

Sacramento County Emergency Medical Advisory Group

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2024. 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Meeting Location

9616 Micron Ave Suite 900 (Conference Room 1)
Sacramento, CA 95827

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS			
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Public – Robert Kasparian, Cosumnes Fire		Hospital System – Dr. John Rose, M.D., UC Davis Health
X	ALS Ground Transport Providers, Private – Brian Henricksen/Gabe Cruz American Medical Response (AMR)	X	Law Enforcement – Jesse Brucker, Sheriff’s Office
X	ALS Air Transport Providers – Joseph Drago, REACH Air Medical		Training Provider – Jason Hemler, CSUS
	BLS Providers, Public – James Hendricks, Herald Fire District	EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS	
X	BLS Providers, Private – James Pierson, Medic Ambulance	X	County Public Health Division – Dr. Olivia Kasirye, M.D.
X	Hospital System – Tamra Kelly, Dignity Health	X	County EMS Administrator – David Magnino
X	Hospital System – Brandon Pace, Kaiser Permanente	X	County EMS Medical Director – Dr. Gregory Kann, M.D.
X	Hospital System – Dr. Phillip Yu, M.D., Sutter Health		

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

Public/Guests in Attendance: 8

Staff: Sydney Freer

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Topic	Minutes
<p>Welcome, Introductions and Opening Remarks- <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i></p>	<p>Dr. Kasirye welcomed advisory group members, guests, and members of the public, and reviewed the agenda and meeting materials.</p> <p><u>Agenda Review:</u> Approval of December Meeting Minutes, EMS Committee Updates, APOT, and Open Discussion.</p> <p><u>Materials:</u> Approval of December Meeting Minutes. <i>Materials are posted on the website.</i></p> <p>Link: https://dhs.saccounty.gov/PUB/EMS/Pages/Emergency-Medical-Advisory-Group-(EMAG).aspx</p> <p><u>Additional Agenda Items for Discussion:</u> None</p> <p><u>Other Member Announcements:</u> None</p>
<p>Roll Call – <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i></p>	<p>Dr. Kasirye conducted roll call.</p> <p>Quorum was established by count.</p>
<p>Meeting Minutes – <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i></p>	<p><u>APPROVED</u> – Advisory Group members had no changes to the December 14, 2023, draft meeting minutes. Meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Tamra Kelly and seconded by Dr. Yu.</p> <p>Approved by members’ vote.</p>
<p>EMS Committee Update – <i>Dr. Gregory Kann</i></p>	<p><u>STEMI:</u> Next meeting 2/20/2024. Working with providers on first medical contact EKG times being consistent between data retrieval and data from field providers. Sydney is working on identifying specialty care gaps in care, for example EMS providers doing their own EKG interpretation in the field and not relying only on EKG software. SCEMSA reviewing data where paramedics activate a STEMI in the field when the software doesn’t indicate a STEMI.</p> <p><u>Stroke:</u> Next meeting 2/20/2024. SCEMSA working with UC Davis on starting a LVO stroke study (possible start date 7/1/2024). SCEMSA currently doesn’t have LVO stroke destination policy for LVO strokes to be transported to a tertiary care center. The study will aim to guide the development of the policy. Data currently shows an overcall rate for stroke but are also missing stroke assessments. The study and identification field training would improve this. <u>Dr. Yu</u> asked about what assessment tool will be utilized during the study. Dr. Kann used the VAN assessment tool with good success. How will the change from a primary to thrombectomy stroke impact the comprehensive stroke centers? The estimate is 10-12 LVOs/month. UC Davis: Will the policy change be approved by the neurologists and policy committees. Dr. Kann – yes.</p> <p><u>Technical Advisory Group (TAG):</u> Shifting the focus to more of a data team to identify and resolve data issues. Will meet more regularly to identify issues.</p> <p><u>Trauma Improvement Committee (TIC):</u> Next meeting 2/15/2024. Good participation in November from both hospitals and EMS providers. Will discuss TXA policy and potential incorporation of TXA for brain injuries.</p>

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	<p><u>APOT Mitigation Strategy (Dr. Kasirye)</u>: Following up from the December APOT mitigation plan discussion. Hospitals expressed concerns over discussions of penalties and that's not the direction SCEMSA should be going in. Our goal is to continue to be collaborative. The Department is engaging with a 3rd party facilitator to help with meetings and meeting the directives in AB40. Dr. Kann – SCEMSA is still asking for hospital APOT reduction plans, so we can advocate for the hospitals and pull together resources.</p> <p><u>APOT Summit 2/13/2024</u>: The summit brings everyone together as a collective to discuss APOT, possible solutions, strategies, and moving forward and getting to a better place regarding APOT.</p> <p><u>APOT Mitigation Plan Presentation</u>: Rose Colangelo from Sutter Roseville and Amelia Hart from Mercy San Juan presented their APOT mitigation plans. Collaboration between the LEMSA, hospitals and providers is crucial for success. Knowing/understanding how everything the hospitals, the LEMSA, and providers do impacts each other is beneficial to the 911 system. EMSA invited Sutter Roseville (Rose) to the “table” for discussions of solutions.</p>
<p>Open Discussion – <i>Dr. Kann and David Magnino</i></p>	<p><u>Triage to Alternate Destinations (TAD)</u>: SCEMSA is submitting to EMSA by April 15th for behavioral health and substance abuse related calls.</p> <p><u>Board Items</u>: February 27th – Ground Ambulance Rates in response to AB716. March 12th – Authorization to renew our hospital contacts. April 23rd (tentative) – Approval to establish TAD program and EMCC (timed item) and approval to implement AEMT, CCT-P and BLS programs. May (tentative) – Resolution to recognize EMS Week.</p> <p><u>Law Enforcement Narcan Update</u>: Requested all Narcan programs submit Narcan data to ODMAPS which will allow more accurate Narcan use reports. The reports will allow LE to know the areas of higher Narcan use.</p> <p><u>Revenue/Fee Assessment</u>: Met with the Awardee. Awardee will review the entire EMS revenue stream and possible future revenue. Hoping to present recommendations within the next 6 months.</p>
<p>Public Comment</p>	<p><u>Brian Jensen (Hospital Council)</u>: The Hospital Council creates a collaborative space for discussions. There are particular patient populations that cause delays. The Council is working with partners to help address these populations and connect these populations with the correct resources. SB43 is anticipated to cause more delays.</p> <p><u>Rose Colangelo (Sutter Roseville)</u>: There has to be collaboration between the hospitals and EMS and what discussion of what EMS is doing.</p> <p><u>Brandon Pace (Kaiser)</u>: Post acute care providers should be included in the discussions.</p> <p><u>Tom Arjil (AlphaOne)</u>: Health plans should be included in the discussions and how the innovative ideas this group is coming up with can happen but there needs to be a method for reimbursement from the health plans. Fire can add more MIH plans if they can get funding. Innovations can be added on the back end, but work needs to be done on the front end to make the innovations sustainable.</p>

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	<p><u>James Pierson (Medic Ambulance)</u>: Community paramedicine pilot was working and was a great idea that lost its funding stream.</p> <p><u>Tamra (Dignity Health)</u>: Patients waiting for conservatorship also occupy beds for extended length of time. That process should be quickened.</p> <p><u>Robert Kasparian (Cosumnes Fire)</u>: Visited a Phoenix urgent care mental health services and witnessed how they deliver mental health services within 30 minutes of patients walking through the door which prevents these patients from ending up in the ED.</p> <p><u>Rose Colangelo (Sutter Roseville) APOT Reports</u>: Are there current APOT reports? January reports will be out the end of February.</p> <p><u>Brandon Pace (Kaiser)</u>: Is there data that compares by County on # of beds available, # of skilled nursing facilities, resources available? What does Sacramento County look like per capita? Dr. Kasirye – Yes, but the information exists in different places. Brian Jensen – Sacramento is a catchment for surrounding counties.</p> <p><u>Joseph Drago (REACH)</u>: Is there an update on Sutter Medical Center’s helipad? Dr Y: there is an issue with the fire suppression system. He will follow up on it.</p>
Action Item(s)	<p>Capacity Report – How can a capacity report be created?</p> <p>High Utilizers – Can a stakeholder committee be created to discuss high utilizers and how to address them?</p> <p>Fresno Superuser Policy – Dave to reach out to Fresno County regarding their policy.</p> <p>Sutter Medical Helipad Closure: Dr. Yu to follow-up on the issue.</p>
Closing Remarks and Adjourn – <i>Dr. Olivia Kasirye</i>	<p>Dr. Kasirye thanked everyone for participating in today’s meeting.</p> <p>Next meeting might be held in SCEMSA’s new suite.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>Thursday, April 11, 2024 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</p> <p>Thursday, June 13, 2024 / 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM</p>