a demonstration from ZOLL of their Auto pulse, a compression machine. Zoll also has a new CPR trainer.
- Mendocino County Office of Education** Dottie Deerwester- Reported that, as with everyone else MCOE has had staffing losses. Mendocino County is one of the few places that can offer ROP/Adult classes. EMT classes are continuing, First responder program, EMT refresher courses, NREMT testing thru Pearson VUE.
- Mendocino County Health and Human Services, Community Health Services**- Public Access Defibrillator program- Skip Williams is contracted to place 19 defibrillators in county buildings, the order has been placed on back order and is pending till late July. Mendocino County Community Health Services opened the Department Operations Center due to H1N1 in early April, holding two meetings a day with the state and other stake holders. They also ordered 7000 doses of Tamiflu. On June 18th there will be a Table Top/Debriefing hosted by Disaster Preparedness. Stacey Cryer stated that Community Health Services had a good working relationship with the doctors. Feedback was offered requesting clarity around notification of the Community Health Services DOC deactivation. CHS staff will provide formal notification of all activations and deactivations in the future. In addition similar feedback was offered to CVEMS regarding notification of discontinuing implementation of special incident protocols. Dr. Mark Luoto provided assurance that CVEMS would be more formal and specific about this in the future. Disaster Preparedness is facilitating a contract project with all three counties. HPP & CVEMS region to develop a MHOAC Directory, identify field treatment sites, alternative care sites and an operational manual. There will also be training in RIMS information management system for NIHMS.
- Mendocino County Sheriff's Office/ Mendocino Office of Emergency Services**. Discussed lack of coverage, staging or lack of staging at incidents with first responders where coverage is short.
- Mendocino Community College** The College is going to form a Dean position for career and technical programs. EMT paramedic programs are taking applications.
- New Business**- None

GOOD OF THE ORDER – Everyone present expressed their good wishes for Sam Barnett in his new position as San Mateo County's new EMS Administrator.

PUBLIC EXPRESSION – NO PUBLIC COMMENTS MADE.

Meeting adjourned

Next Meeting

Thursday, September 3, 2009

12:00 to 2:00 P.M.

Lunch served at 11:30 A. M.

Location

Hensley Creek CALFIRE Station

1800 N State Street, Ukiah

UVMC Hosting