

MINUTES
County of Tulare
EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE
July 24, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 15:09 PM.

II. ATTENDANCE

Sign in sheet on file

III. MINUTES

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of January 23, 2019.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. EMS Agency Report

Dan Lynch reported on the appointment of a new interim EMSA director.

Dale Dotson discussed call ins, and designation of appropriate call in hospitals

B. Base Hospital Committee

Base hospital did not meet.

C. Disaster Medical Response

Dan Lynch reports that the committee met and discussed the fall disaster drill. He added that vulnerability reports were being compiled, and that the fall drill may be more hospital based.

IV. CONTINUED BUSINESS

A. Behavioral Health Draft Policy Update

Dan Lynch reports that the agency had received a lot of feedback on the draft, and that the agency was continuing to develop the policy

B. Eastern Sierra Ambulance Response Update

Dan lynch reported that Liberty Ambulance had been purchased by the local hospital, and that the new ownership was willing to respond to the Kennedy Meadows and Johnsondale areas.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Medication Shortages

Dale Dotson reports that providers have informed him of difficulties in obtaining D50 and added that a special memo regarding the use of D10 was to be issued soon.

Dave Byl reported that Amiodarone and Fentanyl were becoming harder to get.

B. Policy 542 Changes

Dale Dotson discussed patient turn over policies and added that CCEMSA would participate in training and in-services to aid in clarification.

C. SB 438

Dan Lynch briefed the committee on pending legislation requiring dispatch centers to be government owned, operated, and staffed. He added that amendments were being made for exceptions, and that the EMS agency was watching closely as well as consulting county counsel for interpretation

D. AB 1544

Dan Lynch briefed the committee on the Community Paramedic Program, and how it could affect destination for some call types and could possibly require a separate RFP for services.

VII. AGENCY UPDATES

Kim Behrens reports that Porterville College had approved the construction of a new Health Sciences Building, including specific EMS/EMT training areas.

Michael McWain reported that CHP had made policy changes reducing their role and training in EMS and focusing more on LE/Safety priorities.

Cindy Terrell reported staffing was not sufficient to support CNVA operations and welcomed suggestions or assistance.

Manuel Santoyo reported that Tule River Ambulance was planning on being operational by the end of August.

Sean Doyle discussed staffing needs and the acquisition of a new ambulance.

Cameron Long reported on staffing vacancies and promotions at Tulare City Fire Dept.

Dr Kahwaji reported a full residency at KDMC and added that the residents would be hosting a lecture series. He added he will coordinate with providers.

Paul Main reported on investments in equipment by several provider agencies, and that AAV had placed an order for a vehicle for CCT/CCP services.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 15:45.