

SOLANO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COOPERATIVE

SEMSC Board of Directors Regular Meeting Agenda

**701 Civic Center Blvd.
Suisun City, CA 94585**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022
9:00 – 10:30 AM**

Board of Directors

Bill Emlen
Solano County Administrator
Chair, SEMSC

John Jansen
Health Care Consumer Rep.
Vice Chair, SEMSC

Joshua Chadwick, Fire Chief
Benicia Fire Department
Fire Chief Representative

Caesar Djavaherian, MD
Emergency Department
NorthBay Medical Center
Physicians' Forum Rep.

Greg Folsom, City Manager
City of Suisun
City Manager Representative

Thea Giboney, MHA
Medical Group Administrator
Kaiser Permanente
Medical Professional Rep.

David Piccinati, MD
Emergency Department
Sutter Solano Med. Center
Medical Professional Rep.

EMS Agency Staff

Bela Matyas, MD, MPH
Public Health Officer

Pranav Shetty, MD, MS, MPH
Medical Director

Benjamin Gammon
Interim Agency Administrator

Counsel

Julie Barga
Deputy County Counsel

- 1. CALL TO ORDER - 9:00 a.m.**
- 2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COOPERATIVE CHAIRPERSON**
- 3. ROLL CALL**
- 4. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**
*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on any matter **not** included on the agenda; however, items must be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.*
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF January 13, 2022 (Discussion/Action)**
- 6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA (Discussion/Action)**
- 7. RECOGNITION OF DEPARTING COOPERATIVE CHAIRPERSON**
- 8. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC**
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on Regular Calendar Items included on the Agenda. Each speaker shall have 2 minutes to address the Board
- 9. REPORTS (Informational Reports)**
 - a. SEMSC Medical Director's Report
 - b. EMS Administrator's Report
 - c. Medic Ambulance Operator's Report
 - d. EMS Quarterly Activity Report
 - e. Administrator Appointment Update
- 10. REGULAR CALENDAR (Discussion/Action)**
 - a. Provide update and consider funding countywide rollout of Emergency Medical Dispatch and Pre-Arrival Instruction (Report/ Action)
- 11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
 - a. Chair
 - b. Directors
- 12. ADJOURN**
To the next regularly scheduled meeting of July 14, 2022, 9:00 AM in the Suisun City Council Chambers, 701 Civic Center Blvd., Suisun City CA 94585

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9. REPORTS

a. SEMSC Medical Director's Report (verbal update, no action)

No new policies were enacted since the last Board Meeting but there are a number that are being revised and will be finalized once the comment period ends.

Solano EMS policies and protocols are available on the internet at
<http://www.co.solano.ca.us/depts/ems/>

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b. EMS Administrator's Report

b.1. General Update

- *SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Update*
 - Operations at Solano Town Center
 - Vaccine clinic pop-ups throughout the County
 - Continued mass vaccination clinics at the Fairgrounds for COVID-19 shots ran two days per week (Fridays and Saturdays) beginning January 7, 2022, and concluded January 29, 2022
- *Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) Program Update*
 - Continuing to provide testing kits and vaccines to providers

b.2. System Performance (Quarter 2, FY 2021/2022)

- Response time Percentages (EOA Provider)

	<u>2nd Quarter</u>
➤ Medic:	98%

- Response time Percentages (PPP Providers)

	<u>2nd Quarter</u>
➤ Benicia:	95.7%
➤ Dixon:	97.9%
➤ Fairfield:	92.6%
➤ Vallejo:	92.8%

b.3. System Updates

- January 13, 2022, Board Meeting Public Comment Follow-up.
 - Due to concerns expressed around the use of Basic Life Support ambulance resources to transport 9-1-1 patients from the field, and the associated letter dated November 8, 2021, sent in accordance with the Agency's interpretation of the powers delegated by Resolution to the Agency Medical Director and Administrator, Policy 6140 has been revised and circulated. Although there appears to be no negative financial impact, these revisions are scheduled to be addressed during the EMS Quarterly Stakeholder meetings.

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- c. **Medic Ambulance Operator Report (verbal update, no action)**

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d. EMS Activity Report

The Emergency Medical Services Agency has experienced a great deal of turnover in the last year. The most recent departure was the Specialty Care System Coordinator, Rebecca Cronk, who normally put together a presentation for your board and walked you through it. She has accepted a promotion with Family Health Services and is now functioning as the Public Health Clinic Manager at the Vallejo campus.

Today, a presentation has been created by our new team. The information contained within the slide deck will provide you with the latest data we have available associated with our local EMS programs.

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e. EMS Administrator Appointment Update

BACKGROUND:

As discussed during the January meeting, in an effort to assure continuity and consistency in agency operations, a decision was made to recreate the EMS Administrator classification, which is responsible for oversight of the EMS Agency and activities but is no longer the primary individual responsible for management of other public health programs such as Immunizations and Communicable Disease Control. The EMS Administrator continues to serve as the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) and primary point of contact for the EMS Program.

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10. REGULAR CALENDAR

- **Provide update and consider funding for countywide rollout of Emergency Medical Dispatch and Pre-Arrival Instruction**

BACKGROUND:

For over two years the EMS Agency, Fire Departments, Dispatch Centers, Ambulance Providers, Hospitals, and Law Enforcement Agencies have been working together to establish an agreed upon system for provision of Emergency Medical Dispatch (EMD) and Pre-Arrival Instruction (PAI) for 9-1-1 callers. There was consensus that this life-saving service be implemented county wide in Solano. This comes at a cost of approximately \$330,000. Agency staff have been working diligently to identify funds to procure the necessary software and training to make the rollout of EMD/PAI a reality.

The mission of the Cooperative and Agency is to provide high-quality emergency medical care and treatment to Solano County residents and visitors. It is imperative that EMD/PAI be rolled out as soon as possible, as Solano is one of the few jurisdictions that does not provide PAI to 9-1-1 callers. Implementation of this service will improve medical outcomes and will undoubtedly result in saved lives.

It is recommended that Staff be directed to explore the feasibility of using existing Maddy Fund account proceeds to acquire the necessary software, training, etc. to implement EMD/PAI in each of the participating Primary Service Answering Points (PSAP) Call Centers, or 9-1-1 Dispatch Centers, falling within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Cooperative. California Vehicle Code violation proceeds create Maddy Funds which are intended to support provision of emergency medical treatment to the underserved, with a focus on improving pediatric trauma capabilities. The requirements associated with Maddy Fund disbursement and management are outlined in California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Sections 1797.98a, et seq.

It is further recommended that Staff be directed to explore alternative funding options in the event Maddy Funds are insufficient to cover the entire costs of this project. As a fall back, it is recommended that your Board vote to approve the use of SEMSC reserves to fund this critical endeavor as a contingency if all other funding streams do not provide the necessary monies to roll-out the system countywide.

LEGAL REVIEW SUFFICIENCY: This item has been reviewed as to form by County Counsel.

BOARD ACTION:

Motion:

By: _____

2nd: _____

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN: