



# California LEMSA QI Coordinators Committee

September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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## Meeting Attendance:

- Alameda County EMS Agency:
- Central California EMS Agency:
- **Coastal Valleys EMS Agency: Carly Sullivan**
- **Contra Costa County EMS Agency: Joanny All, Geoffrey Martin**
- **El Dorado County EMS Agency: Aryon Nielsen**
- **Inland Counties EMS Agency: Susan Kolodzik**
- Imperial County EMS Agency:
- Kern County EMS Agency:
- **Los Angeles County EMS Agency: Susan Mori**
- **Marin County EMS Agency: Karrie Groves**
- Merced County EMS Agency
- Monterey County EMS Agency:
- **Mountain Valley EMS Agency: Jim Whitworth**
- **Napa County EMS Agency: Naila Francies (Chair-Elect)**
- North Coast EMS Agency:
- Northern California EMS Agency:
- **Orange County EMS Agency: Vicki Sweet**
- **Riverside County EMS Agency: Lisa Madrid**
- Sacramento County EMS Agency:
- **San Benito County EMS Agency: Kris Mangano (EMSAAC Executive Chair)**
- San Diego County EMS Agency:
- **San Francisco County EMS Agency: Crystal Wright**
- **San Joaquin County EMS Agency: Matthew Esposito**
- **San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency: Douglas Brim, Mike Groves**
- **San Mateo County EMS Agency: Linda Allington**
- Santa Barbara County EMS Agency:
- **Santa Clara County EMS Agency: John Sampson**
- 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: Adam Davis**



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Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/ Comments
<b>1. Welcome/ Introductions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The meeting was called to order at approx. 13:00 hours and a roll call was conducted.</li> </ul>	Participant introductions
<b>2. Meeting Minutes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review/approval of June 27, 2019 meeting minutes.</li> </ul>	Minutes approved by consensus
<b>3. Core Measures</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee discussed the recent 2018 core measures data submission. Multiple LEMSAs had significant issues this year with producing and reporting valid data by following the indicator specification sheets as written. Several LEMSAs did not report data and some alternately sent letters to EMSA regarding issues they identified with the specifications.</li> </ul> <p>Adam Davis acknowledged that EMSA was aware of the issues and that they were working on addressing them. Adam advised that 21 LEMSAs submitted 2018 core measures data, but he was unsure if any of them used altered specifications in order to do so. Adam indicated that it is EMSA's intention is to continue to utilize standardized measures, and that they will continue to solicit/accept feedback in order to improve the process.</p> <p>Naila advised that she was requested to identify a few individuals interested in reviewing the core measures process and providing additional feedback/input to EMSA. The individuals selected for this subcommittee included Shaun Vincent (Napa County EMS), Lisa Madrid (Riverside County EMS), Susan Mori (LA County EMS), Jason Azuma (Orange County EMS) and Karen Beatty (Ventura County EMS). Additional information regarding core measures will be discussed at future meetings.</p>	Committee discussion and subcommittee selection
<b>4. APOT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naila reminded the committee that all LEMSAs are required to report APOT data to EMSA, beginning with 2019 Q3 data that is due no later than November 1, 2019. Kris Mangano has been appointed by EMSAAC to assist in monitoring and ensuring the LEMSAs submission of APOT data. APOT data sent to EMSA should also be cc'd to Kris for tracking purposes.</li> </ul>	Committee discussion and request for individuals interested in assisting graphing APOT data



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	<p>Naila advised that she was requested to identify individuals who are interested in assisting in reviewing and graphing the APOT data. Lisa Madrid and Susan Mori indicated that they have staff who may be interested and will follow up with Naila on this.</p> <p>Adam Davis indicated that 18 LEMSAs have submitted at least 1 quarter of 2019 APOT data, 4 additional LEMSAs that have not submitted any 2019 APOT data have submitted APOT data in the past, and 11 LEMSAs have never submitted APOT data.</p>	
<p><b>5. December Face to Face Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naila reminded the committee that the next face to face meeting will be on December 3, 2019. The meeting will be held in the bay area, but will not be held at the Marines Memorial Hotel in San Francisco due to space limitations. EMSAAC is in the process of identifying an alternate location for the December meeting and additional information will be distributed when a location is confirmed.</li> </ul>	<p>Committee discussion</p>
<p><b>6. QI Topics Roundtable</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Susan Mori indicated that Lee Varner (Center for Patient Safety PSO) had contacted her with interest in identifying a LEMSAs to conduct a patient safety pilot project. This pilot project would include establishing baseline data, implementing specific changes based on the data and then measuring the patient safety outcomes of the implemented changes. Susan indicated that LA County is too large to conduct this type of pilot project and that a smaller LEMSAs with less providers would be more ideal. Interested LEMSAs should contact Susan for additional information.</li> <li>Susan Mori indicated that they were in the process of updating their EMT policy as it relates to new contact sport medical coverage requirements and asked if any other LEMSAs were working on this. They anticipate that they will have a lot of private EMTs being utilized to provide this coverage, and that they may not be familiar with the local EMS system resulting in integration issues. Susan indicated that she would share their updated policy with the committee members when it is completed.</li> </ul>	<p>Committee discussion</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karrie Groves asked committee members for data/feedback on i-gel LMA device utilization as they are interested in implementing them in Marin County. Several LEMSAs started using these airway devices over the past year with good success and no significant issues. Committee members that have this data will share it with Karrie.</li> <li>• Karrie Groves asked committee members if they had a field checklist for ECMO inclusion criteria of prehospital refractory v-fib patients. Committee members that have this information will share it with Karrie.</li> <li>• Aryon Nielsen asked committee members for data/feedback on the use of VL as they are interested in implementing it in El Dorado County. Different versions of VL equipment and system experiences with this equipment was discussed. Committee members that have additional VL data/information will share it with Karrie.</li> <li>• Susan Mori asked committee members if anybody was familiar with the S.T.A.T. tourniquet device or using them in their EMS system. They are apparently supposed to be better for pediatric patient utilization. None of the committee members are currently using them in their EMS system or had any specific feedback on these tourniquet devices.</li> <li>• There were additional short discussions on the limited use of epinephrine in cardiac arrest patients that several LEMSAs have implemented as well as the transport of pediatric patients to pediatric receiving centers (in those areas that have them).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. Adjournment</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting was adjourned at approx. 14:15 hours.</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p>