

# Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

## Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2021, 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

## Meeting Held Electronically

Zoom Video Conference

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Phone Dial In: 1.669.900.6833

Meeting ID: 978 6856 3296; Passcode: 728452

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS			
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Public – Barbie Law, Sac Metro Fire		Hospital System – J. Douglas Kirk, MD, UC Davis Health – <i>Excused</i>
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Karl Pedroni, American Medical Response (AMR)		Law Enforcement – Lt. Shaun Hampton, Sheriff's Office
X	ALS Air Transport Providers – Mike Kaslin, REACH Air Medical		Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
X	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	<b>EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS</b>	
X	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance	X	County Primary Health Division – Sandy Damiano, PhD
X	Hospital System – Michael Korpiel, Dignity Health	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
X	Hospital System – Kevin Smith, Kaiser Permanente	X	County EMS Medical Director – Hernando Garzon, MD
X	Hospital System – Kevin Smothers, MD, Sutter Health	<b>GUEST PRESENTER</b>	
		X	Brian Jensen, Hospital Council

Advisory Group Members in Attendance: 8 – *Quorum present*

Public/Guests in Attendance: 11

Staff: Stephanie Mello

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks- <i>Sandy Damiano, PhD</i></p>	<p>Sandy Damiano welcomed advisory group members, guests, and members of the public, introduced Stephanie Mello and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials. Stephanie Mello conducted roll call. <i>Quorum present.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Agenda Review</u>: 2022 Meeting Schedule, Approval of October Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Update, EMS Staffing Roadmap Update, 5150 Release Policy, Wall Times.</li> <li>• <u>Materials</u>: 2022 Meeting Schedule, Approval of October Meeting Minutes, EMS Staffing Roadmap Update, APOT Spreadsheet. <i>Materials are posted on the website.</i> Link: <a href="https://dhs.saccounty.net/PRI/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group.aspx">https://dhs.saccounty.net/PRI/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group.aspx</a></li> <li>• <u>Additional Agenda Items for Discussion</u>: None</li> <li>• <u>Other Member Announcements</u>: None</li> </ul>
<p>2022 Meeting Schedule – <i>Sandy Damiano, PhD</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will continue with Zoom meetings. Stephanie will email the 2022 meeting invitation.</li> <li>• Michael Korpiel asked if the meeting start time could be moved up to start at 2:30pm. No objections noted except a possible June conflict for Dr. Garzon with the TAG meeting. Dr. Garzon can adjust the TAG meeting.</li> <li>• 2022 Meeting Schedule time will change to 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM.</li> </ul>
<p>Meeting Minutes – <i>Stephanie Mello</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• APPROVED – Advisory Group members had no changes to the October 14, 2021, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Michael Korpiel and seconded by Kevin Smothers.</li> </ul>
<p>EMS Committee Update – <i>Hernando Garzon, MD</i></p>	<p>Dr. Garzon provided EMS Committee updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Advisory Committee, Operational Advisory Committee, STEMI, Stroke and Trauma committees’ regular quarterly meetings. Routine quarterly business.</li> <li>• Quality improvement data for STEMI and Stroke continues to improve. EMS is getting hospital data feedback and starting to do outcome data for EMS which allows EMS to obtain patient follow-up information.</li> </ul>
<p>EMS Staffing Update – <i>David Magnino</i></p>	<p>Dave Magnino provided an update on the EMS Staffing Roadmap:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>New Positions</u>: Fiscal Year 2021-22, EMS obtained three (3) new positions: EMS Coordinator, EMS Specialist, and Program Planner. The Program Planner position is funded by Public Health and supervised by EMS.</li> <li>• <u>Total Staffing</u>: 10.5 total staff. Dr. Garzon is a half-time (0.5) position. All positions are filled.</li> <li>• <u>EMS Staffing Roadmap</u>: Was reviewed. EMS prioritized a contract with the American Heart Association – Get With The Guidelines for access to hospital STEMI and Stroke data, an increase in Medical Director time, and EMS Specialists for data analysis, support for the STEMI and Stroke Critical Care Programs, and establish a Basic Life Support (BLS) provider program. Any growth requests would be from the General</li> </ul>

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	<p>Fund. There are no increase in fees. COVID and ARPA monies are being reviewed by an independent vendor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff must submit growth requests soon.</li> </ul>
<p>5150 Release Policy – <i>Brian Jensen. Hospital Council</i></p>	<p>Brian Jensen provided a review of the 5150 Release Policy implementation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EMAG requested information on how the 5150 Release Policy is affecting the hospitals.</li> <li>• Brian asked the hospitals 3 questions: (1) How many providers in your hospital are designated by the County as 5150 designees? (2) How many 5150 holds have hospital based provider releases? and (3) How is this change played out in your facility?</li> <li>• The feedback received from the hospitals is that the policy change has not had much impact yet. It may take some time for the new policy to get traction. There has not been an uptake on ED physicians doing releases and removing holds.</li> <li>• UC Davis has not previously seen releases and holds as a barrier to care in the past.</li> <li>• Sutter Medical Center Sacramento psychology clinicians are designated to do the releases.</li> <li>• Dignity hospitals have one ED physician that is certified to do the releases. Mostly social workers or behavioral health RNs perform the releases.</li> <li>• Kaiser, per Dr. Garzon, none of the ED physicians can do releases or remove holds. Kaiser has an active psychology department available 24/7 who can place or remove holds.</li> <li>• Brian will report back in a few months.</li> </ul>
<p>Wall Times Work Group Update – <i>All</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Work Group</u> – David Magnino reported the group met in August, September and October. They have been discussing and sharing best practices. Reviewed hourly APOT report for providers held more than two (2) hours. Hospitals would like to see the raw data. EMS will work on providing this to the hospitals. Discussed how boarding patients impact the ER. Sacramento City Fire discussed how response time is impacted by APOT time – the longer the APOT, the longer the response time. Hospitals would like to see real-time data. David demonstrated the San Joaquin County EMResource CAD interface data showing real-time APOT times, and units in route to each hospital. Sacramento County EMS is working with EMResource, providers and dispatch agencies to implement this in Sacramento County.</li> <li>• <u>APOT Data</u>: Dr. Garzon presented statewide APOT data demonstrating that APOT is a statewide concern.</li> <li>• <u>APOT – Costs</u>: Dr. Garzon presented data on the cumulative sum of hours spent on the wall over the 20 minute metric and costs (based on State’s Ambulance Strike Team reimbursement rate) associated with those hours. Jimmy Pierson would like this information provided along with their regularly received APOT information.</li> <li>• <u>Fire Chiefs, Hospital CEO and EMS Meeting</u>: Brian Jensen shared that the group has been meeting for 3-4 months and is examining APOT at the executive level. There is unity of purpose on trying to resolve the</li> </ul>

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	<p>issue. The group supports initiating the Assess and Refer policy. Dr. Garzon shared that Sacramento County has identified specific alternate sites who will accept non-urgent patients.</p>
Public Comment	<p>None – Stakeholders provided comments during each topic.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Sandy Damiano</i>	<p>Sandy thanked everyone for participating in today’s meeting and acknowledged the hard work of everyone in the group. Stephanie will update the meeting time and send out the 2022 meeting invitation.</p> <p>With no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned.</p>
Next Meeting	<p><b>Thursday, February 10, 2022 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</b></p> <p><a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82434475443?pwd=UXV2blpPM3o1eFlqRm4vcmpRWjRydz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82434475443?pwd=UXV2blpPM3o1eFlqRm4vcmpRWjRydz09</a></p> <p>Meeting ID: 824 3447 5443</p> <p>Passcode: 220252</p>