



EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

# County of Santa Cruz

## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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## MINUTES EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMISSION

<b><u>DATE:</u></b>	<b>March 18, 2019</b>	<b><u>TIME:</u></b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>
<b><u>PLACE:</u></b>	HSA, 1080 Emeline Avenue, Santa Cruz, Large Auditorium		

### **ITEM:**

1. Call to Order/Establish Quorum, Review/Correct Agenda, Minutes– [8:30 am] – No quorum so all decisions deferred until April’s meeting. February minutes deferred and correction should be made to Marcus Kwan’s (name should reflect MD)
2. Written Correspondence Report – None
3. Oral Communications – Dr. Leff – Hazardous Materials staff has been meeting with Fire chiefs and others including the Sheriff’s Office and other cannabis-related officials to try to deal with butane honey oil tanks. They present a potential catastrophe during fire season. Need to locate and get rid of them. Also have SCHMIT (Santa Cruz Hazardous Materials Interagency Team) that responds to butane honey oil tanks. The team needs more training to make the team expert in the honey tanks.
4. EMS Administrator Report – Up to date on compliance review with AMR. Still a challenge due to server issues. HSA Administrator, Mimi Hall informed Brenda that HSA is still budgeting for an EMS Coordinator position. Linda Manley (Ruth Shugart’s temporary replacement) is doing a great job.
5. Prehospital Advisory Committee – Dr. Ghilarducci – working on quality improvement issues, 12 lead compliance, etc.
6. Resource Utilization for Lower Acuity Calls – “Medical alarm with no patient contact” is an example of the type of call response that is changing. Expanding the experiment with 2990 Soquel for unnecessary fire responses. The resource response committee needs to be reactivated and should include representation from EMSIA responder, probably someone from Fire Ops. AMR will hire someone who can assist with managing patients with multiple responses. Brenda will participate in a teleconference regarding alternate destinations for patients (as opposed to only taking patients to hospital emergency departments.)
7. Camp Ross – Santa Cruz Fire Chief Hajduk reported - Dr. Leff attended Santa Cruz City Council meeting. Working with camp regarding handwashing, etc. About 100 people sleeping there at night but there are maybe 200 people there during the day. Public – concerned about needles and recovery of needles that are distributed. 750,000 syringes given out per year by County. Discussion of how to incentivize people at camp to return used syringes. Report of patient with electric wheelchair requiring transportation to hospital. AMR transported patient back from hospital to camp and then worked to charge

the wheelchair. There are other people at the camp with electric wheelchairs as well. Not enough room in AMR rigs for electric wheelchairs.

8. Helicopter/HEMS Update – there is an agreement in principle between air ambulances about the landing zone at Dominican.
9. Psychiatric Health Facility (PHF) Update - Some challenges by WCH to get patients into PHF and/or they are bounced back to WCH. Appears that PHF is “at capacity” more frequently so can’t take patients from hospitals. Need to continue to express concerns about this issue. “Crisis Stabilization” side capacity limitations causes impacts to DH and WCH.
10. HIE Grant Application Update – Grant has been submitted to EMS Authority. Expect to hear response by April 15<sup>th</sup>. State notified EMS agencies that more funds were applied for than are available.
11. Nomination for Chair – Dan Quinto as Chair, Celia Barry as Vice Chair – needs to be ratified at next meeting.
12. Items for April Agenda – Mental Health/PHF, Camp Ross update, surge grant, HIE grant
13. Adjournment – Next meeting, April 15, Central Fire

Commissioners in attendance:

- Dan Quinto
- Kent Benedict, MD
- Marc Yellin, MD
- Robyn McIntyre
- Celia Barry
- Chris Johnston

County Staff:

- Brenda Brenner
- Dave Ghilarducci, MD
- Arnold Leff, MD

Guests:

- Paul Angelo (Dominican Hospital) LifeFlight) Kent Cramer (Stanford)
- Jason Hajduk (Santa Cruz Fire) Jeff Horner (CALSTAR)
- Scott Vahradian (EMSIA) LifeFlight) Michael Baulch (Stanford)
- Brad Cramer (AMR)
- Scott Vahradian (EMSIA)
- Patrick Winters (Central Fire)
- Scott Cullen (Aptos/La Selva)