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Emergency Medical Care Commission

SAN BENITO COUNTY

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San Benito County Emergency Medical Care Commission

Meeting Minutes

May 13, 2015

I. Call to Order / Introductions:

The Meeting was called to order by Rick Espino, at 1:45 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	Eric Sturm
Hollister/San Benito County Fire Department	Josh Buzzetta/Kris Klay
Member at Large	Rick Espino
National Park Service - Pinnacles National Park	Kimberly McCrary
Public Safety Communications Center	Dennis Kidd
San Benito County Sheriff/Coroner	Steve Van Den Heuvel
San Benito Healthcare District-Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital	Karen O'Connell, RN

Non – Voting Members Present:

EMS Coordinator	Marcie Morrow
EMS Medical Director	Dave Ghilarducci, M.D.
County Health Officer	Anju Goel, M.D.

Voting Members Absent:

American Red Cross-Local Chapter	Rosemary Maire
Aromas Tri- County Fire Protection District	Baraka Carter
CAL FIRE – San Benito/Monterey Unit	Henry Flores
California Highway Patrol – Hollister/Gilroy Office	Herb Kellogg
City of San Juan Bautista	John Fox
Contracted Ambulance Provider	Virginia Jones
Hollister Police Department	Dave Westrick
San Benito County Board of Supervisor	Robert Rivas

Non-Voting Members Absent:

EMS Administrator	Jim Rydingsword
Emergency Preparedness	Samela Perez

Others Present:

County EMS	Dixie Zamzow
Office of Emergency Service	Kevin O'Neill/Kris Mangano
Silicon Valley Ambulance	Randy Hooks
Hazel Hawkins Hospital	Steve Scherr, MD

Dr. Scherr was introduced to the group; he is the Medical Director of the Emergency Department at Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital. He lives here and is a part of this community.

II. Approval of EMCC Minutes of March 4, 2015

The minutes of March 4, 2015 were accepted and approved.

III. Public Comment:

None

IV. Public Information/Education:

None

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

Dr. Ghilarducci spoke on having a policy committee to keep the policies fresh and updated in two year revision cycle to maintain the state of the art EMS care for San Benito County.

He asked the group if they knew which county currently in California did not use 12-Lead, the answer was San Benito County. He stated he was meeting with Hazel Hawkins Hospital today to go over the logistics for having 12-Leads here, equipment/training. Closest Stemi Center is Salinas Memorial Hospital. The Stemi policy is not out yet. He hopes to get that out in a couple of months. Trauma policy is another policy that has been changed in reference to the "MAP" Triage. This has been changed to "PAM" (Physiologic, Anatomic and Mechanism) these are the same three only in a more important priority order. He spoke on ground ambulance transportation to Natividad and leaving one ambulance in the system. He feels saving one critical patient life is what needs to be accomplished. South County patients will continue to be transported by air ambulance.

Dr. Ghilarducci also spoke on one patient in the county with LVAD – Left Ventricular Assist Device, an appliance, booster pump for the heart, this patient is waiting for a transplant. For confidentiality it can't be added to the CAD system.

He also spoke on a great tool for San Benito County, Video Laryngoscopy, this helps find the right placement by direct video. This is new and will soon become standard procedure.

VI. Old Business:

Ad Hoc Committee – Ambulance Transport of Psych Patients

Steve Van Den Heuvel stated the meeting was successful, the issues were addressed, new things were realized and some agencies procedures were addressed and will need to be corrected.

He will let this EMCC commission know on any changes.

Dr. Scherr stated there are multi complicated psychological patients who are not given corrective care and this has to get resolved.

Motorcycle Rally Update

The old county dispatch Communication 911 center was used during the rally. This year's rally is scheduled for Friday July 3rd, Saturday July 4th and ending early on Sunday, July 5th. Area locations, beer booths, food and first-aid stations were explained. Extra cameras have been installed this year some you can see and some you can't see.

EMS/EMCC Annual Plan

Marcie spoke on the "draft" EMS Annual Report for CSA for the Board of Supervisors, she updated it with staffing responsibilities and highlights from last year EMS hero's, CPR Training, 911 ambulance provider contract, EMT Academy, Hazel Hawkins Hospital review, smart phone App, MCI Plan, investigation procedures, QI and calls for service. She stated this report may also be utilized for EMCC Annual Report. Marcie asks for input before this goes to public hearing to finalize our EMS budget. The EMS Annual Plan was voted on to accept as is and was approved by the EMCC with the addition to include the maps.

VII. New Business:

EMS Week Activities

Marcie Morrow expressed this is her favorite time of the year for EMS. On March 10, 2015 - Fifty Six (56) heroes were honored at the Board of Supervisors meeting. She stated it takes a whole team to save a patient. Santa Cruz 911 Dispatchers, ground and air ambulances crews, fire crews, law enforcement and hospital personal. After the BOS meeting a reception was held at Fire Station 1, where these individuals received a certificate and pin for their outstanding efforts in saving lives.

On Wednesday, March 11, 2015 was National CPR Day, AMR participated in a national CPR competition to teach the most people hands only CPR.

Friday March 13, 2015 HHH held a special "Burn Lecture" with guest speaker from VMC Burn Unit from 10:00 - 11:30. On that same day, from 12:00 – 2:00 a barbeque was held to honor all EMS agencies in the county. Hamburger and hot dogs were served.

AMR Response Time Performance - Aromas

Marcie Morrow spoke on all dispatched calls to Aromas. There may be a misunderstanding on response times for this area. Thirty (30) minutes is the allowable response time. Of the eighty six (86) calls, two (2) were late. AMR is making 97% of their 30 minute response time for Aromas during the time frame that was questioned.

Trauma Center – Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital

Dr. Scherr stated when he became the Medical Director of the ER the #1 priority of Ken Underwood was to obtain a Level 4 Trauma Center for Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital. He stated there is a long "to do list" to get the hospital ready and protocols to be written, etc. He will keep EMCC informed.

New Base Director – Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital

The new Base Director for Hazel Hawkins Memorial Hospital is Dr. Savay.

Removal of Ex-Officio Members – PH Emergency Preparedness, & EMS Administrator from the Bylaws

It appears that HHSA has several people on this EMCC committee, as requested by HHSA-Public Health Department to remove County Emergency Preparedness, County Health Officer and change EMS Administrator to EMS Manager. This was voted on and approved by this EMCC Commission. The Bylaws will also need to be corrected.

VIII. Roundtable

Steve Van Den Heuvel shared with the group a new 4x4 Jeep (mule) has been purchased for the Search and Rescue Team. It is equipped with Code 3 lights and sirens.

Randy Hooks welcomed Dr. Ghilarducci to San Benito, glad to have him here.

It was reported Santa Cruz Regional 911 was hiring.

Marcie Morrow gave an update on ambulance certificates of operations permits. We now have five (5) providers: AMR, Rural Metro, Westmed, Pro 1 Transport and Freedom Medical. She reported over 50 ambulance are now permitted to pick up patients in San Benito County. One other ambulance company will be applying soon. This will increase transportation availability of patients to specialty care centers.

Rick Espino stated Sober Grad night will be June 5, 2015. Let him know if you want to be on the committee. This is all free for the kids. A fundraiser will be held on May 15, 2015 at the Grove from 6-9 PM, the cost is \$15.00 dollars per person.

IX. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2015

X. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.