



EMERGENCY MEDICAL CARE COMMITTEE

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Wednesday, September 8, 2021
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting
Meeting ID: 875 0673 6902
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Agenda

- 4:00 p.m. 1. Introduction of Members and Guests
- 4:05 2. Approval of Minutes from June 9, 2021 meeting
- 4:07 3. Comments from the Public
Members of the public may speak up to 3 minutes each on matters either on or not on this agenda.
- 4:10 4. Chair's Report
Jon King, EMCC Chair
- 4:13 5. Staff Report: Advisory Body Meetings Update
Rachel Morris, Contra Costa EMS Agency – Staff to EMCC
- 4:15 6. Members' Reports
Presentation of new slate of officers for EMCC Executive Committee by Nominating Committee
- 4:25 7. Fire Chiefs' Report
Fire Executive Chief Representative
- 4:30 8. Health Care Coalition Biannual Report to EMCC
Lisa Vajgrt-Smith, Contra Costa Emergency Preparedness Coordinator
- 4:40 9. EMCC Legislative Report
Emergency Nurses Association Representative
- 4:45 10. Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services
Chief Terence Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District
- 4:50 11. EMS Medical Director's Report
Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Medical Director
- 5:00 12. EMS Director's Report - Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Director
• Ambulance Ordinance Presentation – Aaron Doyle, Contra Costa EMS
- 5:25 13. Agenda Items for next meeting: December 8, 2021
- 5:30 14. Adjournment

*(I)-Informational / *(A)-Action

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021

Members Present Representing

Executive Committee:

Chair: Jon King *Police Chiefs' Association*
Ellen Leng *Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association*

Marshall Bennett *EMS Agency Director*
 Archie Bowles *District II*
 Terence Carey *Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association*
 Jack Clapp *Public Provider Field Paramedic*
 Joseph Drago *Air Medical Transportation Provider*
 Joseph Gorton *Public Managers' Association*
 Cameron Metzger *EMS Training Institution*
 Denise Pangelinan *Communications Center Managers' Assoc.*
 CJ Price *Emergency Nurses Association*
 Karin Schnaider *District III*
 Jim Selover *Ambulance Providers (CC Contract)*
 Allan Tobias *District IV*

Members Absent Representing

Executive Committee:

Vice Chair: Kacey Hansen *Trauma Center (CC Contract)*
James Lambert *Hospital Council Bay Area Division*

Rea Anne Arcangel *American Heart Association*
 Senai Kidane *EMS Agency Medical Director*
 David Lilienstein *Emergency Dept. Physicians (CC Receiving Hospital)*
 Michael Lyons *Private Provider Field Paramedic*
 Jason Vorhauer *Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff*

STAFF PRESENT

Aaron Doyle *Contra Costa County EMS*
 Ben Keizer *Contra Costa County EMS*
 Kristen Cline *Contra Costa County EMS*
 Rachel Morris *Contra Costa County EMS*

OTHERS PRESENT

Peter Benson *Contra Costa County Fire Protection District*
 Gayle Israel *District II*
 Chad Newland *American Medical Response*
 Hannah Robbins *Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association*
 Rebecca Rozen *Hospital Council of Northern and Central California*

Committee Chair King called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

1.	<i>Introduction of Members and Guests</i> Director Bennett introduced Kristen Cline as a new Contra Costa EMS Agency employee.
2.	<i>Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2021</i> Member Schnaider motioned to approve the minutes from March 3, 2021. Member Tobias seconded; none opposed. Motion passed. March 2021 minutes are approved.
3.	<i>Comments from the Public</i> No Comments
4.	<i>Chair's Report</i> - Chair King reported that he is happy to see the number of COVID-19 vaccines given increasing and the case numbers decreasing.
5.	<i>Members' Reports</i> No Reports
6.	<i>Fire Chiefs' Report – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> On behalf of the Fire Executive Chiefs, Member Carey brought one item forward: the fire-based pods concluded at the end of May. Fire personnel will standby if future vaccine clinics are needed.
7.	<i>EMCC Legislative Update</i> Member Price stated that he has no new updates because of COVID-19; however, he anticipates there will be an update at the next meeting in September.
8.	<i>EMCC Officer Nominating Committee</i> Per the Bylaws, it is time to identify EMCC members who are willing to participate on the EMCC Officer Nominating

	Committee. Current officers cannot participate on the nominating committee, so other members are needed to volunteer to serve. Chair King had asked at the March meeting for anyone interested in participating to contact him directly. Because of a low response, he asked members Carey and Pangelinan to participate as the nominating committee. Both members agreed. Staff Morris will work with the nominating committee.
9.	<i>Quarterly Update on Alliance Ambulance Services – Chief Terry Carey, Contra Costa County Fire Protection District (CCCFPD)</i> No Report
10.	<i>EMS Medical Director's Report – Marshall Bennett on behalf of Senai Kidane, MD, Contra Costa EMS Agency Medical Director</i> - The LEMSA is accepting public comment until June 18 on proposed changes for Field Treatment Guidelines for 2022. After conclusion of the public comment period, the LEMSA will begin development of 4 th quarter training that will accompany the changes. - Dr. Kidane continues to be heavily involved in the County's efforts to develop a comprehensive model for responding to behavioral health crises. - The trial looking at prehospital administration of Buprenorphine for opiate withdrawal continues. 16 patients have been enrolled so far. Other counties are reaching out and showing interest in the trial.
11.	<i>EMS Director's Report – Marshall Bennett, Contra Costa EMS Agency Director</i> - Director Bennett reported the LEMSA has completed the first round of outreach regarding the new ambulance ordinance. The LEMSA will continue to seek stakeholder feedback as that is integral to the process. The parties that have already been met with have identified some areas where changes will be beneficial. The next step is to include the EMCC on the updated draft, and then to extend outreach to other fire and first responder agencies. A special meeting may be called to go over proposed changes in the updated draft prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting in September.
12.	<i>Proposed agenda item(s) for September 8, 2021</i> - No items
13.	<i>Adjournment at 4:20 pm</i>

EMCC Attendance 2020-2022

Seats	EMCC Members	12/9/2020	3/10/2021	6/9/2021	9/8/2021	12/8/2021	3/9/2022	6/8/2022	9/14/2022
B 1 Alameda Contra Costa Medical Association	Ellen Leng	Present	Present	Present					
B 2 American Heart Association	Rae Anne Arcangel	Present	Absent	Absent					
B 3 American Red Cross	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant					
B 4 California Highway Patrol	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant					
B 5 Communications Center Managers' Association	Denise Pangelinan	Present	Absent	Present					
B 6 Contra Costa Fire Chiefs' Association	Terence Carey	Present	Present	Present					
B 7 Contra Costa Police Chiefs' Association	Jon King	Present	Present	Present					
B 8 Emergency Nurses Association	CJ Price	Present	Absent	Present					
B 9 Hospital Council, Bay Area Division	James Lambert	Present	Present	Absent					
B 10 Public Managers' Association	Joseph Gorton	Present	Present	Present					
B 11 Trauma Center (Contra Costa Contract)	Kacey Hansen	Absent	Absent	Absent					
B 12 Contra Costa Office of the Sheriff	Jason Vorhauer	Present	Present	Absent					
B 13 Contra Costa Health Services - Behavioral Health	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant					
C 1 Ambulance Providers (Contra Costa 9-1-1 Service Contract)	Jim Selover	Present	Absent	Present					
C 2 Air Medical Transportation Provider (Contra Costa Authorized)	Joseph Drago	Present	Present	Present					
C 3 EMS Training Institution	Cameron Metzger	Present	Present	Present					
C 4 Private Provider Field Paramedic	Michael Lyons	Absent	Present	Absent					
C 5 Public Provider Field Paramedic	Jack Clapp	Present	Present	Present					
C 6 Emergency Department Physicians	David Lilienstein	Present	Absent	Absent					
District I (Gioia)	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant					
District II (Andersen)	Archie Bowles	Present	Present	Present					
District III (Burgis)	Karin Schnaider	Present	Present	Present					
District IV (Mitchoff)	Allan Tobias	Present	Present	Present					
District V (Glover)	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant	Vacant					
E 1 Ex Officio	Marshall Bennett	Present	Present	Present					
E 2 Ex Officio	Senai Kidane	Present	Present	Absent					
	Quorum								

Advisory Body + Brown Act done

Meeting Attendance Requirements per the Bylaws:

- A. EMCC members shall attend EMCC meetings.
- B. A member who cannot attend a meeting must notify the Chair and may have one excused absence in a twelve month period.
- C. Whenever a member does not attend two regularly scheduled meetings, within a rolling twelve month period, complete their Brown Act requirements or fails to meet the criteria for sitting on the advisory body the EMS Agency shall notify the nominating agency/organization of the absences and request appropriate action.
- D. Members must complete the required Ethics and Brown Act training provided by the County within three months of appointment and submit the "Training Certification for Member of County Advisory Body" form to EMS staff prior to participating at any meeting.
- E. Members who do not complete the Ethics and Brown Act training within 3 months may not further participate until the requirement is fulfilled.
- F. Ethics and Brown Act training is recommended to be completed every two years while serving on a County Advisory Committee.

Rules for Participating by Teleconference- Effective October 1, 2021

The Brown Act permits Advisory Body members to participate in the body's meetings by teleconference, but only when certain legal requirements are met. (Gov. Code, 53953 (b).) If these requirements are not met, then the member calling in cannot be counted as part of the quorum for the meeting, can only listen to the meeting, and cannot discuss any item or vote.

If an Advisory Body member wishes to be able to discuss items and vote by telephone or virtually, then, in addition to the usual agenda posting requirements, the following must occur in advance of the meeting:

1. Quorum Required. Staff to the body, or its chair, must ensure that during the teleconference meeting at least a quorum of the body will participate from locations (teleconference and live) in the body's geographic jurisdiction.
2. Agenda Requirement- all teleconference locations must be listed. Each teleconference location and the regular meeting location must be shown on the agenda for the meeting. In addition, the agenda must provide an opportunity for members of the public to give public comment from each teleconference location, as well as from the live meeting location. So, for example, if a member is participating in a meeting from his or her office, then the location for the meeting shown on the agenda would include both the live meeting address and the individual member's office address. Under these circumstances the member's office is considered a meeting location, and the public would be entitled to attend the meeting at that location.
3. Agenda Requirement - Posting. In addition to the usual agenda posting locations and County website, an agenda must be posted at each teleconference location 96 hours in advance of the meeting. The member participating from his or her office would have to post the agenda at that office 96 hours in advance of the Advisory Body meeting. Agendas must be visible to the public for the entire 96-hour period.
4. Public Participation at Remote Location. Each teleconference location must be open and accessible to members of the public. Thus, if a member's office is a teleconference location, it must be open to the public during the meeting. The member would need to have a speaker phone (or access to an easily visible computer screen if participating virtually) so that the public attending the meeting from the member's office would be able to hear the meeting and to address the Advisory Body directly from the member's office. The chair will need to remember to call for public comment from the regular meeting location and each teleconference location.
5. Roll Call Vote. All votes taken during a teleconference meeting must be by roll call.

MHPC REPORT

Contra Costa Med-Health Preparedness Coalition |HPP Emergency Preparedness

2020-2021 Coalition Activities

Coalition Meetings:

April 16, 2021

June 22, 2021

Coalition Training:

ReddiNet User Training

Hazmat First Receiver Ops

May 12th & 13th 2021

Redundant Communication Drills

Sat Phone Drills: 4th Monday of Month

EBRECs quarterly radio drill:

June 23, 2021

ReddiNet Sit Stat: Quarterly

March 10, 2021

June 9, 2021

Coalition Exercises:

Cancelled

Hospital Preparedness Program Deliverables FY 2020-2021

COVID

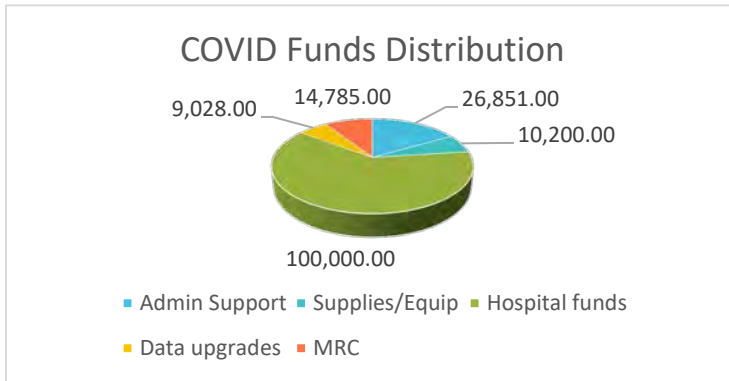
- Continued support to HCC partners by providing communication, guidance and coordination of resources for COVID-19 response
- Encouraged all facilities to conduct After-Action Review for FEMA reimbursement and to meet CMS requirements
- Connected HCC members to state PPE resources to build larger caches for future events
- Assisted with planning, coordination and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines to facilities and community members

Program Requirements

- Completed reporting requirements by uploading all data/plans into Coalition Assessment Tool (CAT) by June 30, 2021
- Submitted Contra Costa County Public Health Infectious Disease Response Plan. This met the deliverable for HCC ID Response Plan
- Conducted two Redundant Communication Drills
- Participated in regional planning meetings to develop a regional Burn Surge Annex draft to be finalized in FY 2021-2022
- Updated Pediatric Surge Annex
- Reviewed HCC Hazard Vulnerabilities Assessment
- Completed annual HPP equipment inventory
- Distributed 32 Versaflow PAPRs, filters, hoods to four hospitals for continued Hazmat readiness (used FY19-20 carry-forward funds)

COVID-19 HPP Supplemental Funds

- Distributed PPE to all BLS Ambulance provides
- First Watch/ReddiNet upgrades to build automated reports for hospital surge reporting/tracking
- Funded 0.5FTE position for MRC Training & Logistics Officer to assist with onboarding new volunteers and coordinate SNF/RCFE infection control/PPE training



- Direct funding to hospitals for Surge response
- Admin support

Focus for 2021-2022

Continue to support COVID-19 response operations for HCC members

Transition back to normal HCC activities and focus on all hazard preparedness

Update Healthcare Coalition Emergency Preparedness Plan, Response Plan and bi-annual HVA

MHPC Response Plan Annex: Burn Surge due June 2022

Health Care Coalition Continuity of Operations Plan due June 2022

MHPC Response Plan Annex: Hazmat/Radiation Surge due June 2023

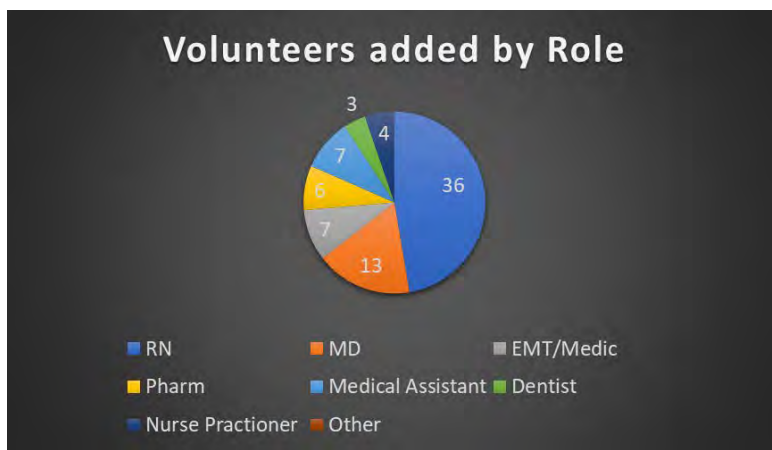
Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps

The Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps is an integral part of the Coalition's response capabilities. This group of medical volunteers is prepared and trained to respond to the needs of the community during emergencies. The CCMRC has been engaged in COVID-19 response activities since March 2020.

They have been assigned missions that include Department Operations Center Support, COVID test sites, providing infection control and PPE training to SNFs and RCFES, running a successful influenza vaccination campaign that laid the groundwork for COVID vaccinations and now 8 months of continuous operations for COVID vaccinations. The unit has maintained its operational readiness by continuing to conduct month meetings following the units training plan. This included BLS-CPR training, Fire deployment Operations training, and Psychological First Aid refresher courses.

Growth of the Unit

Prior to COVID response, the Contra Costa MRC had roughly 155 volunteers that had successfully

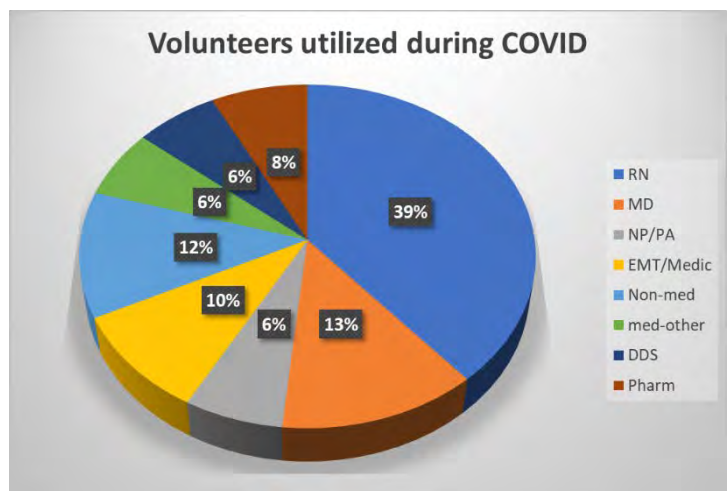


completed the training and onboarding requirements of the unit. In March 2020, California Governor, Gavin Newsom made a “call to action” requesting medical personnel sign-up to assist with COVID-19 response in anticipation of healthcare surge. The unit had more than 200 new members pending. We added a Training and Logistics Officer to assist with onboarding and training new members. Eighty-nine new members have been added to

the team, 83% have volunteered for a COVID-19 shift. More than 119 MRC volunteers have worked at least 2 shifts during COVID response, the majority, 93 volunteers have been engaged in COVID vaccinations.

Under the lead of the new Logistics and Training Officer, a small team of MRC volunteers training 39 facilities in infection control and PPE donning and doffing to assist and improve their outbreak response. This team has now pivoted to providing stress and mental health education to these facilities. The first facility was visited on September 1, 2021.

The MRC vaccination campaign has led the way for the county. They started by vaccinating, then training our first responders in how to handle and administer the vaccine in drive-through PODs. They then concurrently supported 25 closed PODs with ConFire and launched the RCFE vaccination team. This team visited 46 facilities, given first, then second doses of the vaccine to staff and residents. Since March, they have been engaged in mobile vaccination clinics with the Equity



Team. This has been a very successful campaign, pairing the MRC volunteers with the community ambassadors to increase vaccinations in the areas most impacted by COVID.

Contra Costa MRC COVID-19 Vaccination Missions

Vax Mission	Dates	# of clinics	# of vax	Economic impact
First Responder PODs	12/28/20-1/30/21	6	1998	\$33,654.82
RCFE's	1/4/21-4/1/21	46	4788	\$73,366.25
Closed PODs with Fire	1/26/21-4/24/21	19	12516	\$78,930.67
Equity Team	3/19- Present	96	11,000	\$248,133.99

The CCMRC yearly activity consists of 30-50 activities, 1,000-2,000 volunteer hours and an economic contribution of approximately \$60,000. Since COVID-19, the MRC has had a 6-fold increase in activities and has been engaged in its longest ongoing mission. More than 25 volunteers have contributed over 150 hours of service, some approaching 500 hours.

Contra Costa Medical Reserve Corps Activities 2020-Present

Name	# of activities	# of volunteers	Volunteer hours	Economic Impact*
<i>COVID Response</i>	7	63	854	\$27,305
<i>Flu Clinics</i>	13	323	595	\$21,132
<i>Unit Operations</i>	43	559	1183.5	\$36,643
<i>Incident Response</i>	2	12	800	\$10,970
<i>Congregate Care Training</i>	39	47	394	\$17,104
<i>COVID Vax</i>	160	343	6,648.25	\$434,086
<i>Totals</i>	264	1,347	10,474.75	\$547,240

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ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN

No. 21-BUL-009

To: Contra Costa County EMS Providers

FROM: Marshall Bennett, EMS Director 

DATE: August 20, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Ambulance Ordinance Public Comment

The Contra Costa County Emergency Medical Services Agency (“Agency”) has released the proposed 2021 revision to the Contra Costa County Ambulance Ordinance Code for public comment. In addition to substantive changes, the proposed revision changes the title of the current “Ambulance Ordinance Code” to the “Emergency Medical Services and Ambulance Ordinance Code.”

The County’s current ambulance ordinance version is over 37 years old. It was first created and adopted in 1977 and last updated in 1984. The revisions and update are intended to address the evolution of EMS, changes in EMS practice, provide for the enhancement of patient and provider safety, and provide the oversight of EMS consistent with current industry standards.

There are many proposed substantive changes to the ambulance ordinance. Among the changes is the addition of a special event standby requirement that would require designated special events to have EMS services readily available. The requirement would also mandate that special event EMS service providers are authorized Contra Costa County EMS service provider(s) or obtain a special event standby service permit to provide EMS service at designated events.

Other changes include additional requirements for ambulances that would increase patient and provider safety, requirements for clinical quality assurance and improvement, changes to the application process to require a Live Scan background investigation of ambulance owners, and changes to the nomenclature that would replace “ambulance permit” with “certificate of operation.” In addition, the process for placing an ambulance certificate of operation on probation, or suspending or revoking an ambulance certificate of operation, has been substantially changed to provide a transparent appeal process. A process for the

reinstatement of an ambulance permit after suspension or revocation was also added. This is only a summary of the proposed changes.

The Agency received initial stakeholder comment from the County's fire departments in early 2021. The Agency made some revisions to the proposed ambulance ordinance based on these comments. The revisions are indicated by the tracked changes in the proposed revised ambulance ordinance.

The Agency welcomes public feedback on the proposed changes. All public comments must be submitted using the online public comment form no later than **September 3, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. Details on all of the proposed ambulance ordinance, the revisions from the public comments from the County's fire departments, and the public comment form can be found by visiting the Agency website at <https://cchealth.org/ems/public-comment.php>. Please note that a separate public comment must be entered into the online public comment form for each section or subsection of the proposed ambulance ordinance.

After the Agency receives public comment, it will evaluate making further revisions to the proposed ambulance ordinance. The final version of the ordinance with any additional revisions will be provided to the County Administrator with a request that it be approved to be placed on the agenda for the Board of Supervisors to adopt as the County's new Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Ordinance. There is not a date scheduled for providing the proposed revision to the ambulance ordinance to the County Administrator or the Board of Supervisors.

Questions regarding this bulletin or the ambulance ordinance should be directed to the Director of the Emergency Medical Services Agency at Marshall.Bennett@cchealth.org.

