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Emergency Medical Care Commission

SAN BENITO COUNTY

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San Benito County Emergency Medical Care Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2016

I. Call to Order / Introductions:

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

Voting Members Present:

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| Air Ambulance Provider | Cortney McPhee |
| California Dept. of Parks & Rec. Hollister Hills SVRA | Eric Sturm |
| City of San Juan Bautista | John Fox |
| Contracted Ambulance Provider | Virginia Jones/Brenda Brenner |
| Hollister Police Department | Dave Westrick |
| Hollister/San Benito County Fire Department | Josh Buzzetta/Kris Klay |
| Member at Large | Rick Espino |
| San Benito Healthcare District-Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital | Steven Scherr, MD |
| San Benito County Sheriff/Coroner | Steve Van Den Heuvel |

Non – Voting Members Present:

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| EMS Administrator | Kevin O’Neill |
| EMS Coordinator | Kris Mangano |
| EMS Medical Director | Dave Ghilarducci, M.D. |

Voting Members Absent:

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| American Red Cross-Local Chapter | Rosemary Maire |
| Aromas Tri- County Fire Protection District | Reno DiTuillio, Jr. |
| Bureau of Land Management-Hollister Field Office | Mike Chiodini |
| CAL FIRE – San Benito/Monterey Unit | Henry Flores |
| National Park Service - Pinnacles National Park | Janette Lemons |
| Public Safety Communications Center | Dennis Kidd |
| San Benito County Board of Supervisor | Robert Rivas |

Non-Voting Members Absent:

Others Present:

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| County EMS | Dixie Zamzow |
| California Highway Patrol | Chris Miceli |
| Hollister Fire Department | Nathaniel Mendoza/Michael Dariano |
| San Benito County Public Health | Ryan Dehart |

II. Approval of EMCC Minutes of January 6, 2016

The minutes of January 6, 2016 were approved with no changes.

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Public Information/Education:

None

VI. Old Business:

Ad Hoc Committee – Ambulance Transport of Psych Patients

Dr. Scherr reported this issue has not gotten any better. He has decided there needs to be an economic solution to the transport problem for the best resolution for the community. He stated the payer mix is good with Hazel Hawkins Hospital with 60% of the patients have insurance, 20% have Medi-Cal and the remainder with no insurance – self pay. He still has background information to look into but would like to find a business solution to help maybe partner up with an ambulance company to help float them. Behavioral Health Manager, Alan Yamamoto wants an estimate of what it would cost so he can recommend this to the Board of Supervisors to add this amount to his budget.

Commission Members and Alternates

Dixie Zamzow passed around to the group a list for EMCC commission members to clarify who is the primary and alternate member from their agency. She stated EMCC members need to be appointed and reappointed by the Board of Supervisors each year.

VII. New Business:

New EMS Coordinator

Dr. Ghilarducci announced EMS has a new Coordinator – Kris Mangano. She stated she has been on the job for about three weeks now and has an office in OES office building 471 Fourth Street. Stop by and see her. Rick Espino stated Kevin O’Neill, OES Administrator ask him and Josh Buzzetta, Hollister Fire Department along with a HR representative to be a part of the interview panel. He appreciated having members of this EMCC group assisting in the hiring process.

EKG Transmission Update

Dr. Ghilarducci reported on the ongoing project of having 12 Lead transmissions here. Everything has been installed and should start to happen real soon. Hazel Hawkins Hospital has a few technical issues to iron out on their end. Once everything gets worked out AMR will be able to send EKG transmissions to Hazel Hawkins Hospital and Salinas Valley Memorial. San Benito will now be up with the rest of the state on 12 lead transmissions.

Base Station Recordings

Dr. Ghilarducci stated at the last PAC meeting an issue came up regarding Base station recordings. He wanted to confirm with everyone the calls are being recorded. All done through Net Comm and does not require any equipment at the hospital. Let EMS Agency know if you need any recordings and we can get them from Net Comm.

EMT Training

Kris reported she is working with Josh Buzzetta on getting an EMT Academy here within the next three months. The class will be contracted out by a school who teaches EMT classes. There has been an interest in EMT training here from Sheriff Office, Hollister Police Department, reserve Fire Fighters and State Parks.

Paramedic an EMT Photo ID

Kris Mangano reported there will be a new policy requirement to have all Paramedics and EMT's to wear a photo ID badge while working with a 911 provider. Hollister Fire and State Parks are to wear their required agency badge but are to have the county issued photo ID badge in their possession for identity purposes. Photos will be taken at the next Base and PAC meetings. All others will need to come into the office to get their picture taken. The badges will be issued when the new policy is available.

AMR Call Volume and Compliance

Kris Mangano reported AMR ran 2994 calls in 2015 with an overall compliance of 94.91% with an additional 287 calls for IFT (inter-facility transfers), huge increase in call volume from 2014.

EMCC Bylaws

There are a few "title" changes that need to be made in the EMCC Bylaws. A draft will be presented at the next EMCC meeting for approval then will go to County Board of Supervisors for final approval. It was also discussed to add Behavioral Health to this group. A letter will be sent to Alan Yamamoto to invite him to become a voting member of this EMCC commission.

VIII. Roundtable

Josh Buzzetta, HFD, stated once the EMT training quotes come in, a notice will be sent out to Sheriff's, Hollister Police Department, California Highway Patrol and Parks to forward to staff that wants to sign up for the classes. It's not known when the classes will be, possible looking at two evenings a week and all day Saturday with about 20 students per class.

Brenda Brenner, AMR, stated they are looking to hire more paramedics. This can be done on line at www.AMR.net /career section. There is a hiring bonus for new hires.

David Westrick, HPD Chief, reported call volume went up by 9.8% and the crime rate went down. He also spoke on the 2016 Motorcycle rally coming up on July 1, 2 and 3rd. It will be run by three different entities' with the same footprint as in past years. Due to a large loss of funds last year, there will not be a concert this year.

Eric Sturm with State Parks spoke about legislation in the works for State Agencies to work under their own protocols. He ask if anyone knew anything about this. Rick Espino stated when he was with CALFire it was always an issue working in different counties. Guidelines were to work at the level of what you were trained to do. Cortney McPhee with Calstar stated they use county policies on trauma calls and their own protocols once in the air craft.

It was reported the Base and PAC meeting dates will be changing. EMCC meetings will remain the same – every odd month- first Wednesday at 1:30 PM.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2016

X. Meeting was adjourned at 2:21 P.M.