



**COUNTY OF EL DORADO
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY**

MINUTES

Medical Advisory Committee (MAC) Meeting

Date: September 9, 2015

Time: 1:00 to 3:00

Location: HHS Sierra Conference Room

I. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS

Attendees:

Levi Sample, Georgetown FPD
Christopher Garrigues, Garden Valley FPD
David Hekhuis, Lake Valley FPD
David Buettner, UC Davis
Richard Todd, EMS Agency
Michele Williams, Marshall ER
Alexis Lieser, Marshall ER
Ryan Wagoner, Cal Tahoe JPA
Kyle Nielsen, EDC Fire
Grant Ingram, Cal Fire
Eileen Flatgard, EMS Agency

Karl Pedroni, AMR
Kim George, SLT FD
Darren Bakken, Cal Fire
Shane Gernandt, Cal Fire
Bryan Pond, CALSTAR
Brian Bresnahan, EMS Agency
Marty Creel, SLT FD
Shawn Kellog, Diamond FPD
Greg Schwab, Georgetown FPD
David Brazzel, EMS Agency

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A.** Minutes of the 7/08/15 MAC meeting were approved and posted to the EMS Agency website.

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

- A. Trauma Transfers:** Dr. Brazel provided a handout from the North Regional Trauma Coordinating Committee. A copy will be posted to the EMS Agency website for review.
- B. Ebola Update:** It's been 43 days since the last documented case in Liberia but Sierra Leone and Guinea have had additional recent cases.
- C. 2015 Community Flu Clinics:** Low-cost community flu clinics will be offered by the El Dorado County Public Health Division beginning September 23, 2015. For dates and locations, click here!
- D. Cal-Star Training:** Cal-Star is sponsoring "Great American Safety Drive 2015" training on 10/7/15 from 0830 to 1300 hrs at the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. Additional information is available on the EMS agency website.

E. Around About Transportation (AAT): Margaret Birge with AAT provided an overview of the services her company can provide for non-emergency medical transportation on the West Slope. Cost for Gurney Van service is \$185.00 flat rate plus \$2.00 a mile. There is an additional \$75.00 charge if wait time is necessary. Insurance is not billed so individuals are required to pay by cash, check, or credit card at the time of service. AAT is available Monday through Friday from 0800 to 1700 hrs. but could be available for special requests and weekend services at an additional charge. AAT can be reached at: (530) 344-7773.

IV. BASE STATION HOSPITAL REPORTS:

A. BARTON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL (BMH): (No Report)

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

- Stroke Center Recertification: After Sept 1st, JHACO will schedule a site visit and review at Marshall Medical Center (MMC). Dr. Lieser mentioned that MMC is moving patients from the gurney to the CT scanner as rapidly as possible after arrival. They are eligible for the gold award this year as they met 100% of their goals last month!
- Busy ER: Marshall has seen an increase in the number of emergency room visits. Michele reported a total of 3000 patients were seen in the ER during August.
- Trauma Data Review: The new trauma data year starts November 1st for their next American College of Surgeons (ACS) review.
- Trauma Program: The second quarter numbers were reviewed at CQI this morning with no surprises.
- EMS Commission Updates: Dr. Lieser participated in the California EMS Commission meeting in San Diego on September 2nd. The commission has been working with the LEMSA's submissions of EMS plans to the state. Disputes were previously handled poorly with no appeal process. The EMS Authority is pursuing an appeal process through the Office of Administrative Hearings.
 - Wireless 911 Routing: This was related to inappropriate routing of 911 calls made by cell phones. Dr. Lieser mentioned that the commission is trying to get the carriers to the table for a discussion.
 - Lay Rescuer: The EMS Commission is allowing lay rescuers to become certified to administer EPI. This is a direct result of the case that came out of Camp Sacramento last year.
 - E-POLST Project: State level to get a pilot program online.
 - Drones: Discussion at the state commission level about the good vs bad in having drones involved in patient care.
 - Community Paramedicine: Prototype programs are up and running in several counties throughout the state. There is a state review process and different levels of community care. ER Physicians are currently not

on board but understand that, providing services in the community is a key component of meeting the patient's needs.

- Mobil Hospitals: Severe underfunding issues with mobile hospitals in the event of a disaster. There is the possibility of some additional funding sources that could support deployment of mobile hospitals. The commission is looking further into these possible resources.

V. EMS AGENCY REPORT: (Richard Todd)

- Ambulance Billing: 12 lead EKG's must be included with the PCR. Failure to provide a copy of the 12 lead will result in an unbillable charge. Also, remember to accurately input the correct age and sex of your patient in the monitor. PCS forms MUST be signed and included with all IFT calls. Do not leave the hospital without it. CCT calls must document what the nurse is doing outside of paramedic scope. Additionally, ICD-10 codes will be rolling out to insurance carriers effective 10/1/15. One of the biggest changes relates to accidents. Please make sure you document the mechanisms of injuries, location, how it occurred and what the patient was doing when the injury occurred.
- CQI Plans: Rich reminded everyone, if you have not completed your ALS Service Agency CQI Plan update as required by CCR 22 § 100402., please do so as soon as possible. There are several ALS Service Agencies that have not completed their updated CQI Plan.
- Cahan: Cahan has updated their website effective 9/1/15. If you are part of the CAHAN notification system, you should log in and make sure your information is current.
- EPCR RFP: The RFP is in progress and should be available to the JPA's next month.
- EMS CQI Plan: Our CQI plan has been approved by the state. A big thank you to everyone that contributed to the plan!
- Trainings: All current trainings and Ebola information is posted on the EMS Agency website. Please [click here](#) for more information.

VI. JPA REPORTS:

A. WEST SLOPE JPA: (Greg Schwab for Marty Hackett)

- Lump Sum Contract: The west slope contract is still in the works.
- Deferred Fleet Cost: The final budget was completed early which allowed the west slope to catch up on some deferred fleet cost.
- Inter-Facility Transport (IFT) Guidelines: Michele received a memo from the JPA with regards to IFT transports. The outcome was to give a 2.5 hour one way transport for IFT's. This will cover transfers to Reno, San Francisco, Chico,

and Merced. If transports are needed out of the 2.5 hour range, Marshall will still see if there is other ambulances are available to transfer.

B. CAL TAHOE JPA: (Ryan Wagoner)

- Transfer Center: Barton is moving forward with the Transfer Center effective October 1st. The Transfer Center will arrange the IFT's and coordinate the beds for those patients. The transfer Center will also maintain the stats on transfers and can produce reports for both EMS and Barton.
- Non Transporting Member: The City of South Lake Tahoe is in the process of opting out of the transport business with the JPA. No date or timeline has been established as of yet.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. CQI COMMITTEE: (Kim George)

Committee Chair: Joel Warman was nominated and has accepted the Chairman position for the CQI committee effective 11/1/15. Congrats Joel!

CCT Documentation: CCT transfers need to be documented for medical necessity by the crews while providing the transport. Michele Williams is working on a revised CCT form that the nurses will complete, but until then, Ambulance billing will need to know what the nurse is doing outside the scope of the paramedic in order to bill for the CCT.

Chest Decompressions: Indications for chest decompressions will be reviewed at CQI.

Trauma Reports: Michele and Cate presented the trauma reports for both hospitals.

SMR or C-Spine: Dr. Brazzel recommended adding C-Spine to the monthly reports.

PCS Forms: Dr. Brazzel stated the medics should not leave the hospital without the form.

12 Lead EKG Class: A 12 lead EKG class will be scheduled for September 24, 2015, at South Lake Tahoe hosted by the South Lake Tahoe Fire Department.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: (Brian Bresnahan)

- ### **A. New MCI Kits:** Brian stated there was a DMS grant that provided funding to purchase the MCI kits. There are 2 kit sizes; one is an 8 position kit, the other is a 13 position kit. There is also a ribbon bag included with the kits in lieu of triage

tags. A policy for use will be drafted and provided at the next MAC meeting. The El Dorado Training Officers will provide MCI training for the crews during the week of 11/9 through 11/14 at Oak Hill fire station in Placerville. Kits will be available for use effective 11/15. Marshall will also be involved in this training on the west slope.

- B. Rescue Boa: Brian brought the PAX-Rescue Boa to MAC for review. The PAX Rescue Boa can be used for patient extractions from vehicles and tight confined spaces. It may be worth looking into at a later date. For more information on the PAX Rescue BOA, [click here!](#)
- C. FTO Meeting: The next FTO meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2015 at 0830 here in the Sierra Room at Briw.
- D. PAC Goal: The goal this year is to get all PAC issues addressed and approved in April 2016 for the May 2016 trainings. The PAC chairperson position is still available.
- E. MMC November 19, 2015 Drill: Marshall will be participate in the statewide drill with their HERT team and utilize their trailer for this decon type drill.

IX. **NEW BUSINESS:** (Rich Todd)

- A. Drills: The City of South Lake Tahoe will be hosting an EOC tabletop drill at 0830 on September 16th at the SLT City Council Chambers. Contact Sallie Ross at the City of South Lake Tahoe Fire Department if you would like to participate. A second functional drill is scheduled for October 1, 2015 in collaboration with Law enforcement and public works. The object of this drill is to evacuate an entire neighborhood.
- B. Flu Shots: The policy for flu shots and the medics will remain the same as last year. Flu shots are mandatory or the crews will need to mask up while providing patient care.

X. **SERVICE AGENCY REPORTS:**

- A. **EDC TRAINING OFFICERS:** No report.
- B. **CALSTAR:** No Changes
- C. **CARE FLIGHT:** No report.
- D. **REACH:** No report.
- E. **AMR:** (Karl Pedroni) Nothing to report.
- F. **CHP:** No report.
- G. **SUTTER ROSEVILLE MC:** No report.
- H. **U.C. DAVIS MC:** No report.
- I. **STATE PARKS:** No report.

XI. **NEXT MEETING:** October 14th, 2015, 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!](#)