

Plumas County Emergency Medical Care Committee

October 3, 2018

Start: 1000

Attendance:

Joe Waterman – CFD
Elaine Frank – EPRF
Darren Beatty-PDH
Gary Pini – PFD
Cheryl Pini – PDH
Keith Mahan - PARC
Becky Grant-PCSO
Carson Wingfield-PCSO
Bob Nelson-ARES
Matt Brown-Care Flight
Tina Venable-PCPHA

Tony Balbiani - IVFD
Larry Trotter - ARES
Linda McCurdy-Seneca-on phone
Melodie Bennett - PCPHA
Amy Burkhart – PHI C.H.- on phone
Erin Cox – PHI Air Medical
Steve Waldeck - EPHC
Lori Beatley - PCPHA
Guy McNett – Indian Valley Ambulance

Minutes approved: Tina Venable, Becky Grand 2nd, all approved

Quorum

Joe Waterman – Chester Fire Department, Gary Pini – Peninsula Fire Department, Steve Waldeck – EPHC, Linda McCurdy – Seneca, Cheryl Pini – PDH, Absent – EPHC, Absent – QFD,

Carson Wingfield – PCSO, Tina Venable - PCPHA

7 of 12 voting members present

Update from Last EMCC Meeting: Status on DCF

Standing item – not much is going on yet. DCF is revamping dispatch center and hiring new people. For now, still relying on Enloe.

Countywide Standard of Care

The breakdown on the standard of care for ambulances is that a paramedic is dispatched with BLS. Through the Sheriff's Office, the next closest ambulance is dispatched if available and not straining resources. The point of this standard of care is that there is a formal protocol on emergency calls within Plumas County. The ambulance mutual aid agreement still needs two signatures. The subcommittee is going to meet one more time and circulate the agreement they come up with. Sam is putting together a statement for the next meeting.

Airports

Question is – how do we effectively move patients in the winter time? Grants may be a solution to funding better equipment/facilities. Ideas to take to the Board of Supervisors: mention that it really isn't a huge chunk of money, stress the importance and benefits of citizens for better equipment/facilities, and establish a budget for each airport in the county.

Erin (PHI) and Matt (Careflight) will work with Kevin at facilities and come up with a rough outline of costs for each airport. Kevin at facilities will make a list of equipment already at airports.

HeartSafe Community Update

The last meeting was on 9/10. They are still working on getting an AED into Safeway. Careflight has an extra one that is hopefully going to be installed within the next month. They are currently doing public awareness campaign in Quincy and using their Facebook page to raise awareness. They are also working on a presentation to take to groups/clubs to raise funds to replace and put new AED's in. A GIS map of AED locations in Quincy is being generated. They are looking into an app focused on cardiac arrest locations.

*Side note – The goal of EMCC is to promote HeartSafe throughout the County.

Health Care Coalition (HCC) Update:

Statewide Medical Healthcare Exercise is scheduled to start mid-month and last a month. The tabletop is scheduled for 11/15 at the Mineral Building in Quincy.

Invite ambulance crews to the access & functional needs meeting in Dec.

Agency Reports:

Chester Fire Department – They have been supporting wildland agencies throughout the summer and are currently going through the ambulance fleet mechanically. Most are fixed but they need one new ambulance.

Eastern Plumas Ambulance – They have lots of upper level management changes going on. They got approval for a \$145,000 opioid grant and purchased a new ambulance.

Amateur Radio – PDH, Seneca, & EPHC all got new radios with dual frequencies installed and everything is working well.

IVFD – They attended a MAC meeting and lots of things are changing.

PCSO – An all-day training is scheduled for 11/2 with the school district on an active shooter.

PCSO Dispatch – They are currently putting up a communications tower. It needs to be noted that there are 3 dispatch centers in Plumas County which can make things complicated.

Public Health – There is a MCI Training 11/17; SWHME scheduled for 11/15, communications drill in Jan/Feb, and active shooter drill on 4/24/19. Flu clinics are scheduled throughout the county from 10/15-10/19.

PHI – Nothing new; plan to work on HeartSafe with addition of IVA.

HAM Radio – Trainings are readily available now. Visit hamradiotests.com – practice and then get ahold of them and they will give test anywhere.

Eastern Plumas Rural Fire – They are also interested in HeartSafe. They recently acquired a 75' fire truck and are helping the city with weed abatement. They are also doing fire inspections that haven't been done in a long time. They had 504 calls this year compared to 268 last year.

Careflight – Acquired their 4th ambulance the first week of July. It's been a busy and successful summer with record call volumes. Vented ambulances are coming on board soon.

CHP – New PIO.

IVA – Interested in HeartSafe as well.

Peninsula/Hamilton Branch Fire – Things are going good.

Seneca – Made preparations to evacuate Friday due to Walter fire. Had lots of help and luckily things went well and they did not have to evacuate.

PDH – They recently passed three inspections and are good to go for another 3 years. They are very close to becoming a UC Davis Hospital of Excellence. They are currently consolidating with Indian Valley Healthcare District and formally working together finally.

Change of Leadership:

Joe is going to take over for Darren as chair and Cheryl is going to take over for him as the rep. for PDH. A new vice-chair will need to be elected during the January meeting.

Training Opportunities:

- Center for Domestic Preparedness – Anniston, Alabama – <https://cdp.dhs.gov/>
- MCI Training – Nor-Cal EMS – http://www.norcalems.org/RDMHS/region_iii_mci_plan.shtml

Next Meeting: January 2, 2019 – 1000 to 1200

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