



EMERGENCY MEDICAL
SERVICES PROGRAM

County of Santa Cruz

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

DATE:	October 17, 2016	TIME:	8:30 AM
PLACE:	Central Fire Headquarters, 930 17th Ave., Santa Cruz, Conference Room		

MINUTES

ITEM:

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes– [8:35 am]: Correction to minutes done to reflect who was here.
2. Written Correspondence Report – [8:35 am]: None
3. Oral Communications – [8:40 am]:
 - 3.1. Kent Benedict: Dr. Stanley Hajduk passed away. This commission was formed in 1979 due to pressure from early ED MDs in county, to develop oversight and planning, and in response to new State legislation. He will be sorely missed by our community and his colleagues. He was such a valuable contributor to our community in so many ways. Dr. Guillarducci suggested a proclamation come from the Board of Supervisors. Kent, Lisa and Celia to write the letter.
4. Kaiser Update: Nirag Singh and Denise Johnson attended.
 - 4.1. Kaiser representatives attended and indicated their focus is on access for their members. They will continue to monitor their membership and adjust their services as needed. They have no plans to build a hospital in Santa Cruz County, and are evaluating current clinic locations. Current plans for clinics are: Scotts Valley, downtown Santa Cruz off Locust, and in Watsonville. Questions by the group were posed about the potential impact of Kaiser on our small EMS system with limited resources and heavy traffic. Kaiser compared Santa Cruz with their experience in Gilroy, who has similar challenges and more members: their experience is about three 911 calls per month from the Gilroy clinic. They stated if a patient at the clinic was clinically stable, they would use their IFT resources for patient movement. They are currently completing negotiations with Westmed and Falck ambulance companies for IFT in the Santa Cruz area. They stated they would use 911 only for life threat patients, who would then go to the closest facility. Kaiser indicated their behavioral health strategy is still being developed.
5. EMS Administrator Report
 - 5.1. TAG/Ambulance Contract Implementation: Current
 - 5.2. Hospital Run Data: Distributed
6. RFP Process Update: We are in the process of conducting stakeholder meetings to determine our future EMS plan. Once this has been completed, writing the RFP will begin.
7. Stakeholder Forum: coming up on October 25, November 1, November 10 and November 16.
8. Mental Health Dr. Marc Yellin has been reviewing the contracts and getting questions from the Medical Society about if services are being provided as agreed upon and what the review process entails. Marc voiced concerns about feedback he is hearing from patients and hopes for programs to prevent patients from rebounding. Dr. Arnold Leff, Public Health Officer and Medical Director for the psychiatric facility reminded everyone that the facility is not a

psychiatric hospital and is licensed to take only certain patients, which do not include drug or alcohol rehab patients. He stated this decision was made long before the facility was built, and that the facility is more limited compared to the former BHU, which is causing the controversy. The county is currently negotiating with the State of California for funding related to substance abuse and is hopeful this will provide relief.

9. Prehospital Advisory Committee – Report: Topics discussed include: Image Trend, RFP, CARES, Narcan coming for SCPD and other LE, infection control regarding hospitals and getting that info to responders. Premise history updates coming relating to Ebola.
10. Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting – Action: Marc asked if there should be more discussion about mental health. Dr. Kathy Neal from the Alliance advised there is a lack of funding aimed at substance abuse treatment in the State, which has begun providing grants. Santa Cruz is the second county to become involved in this. She also stated this sort of care requires an acute medical center, and that there is great collaboration between the Alliance and Dominican where Dominican takes care of the patients in house. No other proposed agenda items.
11. Adjournment – Action: Moved: Dan Quinto, Second: Marc Yellin. 10:05

COMMISSIONERS ATTENDING:

Lisa Angell, RN
Marcus Kwan, MD
Juana Castillo, RN
Dan Quinto
Chris Jones
Kent Benedict
Celia Barry
Marc Yellin

Excused:

Robyn McIntyre
Jeff Maxwell
Priscilla Leighton
Paul Vincent

Guests:

Kathy Neal
Nirag Singh
Denise Johnson
Arnold Leff, MD
Paul Angelo
Michael Baulch

County staff: Dave Ghilarducci, MD

Brenda Brenner
Dr. Arnold Leff, Public Health Officer
Giang Nguyen, Director of Health Services