



## Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

Date: January 3, 2024



Start: 1000

Attendance:

### **In-Person:**

| Name             | Agency         | Name               | Agency            |
|------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Jesse Keene      | CalFIRE – SIFC | Mark Thomas        | CareFlight Ground |
| Joe Waterman     | Plumas Chiefs  | Sam Blesse (Chair) | CareFlight Ground |
| Frank Carey      | Quincy Fire    | Charles Schrammel  | PCPHA             |
| Lori Beatley     | PCPHA          | Darren Beatty      | PDH               |
| Zoe Stancer      | PDH            | Tina Venable       | PCPHA             |
| Mark Satterfield | PCPHA          |                    |                   |

### **Virtual:**

| Name                       | Agency            | Name          | Agency                    |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Matthew Turner             | West Almanor Fire | Robert Gray   | Peninsula Fire            |
| Jessica Thompson/Mike Rowe | Nor-Cal EMS       | Dee Dee Clark | EPHC                      |
| Judith Cline               | Seneca District   | Danny Manning | Greenville Rancheria Fire |
| Amy Burkhart               | EPHC Ambulance    | Linda McCurdy | Seneca District           |
| Lori Pini                  | PC OES            |               |                           |

### **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

Matt Balzarini  
Robert Gray  
Sam Blesse  
Amy Burkhart  
Royce Raker  
Zoella Stancer  
Dee Dee Clark  
Joe Waterman

Not Present  
Present  
Present  
Present (arrived 10:36am)  
Not Present  
Present  
Present  
Present

Plumas County Sheriff's Office  
Plumas County Board of Supervisors  
Plumas County Public Health Officer

Mike Grant  
Kevin Goss  
Dr. Mark Satterfield

Not Present  
Not Present  
Present

### **Approval for Agenda and Minutes**

Approval of agenda for January 3, 2024: Darren Beatty motioned to approve the agenda and Mark Thomas 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all in favor.

Approval of minutes for October 18, 2023: Joe Waterman motioned to approve the minutes and Darren Beatty 2<sup>nd</sup> it and all in favor.

### **Open for Public Comment**

No public comment.

### **Bylaws Review**

- Address Item 3 – voting members (12) and voting zones, zone map last updated 2017 (EMSA).
- Nor-Cal EMS plan updated annually
- Darren – change current language to 1 voting member from each ground ambulance provider. Note: IVASA dissolved in April 2023.
- VOTE: Remove #12 from 3A, remove “5” and zones, alternate text: *ground ambulance transport providers in Plumas County*, remove a-e.
- Remove: 8C defining quorum as majority of seats filled, retain definition in XI: half +1 for quorum.
- Motion to make changes: Mark Satterfield moves to adopt changes, Joe Waterman 2<sup>nds</sup>, all in favor, no abstentions.

### **VOTE:**

Chester Fire Protection District  
Peninsula Fire Protection District  
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Matt Balzarini  
Robert Gray  
Sam Blesse  
Amy Burkhart  
Linda McCurdy  
Judy Cline (CNO)  
Zoe Stancer  
Dee Dee Clark  
Joe Waterman  
Mike Grant  
Kevin Goss  
Dr. Mark Satterfield

Not Present  
Yea  
Yea  
Not Present for Vote (Late)  
Not Present for Vote(Late)  
Yea on behalf of McCurdy  
Yea  
Yea  
Yea  
Not Present  
Not Present  
Yea

### **Update from Nor-Cal EMS**

- Navigating issues with Southern Cascade region transport (region north of Susanville), working on AEMT protocols, hoping for an uptick to bridge gap in medic shortage.

### **Full Scale Exercise/Warm Zone Policy Update:**

- November 1, 2023 exercise at QJHS
  - Warm Zone – med/LEO coordination
  - Good reception from trainings with PCSO
  - CareFlight developed DRAFT warm zone policy, will send out by 1/4/24 for input and feedback.
  - Goal: Coordinate response from PCSO, CHP, USFS, Fish and Game, plan for county-wide policy adoption at April EMCC meeting and inclusion in County SOP manual, utilizing common nomenclature.
  - PCSO would like to increase training – Wednesday training days.
    - Focus on teamwork.
  - CareFlight February run-review will be EMS specific overview, folks may attend via Zoom (Sam).
  - Chief Gray: how many agencies have ballistics gear? Funding for gear?
  - Sam: Not required at this time, not in policy. Can provide false sense of security.
  - Need: proper identification of rescue task force.
  - Mark: trainings and available data indicate that ballistics on EMS/Fire can cause more harm than good, limitation to movement.
  - Goal: countywide standardization of response.
  - Chief Gray: communication is #1 priority.
  - Sam: Fire/EMS has maintained good comms, PCSO and other LEO are separate.
  - Judith: past experience in Butte County, lack of tourniquets can hamper response, need to practice identification and reunification.
  - Need to have trainings across the county, not just in the Quincy region, extend invitation to Susanville/Lassen, and CalFIRE.

### **HeartSafe Community**

- Central Plumas – no update
- Lake Almanor – Sam will be working with Chief Robert Gray
- Eastern Plumas – Amy formed committee, meets monthly, formal app in progress, will include Sierra County, ready for designation, 54 AEDS
  - Sam – need to be added to Pulse Point, can assist with process.

### **Almanor Basin EMS Coverage:**

- Sam: Chester Fire dissolved, no ambulance/transport, BOS subcommittee to address situation, next meeting at Peninsula Fire to discuss solutions – financially sustainable solutions.

- Short term solution (now to June 30):
  - Peninsula Fire covering Chester, when obligated Indian Valley (CF) can move up to Canyon Dam.
  - Will alert MOC in Quincy when needed.
  - GOAL: something permanent established by July 1, 2024.
  - Req: Chester Fire and CPUD chose Jan. 1 end date, community meeting January 9, 2024, clarity of situation and options.
  - Next steps: January 18, 2024, sub-committee meeting @ Peninsula Fire, invitation for the MHOAC (Tina).
  - Inviting additional stakeholders, PIO from Seneca compiled talking points for questions related to Chester/Lake Almanor operations.
  - Sam will update BOS on progress during third meeting in January.
  - Joe – attending public outreach with BOS, public beginning to understand.
    - Tehama county may assist with mutual aid, 32/36 region.

#### **Health Care Coalition (Tri-HCC):**

- Next meeting February 7, 2024 at 10:00 am
- Regional Tabletop Exercise (TTX) on April 25<sup>th</sup> – EMP, Comms breakdown, technological, combined with med surge.
- **NOTE:** Lori will send out information/flyer by 1/31/2024.

#### **PCSO- Communication Update:**

- Some dispatchers have returned, new hires are inexperienced.

#### **Agency Reports:**

- County OES- Lori Pini:
  - EOP review, feedback from California received, 14 pages of edits, upcoming ICS trainings for county staff, 100-400 and 700 in February, April, and May, any other training requests?
- Quincy Fire – Frank:
  - Membership has grown by 8 to 31 total, younger generation coming in, high response rate for calls.
- Seneca – Linda:
  - Experiencing staffing issues with the hospital, recruiting actively at mid-level, Dr. Reedly is a new physician at the hospital, adjusting to the closure of Chester Fire, lower flu and RSV than rest of the area at the moment, utilizing pediatric telemedicine.
- REMSA/Careflight – Sam:
  - New medics coming online, one going to EPHC, new ambulance chassis coming in next couple of months.

- Has second mobile Airvo (hi-flow nasal canula device) for respiratory treatment during transport, can be delivered to Seneca for use. Will let PH know if it is taken up there.
- EPHC Ambulance – Amy:
  - Consolidation, EPHC will be at BOS on the 10<sup>th</sup>.
  - CHP has reached out about training coordination, staffing is currently good, remount of one ambulance is anticipated, flu and RSV are on the rise at EPHC, no maternity/delivery at EPHC, delivered in the ER last week, neo-natal resuscitation training in March.
- PDH – Darren and Zoe:
  - SNF construction ongoing, working through communications hack, distributed VHF radios during incident, AAR will be forthcoming (end of week, 1/5/24).
  - County counsel is working on securing a property on Bell Lane for PDH birthing center.
- PH/PDH – Dr. Satterfield:
  - Ongoing lack of consistent maternal care in the county.
  - Working with midwife/home health and Tahoe Forest Hospital for a solution
  - Sharp Healthplan is new intermediary.
- PH – Tina/Dr. Satterfield:
  - Flu numbers are increasing, lots of ER cases/hospitalizations.
  - Has extra AED pads that Sam can use.
- Peninsula Fire – Chief Gray:
  - Contract for new ambulance in 1-1.5 years, two medics on duty at all times for backfill, navigating the ongoing issues in the Almanor basin. Call volume is not terrible, appreciate Butte mutual aid in 32/36 region.
- CalFire – SIFC – Jesse Keene:
  - Eric Ewing just joined, recently acquired StarLink to back up Frontier connection for uninterrupted comms, in the process of establishing NextGen 911 (2 yr timeline), anticipating some turnover.
- PC Chiefs Association – Joe:
  - Welcoming new chiefs, East County Fire Protection District (Beckworth Peak) – Kenny Osborn, EP fire not a part of it, covering Portola to Sierra County (paged to everything), validating and iRoc process in progress, departmental reviews to identify training needs in the county.
- Greenville Rancheria Fire – Danny Manning:
  - 16 month timeline for medical and dental clinic in Greenville, 2 story with a pharmacy, fire fuels crew will restart operations in April, building housing for clinic staff and doctors.

### **Training Opportunities:**

#### **Trainings**

- ICS 100, 200 & 700 (in-person)- Feb 26, 27<sup>th</sup>- Tulsa-Scott Building RSVP: [charlesschrammel@countyofplumas.com](mailto:charlesschrammel@countyofplumas.com)

- ICS 300- Quincy April 10-12, 2024
- ICS 400- Quincy May 15-16, 2024
- Center for Domestic Preparedness, Aniston, Alabama - <https://cdp.dhs.gov/>
- Nor-Cal EMS - <https://norcalems.org/online-ces/>

**Next Meeting:**

April 3, 2024 – 1000-1200

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn made by Darren Beatty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Waterman.

Respectively submitted by: Charles Schrammel 1/16/24

Approved: Sam Blesse 1/19/24