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# Emergency Medical Care Commission

**SAN BENITO COUNTY**

**DAVID GHILARDUCCI, M.D.**  
*Medical Director*

## San Benito County Emergency Medical Care Commission

### Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

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#### **I. Call to Order / Introductions:**

The Meeting was called to order by Rick Espino, at 1:35 p.m.

##### **Voting Members Present:**

Air Ambulance Provider	Cortney McPhee
Bureau of Land Management-Hollister Field Office	Mike Chiodini
California Dept. of Parks & Rec. Hollister Hills SVRA	Jeff Reed
City of San Juan Bautista	John Fox
Contracted Ambulance Provider	Brenda Brenner
Hollister/San Benito County Fire Department	Josh Buzzetta
Member at Large	Rick Espino
National Park Service - Pinnacles National Park	Janette Lemons
San Benito Healthcare District-Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital	Karen O'Connell, RN
San Benito County Sheriff/Coroner	Tony Lamonica

##### **Non – Voting Members Present:**

EMS Administrator	Kevin O'Neill
EMS Medical Director	Dave Ghilarducci, M.D.

##### **Voting Members Absent:**

American Red Cross-Local Chapter	Rosemary Maire
Aromas Tri- County Fire Protection District	Reno DiTuillio, Jr.
CAL FIRE – San Benito/Monterey Unit	Henry Flores
Hollister Police Department	Dave Westrick
Public Safety Communications Center	Dennis Kidd
San Benito County Board of Supervisor	Robert Rivas

##### **Non-Voting Members Absent:**

##### **Others Present:**

County EMS	Dixie Zamzow
California Highway Patrol	Chris Miceli
Hollister Police Department	Carlos Reynoso
Office of Emergency Services	Kris Manganano
San Benito County Public Health	Ryan Dehart

**II. Approval of EMCC Minutes of September 2, 2015 & November 4, 2015**

The minutes of September 2, 2015 and November 4, 2015 were approved with no changes.

**III. Public Comment:**

None

**IV. Public Information/Education:**

Emergency Medical Services Agency Reorganization

Kevin O'Neill announced the reorganization of the Emergency Medical Services Agency from Health & Human Services Agency now under the County Administration office - Office of Emergency Services. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors on December 15, 2015 and became effective on December 21, 2015. Organizational structure is as follows: Ray Espinoza, CAO as the Department Head and Kevin O'Neill as Administrator for both OES and EMS. Vacant EMS Coordinator position is now open to applicants and closes on Friday January 8, 2016. Kevin is looking for some feedback on how we can improve EMS, what works best. Send him an email with any ideas or suggestions.

**V. EMS Medical Director's Report – Dr. David Ghilarducci:**

Dr. Ghilarducci stated he was excited about the move with EMS and how the roles of EMS and OES overlap in many ways. Both agencies touch a lot of places from public safety, emergency preparedness and the hospital. He is looking forward to the future direction of EMS under Kevin's leadership.

**VI. Old Business:**

Ad Hoc Committee – Ambulance Transport of Psych Patients

Dr. Ghilarducci stated he hasn't heard of any new issues on this. Dr. Scherr was not available to report on any new findings.

Ambulance Company Certificates of Operation Updates

Dixie Zamzow reported AMR, ProTransport-1 and Marquee Medical Transport are the three ambulance companies to have turned in their application requirements for ambulance certificates and permits for this year.

**VII. New Business:**

EMCC Commission Members and Alternates

Dixie Zamzow asks the group to give her the names of primary and alternate voting commissioners for this EMCC group. All new and existing members will need to be appointed and reappointed by the Board of Supervisors. She also reminded the group the Form 700 needs to be completed by the voting commissioners by April 1 of every year.

Rick Espino expressed the importance of having a quorum at these meeting to vote on important topics, nine members are needed to make a quorum. Only the people appointed as the primary or alternate from each agency are allowed to vote. Sending someone other than the appointed individuals to attend these meeting is okay, but they are not allowed to vote.

Seldom Used Skills March 2, 2016

This year "Seldom Used Skills" will be held on March 2, 2016 at Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital – Great Room. Dr. Ghilarducci would like to integrate more BLS skills this year. Notice will be sent out about the times.

**VIII. Roundtable**

Dr. Goel resigned as San Benito County Health Officer on December 22, 2015. Dr. Ira Lubell will be the interim Health Officer until a permanent one is found.

Chris Miceli, CHP was asking about AED grant information to purchase some for the units. Kris Mangano stated she will send a link for a grant that may help. Dr. Ghilarducci stated the State has changed the need to have medical direction on AED's. It was reported the City of Hollister is also looking to purchase some for several public gathering buildings downtown. There is a smart phone AP-Pulse Point that you can get for your smart phone to send you notification if you are nearby someone reporting a heart attack, it also gives information of where the closest AED is located.

Jan Lemons with Pinnacles National Park stated Pinnacles have been working to prepare for El Nino. She also has questions on the exact address of the park; it's a problem with the medical side for 911 calls. She has inquired with county planning – an application process may be needed to get this done.

Carlos Reynoso, HPD spoke on AED need for law enforcement. Hollister Police officers have had CPR training that included AED practice.

Ryan Dehart with Public Health reported the Statewide Health functional exercise was held on November 19, 2015. The exercise went well. Need to improve on how to secure POD's. He also stated the Public Health staff will be getting PIO training in the near future.

Mike Chiodini with BLM reported the BLM office will be moving to Marina the end of January. He stated he will still attend this meeting and remain committed to San Benito as there is BLM property in South County.

Jeff Reed with State Parks –Hollister Hills reported they had a Poker Run event which CalStar help fund. CalStar and AMR were there along with several volunteers to help set it up. There was 130 riders and raised over three thousand dollars.

Karen O'Connell with Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital reported the Census for HHH in 2015 was 19,649, an increase of 12.9% from 2014. HHH trauma program has had a few hiccups. EMS Maddy funds have helped to purchase the glidescope for pediatric patients in the ED. A TNCC class will be held; nearly 95% of the ED RN's will be certified to care for trauma patients. HHH is continuing with the Stroke program. Calstar will bring education courses to HHH nurses and EMS. The ED will be staffed with a charge nurse 24/7. The ED will be implementing a meet and greet process where the MD & RN meet the ambulance patient and medics at the bedside. Also implementing a process called "rapid patient management" where a PA in the triage room with the RN. HHH is expanding the medical staff with a neurologist, infectious disease specialist and an endocrinologist. A Diabetic center is also in the works and having a pediatrician on staff and will establish a Pediatric Multidisciplinary Committee.

**IX. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 2, 2016

**X. Meeting was adjourned at 2:12 P.M.**