



A DIVISION OF
HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AGENCY

San Joaquin County Emergency Medical Services Agency



EMS Advisory Committee

Thursday, August 8th, 2024, at 0900

MINUTES

Members	Membership Representing	Present	Absent
Jared Bagwell (Co-Chair)	SJCEMSA	X	
Dr. Katherine Shafer (Co-Chair)	SJCEMSA		X
Nasir Khan	ED RN – Base Hospital - SJGH		X
Cheryl Heaney-Ordez	ED RN – Receiving Hospital – St. Joseph’s Medical Center	X	
Erica Lowry	ED RN – Receiving Hospital – Sutter Tracy Community Hospital	X	
Brian Hajik	EOA emergency ambulance provider – American Medical Response	X	
Vanessa Herrero	EOA emergency ambulance provider – Escalon Community Ambulance	X	
John Andrews	EOA emergency ambulance provider – Manteca District Ambulance		X
Pat Burns	EOA emergency ambulance provider – Ripon Fire Ambulance		X
Bryan Carr	Representative of an ALS fire dept./district – Stockton Fire Department	X	
Ken Johnson	BLS fire departments or districts – Lodi Fire Department	X	

Vince Stroup	Paramedic Non Fire-based ALS emergency ambulance providers – Manteca District Ambulance	X	
Lucas Mejia	EMT Non Fire-based ALS emergency ambulance providers – Manteca District Ambulance	X	
Eric DeHart	Fire-based emergency ambulance provider – Ripon Fire	X	
Anna Trindale	Emergency Medical Dispatcher – SFD ECD	X	
Nicholas Taiariol	Law Enforcement – San Joaquin County Sheriff		X
Alternate members			
Raeann Pfann	San Joaquin General Hospital	X	
Kyle Naes	American Medical Response		X
George McKelvie	Manteca District Ambulance	X	
Jeremy Abundiz	Ripon Fire Department		X
Jeremy Bishop	Stockton Fire Department		X
Jennifer Flowers	Sutter Tracy Community Hosp.		X
EMS Agency Staff	Title	Present	Absent
Christine Tualla	EMS Analyst	X	
Matthew Esposito	EMS Coordinator	X	
Jeff Costa	Specialty Care Coordinator	X	
Sophany Bodine	EMS Specialist	X	
Jamie Giron	EMS Specialist	X	
Phil Cook	Disaster Medical Health Specialist	X	

Guests			
Greg Diederich	Director, SJC HCSA	X	

Meeting called to order at 0904 by Co-Chair EMS Director Jared Bagwell.

I. INTRODUCTIONS:

Committee member introductions.

II. APPROVAL OF PAST EMS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:

- a. M/S Brian Hajik/Anna Trindale - Committee approved May 9, 2024, meeting minutes.

III. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Paramedic Training Program: Committee members were updated on progress of current NCTI/SJCEMSA paramedic class which began in March and ongoing work to partner with Delta college for a San Joaquin County program in 2025 and beyond.
- b. Emergency Ambulance RFP: Committee members were updated on the current and expected progress of the emergency ambulance RFP which is to take effect May 2026. SJCEMSA is currently working with the consultants developing the RFP based on the assessment findings that was published earlier this year. Expect EMSA approval and publishing of RFP near end of the year or shortly into 2025.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. EMS Maddy Other Funds Use and Approval Policy: Committee members were updated on the SJCEMSA’s work to develop a mechanism to request and disperse EMS Maddy Other funds to EMS system for capital and equipment purchases that are in compliance with Statute. Draft EMS policy forthcoming in this year’s EMS policy cycle update.
- b. San Joaquin County APOD Sub-Committee Update: Committee members were updated on the San Joaquin County APOD subcommittee meeting that was held on July 11, 2024. Initial meeting focused on educating all stakeholders on the Regulations and how the data is currently being captured and the challenges with the accuracy. Two more meetings are scheduled for the next couple of months. Chief Johnson inquired what things can be done to mitigate

- locally. Discussion on alternative destinations, nurse navigation, transport directly to waiting rooms, and behavioral health crisis response integration.
- c. MCI Policy Focus Group: Committee members were informed that the SJCEMSA is forming a MCI Focus group to develop a new EMS system MCI policy to work in conjunction with the current MCI plan. Stakeholders were identified and dates to meet forthcoming.
 - d. Mobile Crisis Expansion in San Joaquin County: Committee members were updated that the 24/7 expansion of behavioral health mobile crisis response has been achieved through the Behavioral Health Department. SJCEMSA will be working with BHS to incorporate these resources into the EMS system as the program matures.
 - e. Med Net Radio Upgrade Project: Committee members were presented with information and details of the San Joaquin County Hospital Med Net Radio Infrastructure upgrade project that will take place later this year.
 - f. Disaster Control Facility to Ambulance Dispatch: Committee members were informed that SJCEMSA is planning on moving all disaster control facility (DCF) functions and operations to the designated emergency ambulance dispatch center. No real EMS system user end changes should be seen. EMS System policy forthcoming.

V. EMS SYSTEM REPORTS:

- a. Specialty Care Reports: Committee members were presented a verbal and staff memo report on the following:
 - i. STEMI Program: No updates
 - ii. Stroke Program: No updates
 - iii. Trauma Program: The American College of Surgeons (ACS) performed a Level II Trauma Center site review of San Joaquin General Hospital (SJGH) on August 1 and 2, 2024. Preliminary findings were positive and emphasized the EMS agency and hospital collaboration to be strong. Three opportunities for improvement (OFI) were noted but no key weaknesses were identified. Formal site review findings and determination pending.
- b. CQI: Committee members were presented with BLS quality assurance and Key Performance Metrics presented on BLS (tired response) since inception July 2023-July 2024)

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- a. Committee members were updated that Lodi Fire department had submitted an advanced life support plan which was approved by SJCEMSA. Lodi Fire expects to phase in ALS non transport response services as soon as Jan 2025.

- b. Committee members were updated that the SJCEMSA has approved a subcontract for a “surge” ambulance response and transport ambulance in the greater Tracy area through a public/private subcontract partnership between AMR and SSJCFA.
- c. Chief Carr praised the SJCEMSA patient feedback process to providers.
- d. Ms. Heaney-Ordez reported that SJMC has experienced a couple safety issues related to patient being in possession of weapons.
- e. Chief DeHart reported that Ripon Fire is awaiting the results of the local proposition 218 which would help fund firefighter recruitment. Chief Dehart also reported that 2 offers for employment have been issued for 2 paramedics.

VII. NEXT MEETING:

- a. The next regularly scheduled meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2024.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned 1058.