



Emergency Medical Care Committee
2020 Annual Report

Annual Report for 2020

Advisory Body Name: Emergency Medical Care Committee (EMCC)

Advisory Body Meeting Time/Location: 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of March, June, September, and December, unless otherwise noted. Meetings are typically held at the EMS Agency office, 777 Arnold Drive, Suite 110, Martinez, unless otherwise noted. Since March 2020, meetings have been held virtually via Zoom.

Chair: Jon King (December 2019 – Present)

Staff Person: Rachel Morris (January 2017 – Present), Health Services, Emergency Medical Services

Reporting Period: January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

I. Activities:

The EMCC, over three (3) regular meetings in the past year, was involved in or kept its membership informed about the following:

- Alliance annual report was approved by the Board of Supervisors, and an amendment to the County-Fire District Emergency Ambulance Services contract that extended the term to December 31, 2025 was approved.
- The continued process to update the county ambulance ordinance. Final draft ambulance ordinance has been released from County Counsel. Next steps include planning how best to reach out to stakeholders to discuss and optimize the plan before bringing the ordinance to the Board of Supervisors. Updates in ordinance are focused on non-emergency ambulance services and public safety, and integration of emergency and non-emergency transport providers in mass casualty and disaster events.
- LEMSA participation with CCHS partners and system stakeholders on opiate overdose workgroup.
- The Board of Supervisors recognized May 17-23rd as National EMS Week, and May 20th as EMS for Children Day.
- Monitor the continued status of potential closure of Alta Bates Hospital, Alameda County and City of Berkeley workgroup, and concerns of impact to West County.
- San Ramon RFP contract update: This is being discussed at a BOS level with regard to current statutory exclusivity interpretation for Emergency Response Area IV (ERA IV).
- EMSA approved EMS for Children (EMSC) regulations; LEMSA staff working on the local efforts for Contra Costa EMS for Children system of care.
- Treatment guidelines and policies updated for 2021 are mostly finished for sending out for public comment. Implementation is January 1st, 2021.
- The LEMSA along with other Contra Costa County divisions, stakeholders and outside agencies, all worked together during the continued PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS).
- Biannual activity reported for the Contra Costa Med-Health Coalition to comply with Hospital Preparedness Program (HPP) program requirements.
- Continued adverse impacts on 9-1-1 ambulance providers and patient care associated with prolonged ambulance patient offload delays (APOT).
- EMSA denials of Contra Costa 2016 & 2017 EMS system plans and appeals associated with the County Alliance procurement process in 2014.
- Appointment of Marshall Bennett as the new Director of Emergency Medical Services, and Dr. Senai Kidane as the new Medical Director of Emergency Medical Services.

II. Accomplishments

- Approval of EMCC 2019 Annual Report.
- Successful nominations and establishing of new EMCC membership for the term 2020-2022.
- LEMSA granted approval and began Buprenorphine trial.

III. Attendance/Representation

The EMCC is a multidisciplinary committee with membership consisting of representation of specific EMS stakeholder groups and organizations plus one (1) consumer member nominated by each Board of Supervisor member. There are twenty-four (24) authorized, voting seats on the advisory body. At the end of the 2018-2020 term, on September 30, 2020, there were twenty-one (21) member seats filled; three (3) seats were unfilled. So far for the 2020-2022 term, beginning on October 1, 2020, nineteen (19) member seats are filled; five (5) seats are unfilled. A quorum was achieved at three (3) of the three (3) EMCC meetings in 2020. The March meeting was canceled because of heightened activity

around COVID-19.

IV. Training/Certification

Each new EMCC representative was given a copy of the Advisory Body Handbook and copies of the “The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance Training Video” and “Ethics Orientation for County Officials” video (updated to “Ethics for Local Government Officials” video offered by the Fair Political Practices Commission) during their two (2) year term. Responsibilities of County Boards were discussed including the responsibility to view the videos and submit signed certifications. For the 2018-2020 term, certification forms were received from 14 of 21 of the representatives. For the 2020-2022 term, certification forms have been received from 11 of 19 representatives so far. The two certificates received this year are attached.

V. Focused Objectives for Next Year

- Support stakeholder engagement for evaluation and feedback, and ultimately move forward finalization of Draft Ambulance Ordinance to the BOS for approval and implementation.
- Establish EMS Emergency Quality Improvement Plan (EQIP) as a county priority:
 - Stakeholder Education
 - Stakeholder support in building relevant, achievable, and sustainable Quality Improvement Plans that align with CA Regulation and State ‘core’ deliverables.
- Support exploration on innovative models of EMS service delivery with hospital community.
 - Local application related to AB 1544
 - Support ET3 field telehealth intervention as proposed by the Alliance
 - Continue to explore ways to develop a more tiered, efficient, and sustainable response to EMS calls.
- Support emergency ambulance provider and community hospitals efforts to reduce patient transfer of care extended delays that impact the availability of ambulances for the next 9-1-1 call.
- Facilitate cross-discipline work group with the intent to improve EMS Policy #1008 which is intended to guide, coordinate, and support operational integration of patient care between disciplines.

VI. Expected 2021 Reports, updates, and continued support items

- Continue to explore opportunities and efforts to procure sustainable funding for EMS System emergency communications, dispatch and data infrastructure enhancements to optimize patient care in day to day and disaster conditions.
- Support Medical Health Disaster Coalition preparedness and engagement throughout EMS System.
- Support Medical Reserve Corps’ capability for children and special needs populations.
- Continue to support LEMSA EMS System Plan(s) and Alliance procurement appeals to EMS Commission.
- Continue to monitor and report on EMS System impacts due to changing economics and health care reform.
- Receive 2019 Annual EMS System performance report.
- Support EMS System program (STEMI, Stroke, Cardiac Arrest, EMSC, Quality/Patient Safety and Trauma) initiatives.
- Support and sustain community education and outreach, e.g. *HeartSafe*, Child Injury Prevention.
- Support Law Enforcement Narcan program.
- Support appropriate use of 9-1-1, CPR Anytime, and Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) programs through partnerships with law enforcement, CERT, fire first responders and community coalitions.
- Continue to support the Annual Contra Costa Survivors’ Reunion.
- Monitor West County EMS System associated with closure of Doctors Medical Center and pending closure of Alta Bates.
- Receive updates on the Contra Costa Med/Health Coalition.
- Receive updates on treatment guidelines and policies for 2021.
- Report to EMSA on progress of Buprenorphine trial.



Training Certification for Members of County Advisory Bodies

Members of Contra Costa County's independent and advisory bodies are required to take two trainings.

Instructions:

1. **Brown Act & Better Government Ordinance Training:** Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance Training must be completed within 60 days of appointment, and every two years thereafter. This training is available as a video on the Clerk of the Board website, or as an in-person training. Contact the Clerk to find out about opportunities for in-person training.
2. **Ethics Training:** Ethics training, also referred to as AB 1234 Local Government Official Training, is provided by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC). This training is available on their website, and generates a certificate upon completion. Please retain the certificate from the FPPC. Advisory body members who receive compensation, salary, stipend, or expense reimbursement must complete AB 1234 ethics training every two years. All other advisory body members should complete this training once within the first 60 days of appointment.

Certification

By signing below, I certify that on 12/8/2020, I have watched or attended the entire training: "**The Brown Act and Better Government Ordinance.**"

By signing below, I certify that on 12/2/2020, I completed the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) training: "**Ethics for Local Government Officials.**" I have received the certificate of completion from the FPPC.

Carlee Burr
(Name of Member)

12/8/2020
(Date)

EMCC
(Name of Advisory Body)

Return this Certification to staff of your advisory body. Your training completion status will be included in your advisory body's annual report to the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors. The chair or staff to your advisory body must keep all certifications on file.

Public Service Ethics Education Online Proof of Participation Certificate

Date of Completion: Dec 02, 2020

Training Time*: 2 hr. 5 min.

This course is an overview course on all public service ethics issues necessary to satisfy the requirements of Article 2.4 of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code, including the following:

- Laws relating to personal financial gain by public servants, including, but not limited to, laws prohibiting bribery and conflict-of-interest laws.
- Laws relating to claiming perquisites ("perks") of office, including, but not limited to, gift and travel restrictions, prohibitions against the use of public resources for personal or political purposes, prohibitions against gifts of public funds, mass mailing restrictions, and prohibitions against acceptance of free or discounted transportation by transportation companies.
- Government transparency laws, including, but not limited to, financial interest disclosure requirements and open government laws.
- Laws relating to fair processes, including, but not limited to, common law bias prohibitions, due process requirements, incompatible offices, competitive bidding requirements for public contracts, and disqualification from participating in decisions affecting family members; and
- General ethical principles relating to public service.

The Fair Political Practices Commission and Attorney General have reviewed this course for course sufficiency and accuracy.



By signing below, I certify that I fully reviewed the content of the entire online AB 1234 course approved by the Attorney General and Fair Political Practices Commission and am entitled to claim two hours of public service ethics law and principles credit.

Participant Signature

Archie Bowles

Participant Name

Contra Costa Co EMS Committee

Agency Name

NOTE TO PARTICIPANT: Please provide a copy of this proof of participation to the custodian for such records at your agency. In addition, we recommend you make a copy of this proof of participation for your own records to retain for at least five years. To preserve the integrity of the online certification process; **these certificates are only available upon completing the online session.** * To satisfy AB 1234 requirements, this certificate must reflect that the public official spent two hours or more reviewing the materials presented in the online course. If the certificate reflects less than two hours, the participant should have on file additional certificates demonstrating that the official has satisfied the entire two hour requirement.



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Jim Selover

(Name of Member)

11-12-20

(Date)

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(Name of Advisory Body)

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