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MINUTES

EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

January 25, 2023, 11:00 am
St. Helena Fire Department

PRESENT: Lois Husted (Chairperson), Scott Rose (1st Vice Chairperson), Dr. Andrew Nothmann (2nd Vice Chairperson), Brian Kenner, Charles Burton, Chris Gilbert, Gus Ulloth, Jason Bond, Jeff Joiner, Laura Aguiar, Melissa Davis, Richard Jones, Richard Long, Sean Rogoff, Zach Curren

GUESTS: Belia Ramos, David Kamlan, Jas Singh, Shaun Vincent, Dr. Zita Konik

I. Introductions

Lois Husted called for the introductions of the members and guests. Richard Jones and Laura Aguiar are the new members of the committee and they gave a brief overview of themselves.

II. Approval of Minutes

Richard Long moved to approve the minutes from May 25, 2022, and Scott Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The September, 2022 meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Committee Reports

A. Operational Area / Disaster Committee

The regular meetings were cancelled due to the monthly meetings with updates on the storm and the COVID-19.

B. Public Education & Information (PIE)

The PIE committee met on January 18, 2023. On behalf of this committee, Shaun Vincent provided an update. There were 1700 people trained at 20 different large events. 3 AED's have been placed within the county, 4 are on back order for Vintage High School and 2 for Napa High School. There are some upcoming events: Heart screening by Via Heart Project, the Queen's Heartsafe Program is doing a Hands only CPR on February 14th, City of Napa is doing a proclamation for the CPR awareness week in June. February is the heart month and Napa County EMS is working on the drafting a press release for public messaging on Hands Only CPR and on the trifold cards. The trifold cards are being refreshed with a new branding.

C. Medical Advisory Committee (MAC)

Dr. Konik provided an update for the last 6 months as the last EMCC meeting was cancelled. The leave behind Narcan program has been established in other counties was introduced to Napa County but it has not been fully implemented yet. This program requires that paramedics

leave the Narcan with the patient/family member or friend on scene. This is the essentially giving the public potentially lifesaving medication. Any agency within the county can apply for this through the state under the license of Dr. Konik or the Napa County Health Officer. When the kits are given out or when they are used, it needs to be reported for data purposes. EMS Agency has developed a policy for Narcan distribution which is in line with the states directions. After reviewing data on patients with low blood sugar who were transported to the hospital, the Glucagon is also being added to several policies. She shared the study results of the Double Sequential External Defibrillation (DSED, it has statistically significant improvement in the neurologically intact survival in the DSED group and increased survival in the vector change group. Dr. Konik identified some of the issues for Napa County, more information to follow. EMS Agency is highlighting Napa on the national scale at a conference for the QI project that improves dosage errors for pediatrics which entails the medication cards and the pediatric tape.

D. County CQI pending confirmation

Dr. Zita Konik gave a power point presentation on behalf of the County CQI committee. The data that was presented was from 2013-2022, which was published on 01/25/2023. The topics that were covered in the presentation were bystander CPR (Napa vs National), all AED usage, out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survival rates (non-traumatic, Utstein 1 and 2), Stroke - median Door-to-Needle times, STEMI – median Door-to-Balloon times, trauma alerts, pediatric medication administration and 2022 APOT.

E. System Performance & Response Time Presentation / AMR

Shaun Vincent gave a power point presentation on AMR's System Performance & Response Times. The topics that were covered in the presentation were compliance overview, response and compliance by all priorities and all zones. The data in the presentation was from January to November 2022. The overall response time compliance for AMR is above 93%.

F. Compliance Review Committee

No updates, there were no calls and the committee has not convened since the last EMCC meeting.

V. **EMS Agency Reports**

A. General Update

Shaun Vincent gave a power point presentation on the following items:

1. EMS System Updates

There are a few EMS specific updates which are:

- ePCR – There is a state requirement that all providers submit their electronic patient care report to the EMS Agency through the established system. Shaun gave a brief overview on the process of this. The requirement for the EMS Agency is to submit that data to the states NEMSIS system. Currently we are utilizing NEMSIS 3.4, a newer version (3.5) is going to be released soon with more data points. All providers within Napa County are on the ePCR system.
- Health Officer – The Napa County Health Officer, Dr. Karen Relucio retired in December of 2022. We have a new Health Officer, Dr. Christine Wu, she comes from Solano County Health Department.
- Dispatch Center – Napa Central Dispatch has implemented the Medical Priority Dispatch System. This system was developed in 1973 and it has been utilized nationally. As the system continues to collect data, in the future we would like to take this data and make it part of CQI. Gus Ulloth added that Napa Central Dispatch is working toward becoming an accredited center of excellence under the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch. The new staff are adjusting to this system but the senior staff are having a difficult time with it. Everyone is adjusting to ProQA and making a great progress. Napa

Central Dispatch's top priority is the accreditation while enhancing the current policies and procedures to stay in compliance in other aspects. Napa Central will present their CQI Data at the May EMCC Meeting.

- Disaster Equipment – Part of the proposal that AMR submitted in 2021 was a commitment to purchase disaster equipment but can be utilized as the regional asset. It is located and managed in Napa. The 1st item is the mobile command vehicle and the 2nd item is the multi casualty incident bus which can transport up to 12 patients. Sean Rogoff added that the mobile command vehicle has the satellite-based communication system which has the capability to provide cell service and Wi-Fi. It is equipped with multiple computer stations, a generator, restroom and is fully sustainable. It is very tall and large; AMR is still searching for a location to keep/park this vehicle. The MCI bus will be able to stack 6 patients to each side which will allow for the space in the middle to park wheelchairs. There are a few items that are on back order that needs to be installed in the bus. Both disaster response vehicles will have lights and sirens, full code 3 and capability to respond.
 - EMS Symposium – The very first Napa County EMS symposium was held in March 2022 which was a virtual event. The symposium had a great turn out with 150-200 participants from more than 30 states, including 1 international participant from Scotland. The 2nd annual event will be held on March 29, 2023, it will be virtual again to capture the larger group.
 - Auto Launch – The auto launch policy was developed in 2016 and since than it has not been revised. There has been a task force that has been meeting to discuss the auto launch policy. The task force includes representation form the following entities: CHP, REACH, ECC, Napa Central Dispatch, and the EMS Agency.
 - MCI Plan – In early 2019 the MCI plan was revised but there was no real opportunity to test it. Through the Healthcare Coalition, the EMS Agency was able to secure funds to get a contractor to test the plan. The funds would need to be approved by the state emergency preparedness office. An RFP will be released to get to get a contractor to facilitate multiple tabletop exercise and a functional exercise.
 - Clinical Performance Metrics – In the new AMR contract there is an added element for clinical response performance. For the first 6 months, EMS Agency was working with AMR to define these metrics, the next 6 months it was to measure it within the system to identify the gaps. After that time frame it was to start utilizing the accountability side of the metrics. Currently the task force is ahead of schedule, once all the data is available, it will be reported out to the EMCC members.
 - Medical Director – The Napa County EMS Medical Director, Dr. Zita Konik has accepted a position with Alameda County EMS Agency. The Napa County EMS Agency has gone through an RFQ process to select and contract with a new Medical Director. Dr. Karl Sporer has been selected to fulfil this position. Currently, EMS Agency is in the contract negotiations phase with the individual.
 - Annual Policy Update – The 2023 annual policy update will be rolled out on April 1st. Dr. Konik and the EMS Specialist Naila Francies have been conducting the trainings. They have also created the train-the-trainer video, this will ensure continuity of operations.
2. EMSAAC Conference
The annual EMSAAC conference will be held on May 31st and June 1, 2023, in San Diego. This is also a pre-conference but the seats are limited to 40 participants. This conference is hosted by EMS Administrators Association of California.

3. Richie's Fund Application

The current available balance is \$91,254.22. There is a new application from Napa County EMS Agency for the Pediatric Medication Administration Cards, at the cost of \$2,010.72. Charles Burton made a motion to approve the application and Scott Rose seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Medical Director Report

Dr. Zita Konik provided an update on the following items:

1. EMDAC

At the EMDAC in June of 2022, the discussion was to make a vaccination policy in the scope of practice for paramedics. Currently it is part of the practice due to emergency declaration. There was a GMR presentation on psychiatric patient restraints which was geared towards the interfacility transports, nationwide data was presented from 2015-2020. There was a discussion on having a blanket policy for patient restraint, a pilot phase is being done in San Francisco. Another presentation consisted of ET3 telemedicine which is for Medicare patients not being transported to the emergency department. This program is currently being done in various jurisdictions.

The last EMDAC in September of 2022, the new bill AB 2130 will impact the initial EMT and Paramedic licensure as it now requires 20 minutes of human trafficking education. This will be effective July 1, 2024. Dr. Konik acknowledged the Napa Valley College as they have already implemented this into both of their programs. Contra Costa County has Buprenorphine program which is another way to address Opioid epidemic. This is for patients who are experiencing withdrawals and it will help mediate it. In the pilot phase the EMS personnel give the first dose. This was as successful program into getting the patients in the 30-day outpatient treatment programs. Dr. Konik gave an overview of the program with information from before and after the dose. CAEMSA is collecting data on the overdose and has the real time overdose detection mapping application program. Multiple counties have signed up for this program. State is also discussing a standardized policy for behavioral health along with the meds and dosages given when chemical restraint is needed. The ambulance patient offload time and the interfacility transports continues to be the issues for EMS in the state. There is a task force at the state level who are collaboratively working with other stakeholders to streamline this process.

VI. **Nominations for EMCC Chairperson, 1st Vice Chairperson and 2nd Vice Chairperson**

Jason Bond nominated Lois Husted as the Chairperson and Zach Curren seconded the motion. Lois Husted nominated Scott Rose as the 1st Vice Chairperson and Jason Bond seconded the motion. Lois Husted nominated Dr. Andrew Nothmann as the 2nd Vice Chairperson and Zach Curren seconded the motion. All the motions passed unanimously.

VII. **Round Table**

Lois Husted announced that the 9th annual Survivors Reunion will be held on March 23, 2023. This is an invitation only event.

Shaun Vincent thanked Dr. Zita Konik for all her hard work and dedication to the EMS system. Other committee members joined Shaun in acknowledging Dr. Zita Konik. Everyone wishes her the best in her future endeavors.

Dr. Zita Konik shared that an article was published in the JEMS magazine on sexual assault. Many providers had contributed to the survey that was sent out by Dr. Zita Konik and Naila Francies and resulted in an article.

Zach Curren shared with the coalition members that the violent offender functional exercise will be

occurring on January 28, 2023, at the Harvest Middle School. Many stakeholders are part of this exercise.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Scott Rose made a motion to adjourn and Richard Long seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.