



Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

April 6, 2022



Start: 1000

Attendance (Zoom Meeting):

In person:

Sam Blesse- Chair
Mike Grant- Vice Chair
Becky Grant- S.O. Dispatch
Matt Brown- Careflight
Mark Thomas- Nor Cal EMS
Andrew Courtright- Peninsula Fire
Dr. Mark Satterfield: Public Health Officer
Zoe Stancer- PDH
Joe Waterman- Fire Chief Association
Jeff Kepple – Nor Cal EMS

Zoom:

Trenton Murrieta - SEMSA
Linda McCurdy – Seneca Hospital
Judy Cline – Seneca Hospital
Louie Alberto- Air Methods
Jim Stockdale- Graeagle Fire
Darren Beatty- PDH
Elaine Frank- Eastern Plumas Fire District
Kelsey Kirkpatrick - EPHC
Dee Dee Clark- EPHC
Jenni McGuire – Nor Cal EMS
Donna Stone – Nor Cal EMS

Roll Call of voting membership to set quorum

Chester Fire Protection District
Peninsula Fire Protection District
Indian Valley Ambulance Services Authority
Plumas District Hospital Ambulance
Eastern Plumas Healthcare Ambulance
Seneca Healthcare District
Plumas District Hospital
Eastern Plumas Healthcare
Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association
Plumas County Sheriff's Office
Plumas County Board of Supervisors
Plumas County Public Health Officer

Joe Waterman	Present
Andrew Courtright	Present
Matt Brown	Present
Sam Blesse	Present
Kelsey Kirkpatrick	Present
Linda McCurdy	Present
Darren Beatty	Present
Dee Dee Clark	Present
Joe Waterman	Present
Mike Grant	Present
	Not Present
Dr. Mark Satterfield	Present

Approval for Agenda and Minutes

Approval of agenda for April 6, 2022: Joe Waterman motioned to approve the agenda and Mike Grant 2nd it and all in favor.

Approval from minutes on January 5, 2022: Mike Grant motioned to approve the minutes and Joe Waterman 2nd the motion and all in favor.

Open for Public Comment

No Comments.

Update from Nor-Cal EMS

- Treatment guideline changes coming for CPR and ALS algorithms. More information to come. Will most likely go live in May.
- MCI training on the website has been updated. Other CE's are also free on the website.
- Ambulance inspections are being done all over the region. Inspectors will likely be in Plumas County soon.
- Online webinar towards the end of May on burn victims. Information to be sent out.
- Certification assistance fund is being developed. Watch the website for more information.
- Scholarship fund also being launched, watch the website for that also.

Flea Mountain Repeater: Mike Grant

- Originally used by PDH for transport to Enloe
- No longer used by Plumas County
- Plumas County pays \$700 annually for maintenance agreement
- **Butte County yet to find someone to take it**

COVID-19: Dr. Satterfield

No new update

Rural Emergency Medical Service Training grant: Sam Blesse

- Grant for up to \$200,000; 27 grants awarded
- If awarded, want to host a tuition free paramedic program for BLS providers (one time)
- All information has been submitted
- Class will have 15 spots and be cost free
- Will be a satellite program through REMSA
- Sam will be talking to different agencies to get names of people that would be appropriate for the program. If that does not fill all the spots, Sam will reach out to the fire departments.
- Please remind people that it is a big commitment
- Looking to try and do a Critical Care Paramedic program going also, there will be a cost for this one

HeartSafe Community

- Update from Central Plumas
 - Working on re-application process for HeartSafe approval from the state

- CPR Classes have started back up
- Letter of Intent received from EPHC Ambulance:
 - Still working on application process
 - AED placed at tour company off of A24
- Lake Almanor Area:
 - AED given to Chief Courtright, it will be placed in Lake Almanor (exact location was not discussed)

Health Care Coalition (Tri-HCC):

- Next meeting scheduled for May 5, 2022

PCSO- Communication Update: Mike Grant and Becky Grant

- Beckwourth med com repeater went out last Wednesday. When people responded to check the vault, all the equipment was gone (\$42,000 value). Everest Communications is the owner of the site. It was determined that someone from Plumas Sierra Telecommunications removed the equipment, it was all located but it had been left out in the elements, it is now in the shop being repaired. There is a temporary repeater up and operational.
- There have been a few issues with the Medics in the field not being able to get in touch with Dispatch when in the Canyon. Is there an issue with the Red Hill repeater? Mike Grant will look in to it.
- Dispatch staffing is looking much better; they are staffed 6 out of 8. Dispatch is preparing for the coming year, trying to be proactive with training and such.
- Dispatch has secured a contract with a program called “Zone Haven”. This will help break the County in to pieces when sending emergency alerts. It will also allow for more information to be sent out. It will cut down the time for creating/sending out messages.

Agency Reports:

- Chester Fire: Is now back to full service. The Chief of the department has been let go and Joe Waterman has stepped in as interim Chief. The crux of the situation was lack of liability insurance (this issue has been remedied). Joe sent out many thanks to several agencies for help during the down time. Sam Blesse echoed the thanks.
- PDH Ambulance: Has secured some epi-pens, if you would like to get some email Lori Beatley or Tina. They expire in September.
 - PDH ambulance has a couple new staff, so staffing is looking good right now.
- Peninsula Fire: Along with West Almanor Fire district is looking in to a portable emergency broadcast system. They have received ¾ of the funding through donations. This will help send out emergency notifications.
- EPHC: Still mitigating a bit of COVID

- Eastern Plumas Fire: Big thank you to Chief Cassou for the fire academy.
 - If anyone needs NARCAN go to <https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/>.
 - Everything is running as normal
- EPHC Ambulance: Staffing is good
- Graeagle Fire: There will be 4th of July festivities in Graeagle this year, gearing up for that.
- Seneca Hospital: Added new positions in the ED, now have ER techs assisting the RN's. This will help medics with offload of Patients.
- Fire Chiefs Association: There have been some changes in the leadership
- PDH: Working with the SO and Fire Dept on a build in Greenville that will house EMS folks, Sheriff's Office and Fire Dept.
 - Wilderness Conference June 4th-5th. The emphasis this year is "finding community in crisis, healthcare in a changing climate". PDH is offering EMS CE's. It will be held at Pioneer Park.
 - IVSA is in the process of dissolving itself. The hospital district remains committed to providing ambulance service to Indian Valley.
- S.O.: AT&T still having some issues but it's getting better
 - SAR is doing a swift water rescue class on April 30th, May 1st and May 7th. It will be held at "Camp Wally" and is free of cost.
- Public Health: Things with COVID have calmed down but we have been here before, there could be future surges.
- SEMSA: Nothing big to report
- Air Methods: No update to report
- Careflight: Staffing is still an issue
 - Will provide LZ training for depts, if you would like this reach out to Matt.

Training Opportunities:

- Nor-Cal EMS – <https://norcalems.org/training-and-job-opportunities/>

Next Meeting: **July 6th, 2022 – 1000 to Noon**

Matt Brown motions to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Satterfield 2nd the motion

Respectively submitted by: Zoe Stancer
 Approved by: Sam Blesse
 EMCC approved- July 6, 2022