



Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting
Date: September 11, 2019
Time: 1:00 to 3:00
Location: HHS Sierra Conference Room

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees:

David Brazzel, EMS Agency
Ryan Wagoner, CTESOA
Fallon Kirby, CTESOA
Mike Kaslin, Reach/CALSTAR
Eileen Flatgard, EMS Agency
Daniel Iniguez, AMR
Bryan Pond, CALSTAR/REACH
Corey McLeod, Barton ER
Michelle Patterson, EMS Agency

David Buettner, UC Davis MC
Christopher Anton, Lake Valley FPD
Mike McKenzie, EDH Fire
Aryon Nielsen, EMS Agency
John Coates, Lake Valley FPD
Michelle Williams, Marshall ER
Becky Rowe, Life Assist
Debbie Madding, Sutter Roseville MC

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. The minutes of the June 12th MAC meeting were approved and posted to the EMS Agency website with one correction.

III. CHAIRMAN REPORT: (David Brazzel, M.D.)

- Introduction: Michelle Patterson is the new manager of EMS and Emergency Preparedness and Response. Michelle has previously worked for EDC and Calaveras County, and we are grateful to have her. Welcome Michelle!

IV. BASE STATION HOSPITAL REPORTS:

A. BARTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BMH): (Corey McLeod, M.D.)

- Kristi Kimball: Kristi Kimball has been out of the country on vacation and Cate Neal will be filling in for her until her return.
- Web Based CQI: Marshall did a web based CQI review and the feedback was 50/50. Some preferred the in-person meeting and others enjoyed the convenience of an on-line review. Overall the content and compliance was good. Barton is now interested in this format as it is more cost effective than having in-person reviews done.

- Systems Status: There is a new contract with systems status management and a meeting will be set up with Michelle Patterson to discuss further.

B. MARSHALL MEDICAL CENTER (MMC): (Michele Williams, R.N.)

- Busy ER: Marshall had a very busy summer season.
- MCI Drill: The fall MCI drill is in the planning stages and is tentatively set for November 21st. Please contact Michele if your department would like to participate.

V. EMS AGENCY REPORT: (Michelle Patterson)

- EMS Agency: The EMS agency has transferred from HHSa to the CAO's office effective 7/1/19. With this transfer, there have been some changes in staff and policies. We are also in the process of updating our web page.
- Ambulance Billing. Ambulance billing will be moved under the CAO and housed within EMS in the near future. We will also be moving forward with a contract with Wittman enterprises and recruiting staff to provide in house oversight. Additional information on the status of this transition will be available at future MAC meetings.
- EMR Updates: The EMR certification process is on hold and in the hands of County Counsel for review. We are currently not issuing any EMR cards and will update this committee once we have a determination from counsel.
- Paramedic/EMT Certifications: We are implementing an on-line process for certification and re-certifications for paramedics and EMT's on our website. We should have an update on the status within the next month.
- Vegetation Management: Vegetation Management will also be housed with EMS and we are currently recruiting staff for this division.

VI. AMBULANCE BILLING: (Eileen Flatgard)

- Wittman Enterprises. As Michelle mentioned, we are going to be moving into a contract with Wittman Enterprises. Currently, PCR's are still being submitted to Intermedix, however, they are not being pre-screened for documentation accuracy as they had been before the transfer of EMS to the CAO's office. Please review each tag thoroughly prior to submission to billing.

VII. JPA REPORTS:

A. WEST SLOPE JPA: (Sherrie Kelley)

- Absent, No report provided

B. CAL TAHOE JPA: (Ryan Wagoner)

- Contract: The new contract started on the 1st and the JPA is currently working on the Systems Status Management Plan.
- Busy Summer: The East Slope had an extremely busy summer and are looking forward to the normally slower fall season.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. CQI COMMITTEE: (Aryon Nielsen)

- New Medications: Ketamine, TXA, IV acetaminophen and Ketorolac have been reviewed and sent to the state for approval. Training modules are complete and will be sent out in the near future.
- EKG's: Make sure you look at the EKG and determine if you truly have a stemi vs non-stemi.
- New CQI: We may possibly implement a new CQI module as it has not been done well with tag review. Will look at pushing "finished tags" to a CQI review format BEFORE they can be cleared for billing.
- CQI Plans: As a reminder, all CQI plans need to be turned into the EMS office. This is a State requirement, so please have your plans submitted by October 1st.
- Fluid Bolus: Make sure you document what you did.
- Fentanyl: Administration dosage should not be 100mcg at a time. Please document accordingly for the dosage and delivery method.

B. PAC Committee: (Aryon Nielsen)

- PAC will start next month at 0830 hours. Aryon has agendas if anyone would like a copy.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- Cal-Star/Flight Medic: An agreement was signed on August 28th with the Board of Supervisors for Cal-Star to go to a Nurse-Medic crew. Ryan will have a conversation with Sherri and work on the draft agreement for both slopes. In the meantime, flight medic Ryan Mason is on schedule.

X. NEW BUSINESS: (Dr. Brazzel)

- **Tactical Combat Casualty Care:** There is a tactical combat casualty care training scheduled for September 19th and 20th at fire station 49 in Diamond Springs. Questions about this course can be directed to info@accreditedemsfiretraining.com
- **EMS For Children:** The 22nd annual EMS for Children Education Forum will be held on November 8th from 0800-1600 hours in Fairfield at the Northbay Health Care Center. Cost for this forum is \$80-\$100.00 and CE's are available. Register at <https://2019emscforum.eventbrite.com>

XI. SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS:

- A. EDC TRAINING OFFICERS:** Not present, no report provided.
- B. CALSTAR/REACH:** (Mike Kaslin): Bryan Pond has stepped down and Troy Peterson has been named as the permanent CS3 and CS6 replacement. The MCI active shooter drill was attended by Cal-Star and very productive, Folks have returned from the search and rescue mission after hurricane Dorian, and Cal-Star also participated in the Salute to hero's event.
- C. CALFIRE:** Not Present, No report provided.
- D. CARE FLIGHT:** (Markus Dorsey-Hirt): Not present, no report provided.
- E. AMR:** (Daniel Iniguez): 8 medics have returned from hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Also, AMR has a policy in place to better support Marshall Hospital with OOA transports.
- F. SUTTER ROSEVILLE MC:** (Debbie Madding): New clerical manager has been named. Welcome Dale Kirby! Dale will be the evening manager on staff. Also, the ED expansion is still on target for completion in mid-March with a "grand opening" anticipated for April 2020.
- G. U.C. DAVIS MC:** (David Buettner): There has been an increase in wall time due to some policy changes. If your agency is experiencing prolonged wall time, please email David directly with your concerns.
- H. STATE PARKS:** (Suzanne Matin): Not present, no report provided.
- I. Mercy Folsom:** Not Present, No report provided.
- J. Life Assist:** (Becky Rowe): Becky will obtain cost data for the updated medications and get that information to EMS for ambulance billing.
- K. Zoll Updates:** (Kim Tanner): Not Present, No report provided.
- L. North Tahoe Fire:** (Steve Pevenage): Some personnel changes have taken place and Steve Leighton will be the new Chief as Todd Conradson will retire this fall. Steve comes from Reno, and we are fortunate to have him. NTF is also currently working on a merger with Meeks Bay Fire, working on the contract extension for ambulance service, and had the busiest month of July on record! We received an AFG grant for power load gurneys, transitioning over to new narcotic boxes, and just wanted to remind everyone that king vision for video must import to a PCR.

XII. **NEXT MEETING: October 9, 2019, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** *HHSA, 3057 Briw Road, Sierra Conference Room. For directions to the HHSA Conference room, [click here!](#)*