



# County of Santa Cruz

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## HEALTH SERVICES AGENCY

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EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
SERVICES PROGRAM

## PREHOSPITAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

### MINUTES

March 3, 2014

Celia Barry, Kent Benedict, Cristina Bellville, Marc Yellin, Rayette Andrews, Michael Baulch, Lisa Angell, Brenda Brenner, Stephanie Zube, Kevin Lewis, Carol Wallace

Minutes from February OK.

#### 1. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2013 Report from Providers – AMR – Kevin Lewis representing field personnel. Whiting and Tilley picked up by Watsonville Fire. Kent and/or Michael will follow up with San Mateo to see if there are issues with Vivitrak for patient confidentiality. Still a lot of flu in Watsonville ED. Carol – representing Cabrillo College – Dave Zenker and Scott Vahradian are now part of the staff. Longer waiting list for EMT classes. Starting April 1<sup>st</sup> – new requirement for ride-along-used to be 10 hours is now 24. Is difficult to place all students for the 24 hours. Are adding refresher courses. Stephanie – at Netcom for 10 years, 42 dispatchers – Stephanie and Melody supervise them. Cristina – all PCR's are sent out via secure email. DH is remodeling the ED waiting room.
- B. Free-standing Mental Health Facility – Kent working on a review of BHC patients and the appropriateness of transports. Many issues, some related to the “two sides” of the facility. EMTALA applies to facility sending TO the mental health facility but EMTALA does NOT apply to patients sent from the MH facility.
- C. ROSC Destination – Survivors of Cardiac Arrest – if the patient is a clear STEMI – take to STEMI center. Kent wrote a letter to the cardiologists regarding the issue. Has not heard back from the cardiologists so Kent will be following up with Dr. Grant.

#### 2. OLD BUSINESS

- A. STEMI – All hands meeting at DH on 8am to 9am at the Ed Building, Feb 27<sup>th</sup>. Transfers between WCH and DH – Door at WCH to balloon at DH (average for LA County –135 minutes, recently reduced to 111 minutes) – Santa Cruz is 78

minutes. KUDOS TO ALL!! From WCH door to DH door (in LA is 72 minutes) is 58 minutes. Door to balloon at DH for EMS is 48 minutes. Mortality hasn't changed. Field is doing a great job of identifying STEMIs and managing them quickly.

- B. Trauma – Collaborating with region. DH is negotiating with SAMGI. May have a mini-trauma audit committee with Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz. Hazel Hawkins may move to Level IV.

Hospitals focusing on sepsis. One of the issues is adequate fluids. EMS will look at sepsis issue. Maybe training for field about sepsis.

**Next meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup> at Central Fire**