



Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

October 18, 2023



Start: 1000

Attendance (Teams Meeting):

In person:

Sam Blesse- Chair
Louie Aberto- Air Methods
Lori Pini- OES
Mike Grant- S.O.
Frank Carey-Quincy Fire
Lori Beatley- PCPHA
Mark Thomas-Care Flight

Virtual:

Zoe Stancer- PDH
Mike Loew- NorCal EMS
Jessica Thompson- NorCal EMS
Dee Dee Clark- EPHC
Amy Burkhardt- EPHC Ambulance
Jim Stockdale- Graeagle Fire
Royce Raker- Seneca
Matt Balzarini- Chester Fire
Linda McCurdy- Seneca

Roll Call of voting membership to set quorum

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

Matt Balzarini	Present
	Not Present
Sam Blesse	Present
Amy Burkhardt	Present
Royce Raker	Present
Zoe Stancer	Present
Dee Dee Clark	Present
	Not Present
Mike Grant	Present
	Not Present
	Not Present

Approval for Agenda and Minutes

Approval of agenda for October 18, 2023: Mike Grant motioned to approve the agenda and Sam Blesse 2nd it and all in favor.

Approval from minutes on July 5, 2023: Mike Grant motioned to approve the minutes and Zoe Stancer 2nd the motion and all in favor.

Open for Public Comment

No Comments.

Update from Nor-Cal EMS

- Introduction of Jessica Thompson- 25 years of paramedic experience
- Policy updates: Certified nurse midwife transportation (Interfacility Transportation)
- CCP protocols/policy (Critical Care Paramedicine)

HeartSafe Community

- Central Plumas: Sierra County adding AED and using the app pulsepoint. Replacing expired equipment (pads)
- Lake Almanor: No updates
- Eastern Plumas: A Letter of Intent has been submitted July 2023. Still working on application. Had 2 community events: Healthier Portola and the Health Fair.

Can receive notifications of expired equipment but need to sign-up. If have questions, contact Sam Blesse

Almanor Basin EMS Coverage:

- Chester Fire is in financial trouble- unknown if it will be resolved
- There is issue with EMS coverage, with Peninsula Fire District willing to assist short term, but there is also leadership change within Peninsula Fire
- According to Chief Balzarini they are taking it month to month and are hopeful.

Update of Rural EMS training grant:

- Received a one-year extension
- Graduation ceremony on Nov 17 at UNR with 10 graduating
- Part of grant: Critical Care Paramedic with is a self-paced program with a national board test after training has been completed.

Health Care Coalition (Tri-HCC):

- Next meeting is on February 7, 2024 at 10:00 am
- Region Tabletop Exercise on April 25, 2024

PCSO- Communication Update:

- Since BOS approved pay increase for SO, one dispatcher re-hired with 2 more in hiring process
- No longer responsible for fire repeaters
- Quotes to replace EMS repeaters
- Federal DOJ grant for microwave system with Lassen County

Agency Reports:

- County OES- Lori Pini:
 - State is providing some guidance for county EOP
 - Exercise to be conducted by dam owners
 - Working on creating PIO list for JIS (Joint Information System)
 - Winter stakeholder planning meeting.
- CHP – Lt Parent:
 - Nothing to report
- Graeagle Fire- Jim Stockdale:
 - Fire responsibility for Portola area with Graeagle Fire and Beckwourth Fire
 - Field save of a golfer at Whitehawk: CPR and AED utilized
- Seneca- Royce:
 - Ambulance issue in Chester area
 - State inspection
- REMSA/Careflight- Sam:
 - High Sierra music Festival was mellow compared to prior years
 - In Spring (March) an ambulance will be re-mounted
- EPHC- Dee Dee:
 - Staffing is good with flu vaccinations happening in Portola and Graeagle
- PDH- Zoe:
 - All good; nothing to report
- Air Methods- Louie:
 - Implement peer to peer support staffing
 - SEMSA: hire a few nurses but still issues with staffing and Air 2 is in and out of service
- S.O- Mike:
 - Emergency Alert platform changed from Code Red to Genasys: system wide test in November, still work in progress
- Public Health- Lori:
 - Flu vaccination clinics week of October 23rd: please help disseminate information/flyers

Training Opportunities:

- Nor-Cal EMS – <https://norcalems.org/training-and-job-opportunities/>
 - CEUs available on NorCal EMS Website

Next Meeting: January 3, 2024 – 1000 to Noon

Mike Grant motions to adjourn the meeting and Amy Burkhart 2nd the motion

Respectively submitted by: Lori Beatley 12/12/23

Approved: Sam Blesse 12/13/23

Approved: EMCC 1/3/24