



California LEMSA QI Coordinators Committee

April 29, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance:

- **Alameda County EMS Agency: Lee Siegel**
- **Central California EMS Agency: Debbie Becker**
- **Coastal Valleys EMS Agency: Jen Banks, Carly Sullivan**
- **Contra Costa County EMS Agency: Maria Fairbanks, Geff Martin**
- **El Dorado County EMS Agency: Aryon Nielsen**
- Inland Counties EMS Agency:
- Imperial County EMS Agency:
- **Kern County EMS Agency: Margaret Mysz**
- **Los Angeles County EMS Agency: Susan Mori (Timekeeper/Facilitator)**
- Marin County EMS Agency:
- Merced County EMS Agency
- **Monterey County EMS Agency: Fred Claridge**
- **Mountain Valley EMS Agency: Jim Whitworth**
- **Napa County EMS Agency: Shaun Vincent (Chair-Elect), Naila Francies**
- **North Coast EMS Agency: Louis Bruhnke**
- Northern California EMS Agency:
- **Orange County EMS Agency: Vicki Sweet, Danielle Ogaz**
- **Riverside County EMS Agency: Lisa Madrid (Chair)**
- Sacramento County EMS Agency:
- **San Benito County EMS Agency: Kris Mangano (EMSAAC Executive Chair)**
- **San Diego County EMS Agency: Susan Smith, Diane Ameng**
- San Francisco County EMS Agency:
- **San Joaquin County EMS Agency: Matthew Esposito**
- **San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency: Douglas Brim**
- **San Mateo County EMS Agency: Chad Henry**
- Santa Barbara County EMS Agency:
- Santa Clara County EMS Agency:
- Santa Cruz County EMS Agency:
- **Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency: John Poland (Secretary)**
- Solano County EMS Agency:
- Tuolumne County EMS Agency:
- **Ventura County EMS Agency: Karen Beatty**
- Yolo County EMS Agency:
- California EMS Authority:



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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Comments
1. Welcome/ Introductions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The meeting was called to order at approx. 09:00. Participants introduced themselves. 	Participant introductions
2. Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and approve December, 2018 meeting minutes. 	Minutes approved by consensus
3. EMSAAC Project Total Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa compiled the total response data from table 8 of the LEMSAs EMS Plans submitted to EMSA. No filters were applied to the data. Lisa would prefer to send the information out via the listserv to make sure that EMSAAC provides approval. 	Lisa will send out the information via the committee listserv for review
4. EMSA Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No EMSA representatives were in attendance so an EMSA update was not provided. 	No update provided
5. Committee Discussion/ Brainstorming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Practices Conference: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EMSAAC recommended that a better starting point would be to have a LEMSAs QI project/ presentation as part of next year's conference. After discussion, the committee agreed to recommend having a panel discussion as one of the presentations at next year's EMSAAC Conference. Several possible presentation topics were discussed (public safety naloxone, advanced airway topics, EMT optional skills, transport over response data, pediatric medications). Shaun agreed to manage this project, and will start by sending out a request to the committee to narrow down the proposed presentation to 3 key topics. Once the topics are identified, appropriate speakers will be selected to participate in the panel presentation. Review Committee Goals/Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update committee bylaws: This objective was completed during the 2018/2019 year. Continue relationships with EMSAAC/EMDAAC: This objective was completed during the 2018/2019 year. The committee will continue to maintain/build these relationships. Foster just culture: LEMSAs have embraced this mentality & work on this item is ongoing. Develop/promote standards for LEMSAs QI Coordinators: Limited work was done on this objective. The committee agreed that this was still an important objective. Lisa will coordinate moving this objective forward. 	<p>Shaun will coordinate development of a panel presentation for the 2020 EMSAAC Annual Conference</p> <p>Committee will continue to work on goals & objectives</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Increase LEMSAs participation in the committee: LEMSAs participation in the committee has increased. Continued work on this is ongoing. ○ Lisa recommended adding an objective to increase interaction/liaison with the EMSAAC committee. The committee agreed to add this. ● Roundtable Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jim asked about LEMSAs trauma destination policies, specifically regarding whether LEMSAs had preferential destination policies for Level I vs Level II trauma centers. Level I and Level II trauma center capabilities are similar, with the primary difference being that Level II trauma centers are not teaching facilities. A committee member indicated that there was a recent related publication from the LA area indicating there were slightly better patient outcomes for Level II trauma centers vs Level I trauma centers. No LEMSAs currently differentiate patient destination decisions for Level I vs Level II trauma centers. ○ Susan indicated that they were having difficulty in developing QI measures for BLS non-911 transport providers. Riverside County EMS has developed some QI indicators related to vital signs assessments and frequency of code 3 responses. Alameda County EMS has reviewed SNF sepsis related identification/alert measures. Other committee members discussed various other BLS QI indicators. There was additional discussion regarding the reasons and processes of developing/tracking QI indicators in general. ○ Lee asked about other LEMSAs' experience with alternate analgesics (ketorolac, ketamine, etc.). LEMSAs that have implemented these additional analgesics have had good success, with no significant issues. There was additional discussion regarding protocol vs base hospital physician order in regards to paramedic direction. ○ The committee discussed various medication shortages issues and what they have done to address these shortages. There was also discussion on the recent replacement of dopamine with push-dose epi by several LEMSAs 	<p>Committee roundtable discussion items</p>
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<p>6. Committee Leadership for 2019-2020</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current committee chair-elect Shaun Vincent will move to the committee chair position. Based on a lack of nominations, Susan Mori agreed to continue as the timekeeper/ facilitator, John Poland agreed to continue as the secretary. Naila Francies was appointed to the chair-elect position. 	<p>2019/2020 Committee leadership positions appointed</p>
<p>7. QI Across the State</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airway Matters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed several advanced airway matters (intubation success measurement process & data, advanced airway skills/devices, current advanced airway training, etc.). Several LEMSAs have attempted to address decreasing intubation success rates and other advanced airway matters with various methods (consistent data tracking/review, additional training, mobile simulation labs, additional tools, etc.). Most have had limited success. Shaun suggested appointment of a subcommittee to further discuss and develop a presentation on this matter. Shaun will work with several other committee members on this item. Resuscitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There was discussion regarding current different resuscitation models (AHA, ART, Resuscitation Academy, etc.). Some LEMSAs have had requests from providers to move away from AHA and to other resuscitation models. The committee also discussed several recent cardiac arrest treatment changes and studies. Trial Studies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the status of current trial studies. Most of the recent trial studies have ended and these items have been transitioned to LOSP approval items HEMS Paramedic LOSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The committee discussed the status of current HEMS Paramedic LOSP items. Some LEMSAs have recently received approval, but several of the details related to this matter have not been finalized (data collection, specific policies, etc.). This process is still being addressed by EMDAAC. Some LEMSAs are in the process of developing their own internal policies. 	<p>Committee discussion Shaun to coordinate a subcommittee to address this matter further</p>
<p>8. Next Meeting/ Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting is scheduled for June 27th 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm via conference call. 	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p>