



California LEMSA QI Coordinators Committee

December 5, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Meeting Attendance:

- **Alameda County EMS Agency: Lee Siegel**
- **Central California EMS Agency: Debbie Becker**
- Coastal Valleys EMS Agency:
- **Contra Costa County EMS Agency: Maria Fairbanks**
- El Dorado County EMS Agency:
- Inland Counties EMS Agency:
- Imperial County EMS Agency:
- Kern County EMS Agency
- **Los Angeles County EMS Agency: Susan Mori**
- **Marin County EMS Agency: Kerrie Groves**
- Merced County EMS Agency
- **Monterey County EMS Agency: Julie Beach, Laura Wallin**
- **Mountain Valley EMS Agency: Lance Doyle**
- **Napa County EMS Agency: Shaun Vincent**
- **North Coast EMS Agency: Louis Bruhnke**
- Northern California EMS Agency:
- Orange County EMS Agency
- **Riverside County EMS Agency: Lisa Madrid (Committee Chair)**
- **Sacramento County EMS Agency: Ben Merin, Dorthy Rodriguez**
- San Benito County EMS Agency:
- San Diego County EMS Agency:
- **San Francisco County EMS Agency: Crystal Wright**
- San Joaquin County EMS Agency:
- **San Luis Obispo County EMS Agency: Kathy Collins**
- **San Mateo County EMS Agency: Linda Allington**
- Santa Barbara County EMS Agency:
- Santa Clara County EMS Agency:
- Santa Cruz County EMS Agency:
- **Sierra – Sacramento Valley EMS Agency: John Poland (Committee Secretary), Kristy Harlan, Michelle Moss, Patrick Comstock**
- Solano County EMS Agency:
- Sonoma County EMS Agency:
- Tuolumne County EMS Agency:
- Ventura County EMS Agency:
- Yolo County EMS Agency:
- **California EMS Authority: Adam Davis, Adrian Winnick, Tom McGinnis**



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1. Welcome, Introductions, Roll Call	Meeting called to order at 1015 hours.	Roll call of attendees
2. Minutes	Review and approve September 28, 2017 meeting minutes.	Minutes approved by consensus
3. Committee Leadership Appointments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee was notified in November that Steve Brooks (Monterey County EMS Agency) would no longer be able to serve as the committee chair. • Craig Stroup (Contra Costa County EMS Agency) also announced his retirement during the September meeting and so he would no longer be able to serve as the Timekeeper/Facilitator. • The Committee Guidelines state <i>“should there be a vacancy in one of the leadership positions; volunteers will be solicited to fill the remainder of the term.”</i> • Chair-Elect Lisa Madrid volunteered to assume the Chair role for the remainder of the current term. There was no opposition from the committee to this appointment, therefore Lisa was confirmed as the Chair for the remainder of the current term. • The committee agreed that volunteers to fill the Chair-Elect and Timekeeper/Facilitator positions will be solicited/appointed at the next meeting 	Lisa Madrid appointed as Chair Volunteers to fill the Chair-Elect and Timekeeper/Facilitator positions will be solicited/appointed at the next committee meeting
4. Committee Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This item was moved up on the agenda as Tom McGinnis had not yet arrived from another meeting to discuss the EMSA related agenda items. • Continuation of the discussion from the last meeting. Committee guidelines are due for review and updating. Guidelines were previously sent out to the committee for review and proposed changes were incorporated. • Following a short discussion, the committee agreed that there was no desire at this time to request that EMSAAC consider expanding the committee membership to include non-LEMSA members. Non-LEMSA individuals will be consulted and invited to specific meetings for subject matter expertise as needed/appropriate. • The remainder of the proposed Committee Guidelines revisions were subsequently unanimously approved by the committee with the additional recommendation to try and hold an in-person meeting twice annually. 	Committee agreed to maintain the membership to LEMSAs representatives only Remainder of proposed revisions were approved John Poland will make the changes and distribute the revised/finalized Committee Guidelines



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<p>5. EMSA Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tom McGinnis indicated that there has been a lot of national discussion related to the proposed transition to NEMSIS version 3.5 which would involve significant changes to the EMS data systems and ePCR platforms. Based on feedback from EMS representatives and vendors, it was determined that there are not significant issues with the current NEMSIS version 3.4 that would warrant an expedited transition to a new NEMSIS version. As a result, it has been determined that the implementation of NEMSIS version 3.5 will not take place until 1/1/2022 or possibly even 1/1/2023. This means that there will likely be some minor changes/updates to NEMSIS version 3.4 over the next several years. • Tom reminded the committee that NEMSIS version 2.2.1 is no longer supported/approved, and that version 3.3.4 will no longer be supported/approved by 1/1/2019 (possibly 1/1/2020). He also indicated that this does not appear to be a significant concern for California LEMSAs as all NEMSIS data currently being submitted to the State is on the version 3.4 platform. • Tom advised that the State will be doing some work on updating the standardized NEMSIS data lists (primary impressions, injury types, etc.) • Tom indicated that there are currently 27 LEMSAs reporting NEMSIS version 3.4 data to the State (meaning they have submitted at least 1 record). EMSA will at some point be posting a list of reporting LEMSAs on their website and will continue to work with the non-reporting LEMSAs to attempt to get to 100% reporting. The focus has been on 911 transports and there are currently 2.2 million records in the State database. If all LEMSAs were reporting, it is estimated that the total number of records would be closer to 4 million. Tom indicated that there are only 6 million NEMSIS version 3 records in the nationwide NEMSIS database, so California accounts for approx. 1/3 of all NEMSIS version 3 records. There have been some issues with data transfers of California records into the NEMSIS database due to the large volume, but these are being worked on. • EMSA has developed 5 canned data reports to assist in evaluating system wide quality of data in the CEMSIS system from the reporting LEMSAs 	<p>EMSA staff provided the committee with multiple EMS data updates</p>



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<p>5. EMSA Updates (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Davis provided several updates on the California Core Measures Project. Adam advised the committee that the 2016 Core Measures Report was provided to the LEMSAs for review/feedback and was subsequently finalized/distributed. He reminded the committee that this report was based on NEMSIS version 2 data which is no longer in use. • Adam indicated that UCDMC had finished their review of the Core Measures Project process and that the final report was available for review on the EMSA website. • Adam stated that EMSA convened an ad hoc committee who met in early November to conduct a clinical review of the core measures. The recommendations from the ad hoc committee were then provided to the California Core Measures Task Force during their meeting in late November. Based on a review of this information as well as the recommendations contained in the UCDMC report, the Core Measures Task Force ultimately agreed to 16 core measures for the 2017 data reporting period. The specific core measures data specification sheets are currently being developed by EMSA and will be tested by some LEMSAs prior to finalizing and distribution. The specific core measures and specification sheets are expected to be finalized and distributed to the LEMSAs by January 1, 2018. The 2017 core measures data will be due from the LEMSAs by March 31, 2018. • There was some additional discussion regarding the Core Measures Task Force and who should feedback/suggestions be provided to. Most of the committee is not even aware of who is on the task force. Adam indicated that he would provide this information on task force members and also indicated that they probably need to look at updating the members as some individuals have left or are no longer participating. Committee members should contact Dave Magnino if they are interested in participating on this task force as any recommended appointments would need to be approved by EMSAAC. 	<p>2017 Core Measures to be finalized/distributed to LEMSAs by 1/1/2018, data due to EMSA by 3/31/2018</p> <p>Adam Davis will provide the committee with a list of current CA Core Measures Task Force Members</p> <p>Committee members should contact Dave Magnino if interested in being considered for participation on the CA Core Measures Task Force</p>



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<p>6. Committee Discussion Items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Guidelines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This agenda item was already discussed and the committee approved the recommended revisions earlier in the meeting. • Committee Goals/Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The committee goal related to the core measures was already discussed previously during the meeting. ○ Susan Mori advised the committee that she was still pursuing the patient safety boot camp, but identifying a funding source is still a big roadblock. The Center for Patient Safety has only been doing these EMS focused boot camps for the past few years and the ones that have taken place have been in the East and Midwest United States. Susan will provide additional updates to committee as necessary. ○ The committee discussed the development of a LEMSAs CQI guidebook/instructional materials. Laura Wallin indicated that this committee developed this type of guidebook several years ago, but is not sure if there is still a copy available. Laura will attempt to locate a copy since the documents previously uploaded on the committee google group's account appear to no longer be available. ○ Ben Merin advised that he had previously attended an 'EMS Quality Management' one week course that is taught by the US Fire Administration and that it was a beneficial course. This course is free to attend if you can get in. Additional information on this course can be found at the following link: https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10411 ○ There was discussion about the continued lack of committee participation by multiple LEMSAs. Multiple steps have been taken to increase participation (surveys, meeting changes, etc.) but have so far been unsuccessful. Following additional discussion, it was agreed that the Chair will follow up with Dave Magnino regarding this matter to determine what specifically EMSAAC is looking for from this committee and why there is a continued lack of LEMSAs participation if EMSAAC is in fact supportive of this committee. 	<p>Laura Wallin to attempt to locate a copy of the QI Instructional Guidebook that was previously developed by this committee</p> <p>Lisa Madrid to follow up with Dave Magnino regarding continued lack of committee participation and to clarify EMSAAC's position on the committee's purpose</p>



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<p>6. Committee Discussion Items (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Susan Mori indicated that she is continuing to work with Craig Stroup on the development of the QI Best Practices Conference. They are looking to hold a one day conference at the CA Endowment Center in LA in September, 2018 (exact date has yet to be determined). Individuals with ideas/topics for the conference or who are interested in participating or presenting should contact Susan. Some members suggested that Dan Lynch should be approached about presenting at the conference as he has previously provided well received presentations on QI matters. Susan advised that she would put together a draft of her ideas/schedule for the conference and distributed to the committee for review and additional discussion. 	<p>Susan Mori to continue to work on development of a one day QI Best Practices Conference anticipated to be held in LA in September, 2018</p>
<p>7. QI Topics Roundtable</p>	<p>The following roundtable topics were discussed by the committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Louis Bruhnke provided an update to the committee on the 'EMS QI Plan Assistant' electronic tool that he has been working on for the past few years. North Coast EMS is currently using it with their EMS providers and have made some changes to continue to improve it. Louis advised that this tool is now at the point where it could be made available to other LEMSAs who may be interested in having their EMS providers use it. The goal would be for this tool to replace the EMSQIP template that this committee originally developed in 2007/2008 as it is more intuitive. The committee agreed that this tool should be introduced to some of the LEMSAs Administrators first and then possibly presented to EMSAAC for their review/endorsement. Louis will continue to work on this and will reach out to other LEMSAs. He encouraged interested LEMSAs to discuss it with their Administrators. This item will be discussed further at the next meeting. • OSHPD recently approved the 3rd year renewal of the CP Pilot Project as well as the additional of several more CP Pilot Project sites for this next year. EMSA will continue to work with the approved CP Pilot Project providers. Legislation has been introduced to attempt to change the paramedic scope of practice to allow for long term continuation of the pilot project concepts. 	<p>Committee discussion items</p>



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<p>7. QI Topics Roundtable (continued)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kerrie Groves discussed AB1719 which requires all high school students to receive training in hands only CPR and AED use prior to graduation. Marin County has been assisting the school districts in their area with this, but most LEMSAs are not involved in providing this training. • Laura Wallin asked the committee if we should provide specific feedback related to medical direction for VAD patients when the Paramedic Regulations are re-opened in the next few months as scheduled. Following discussion, the consensus of the committee is that this is not currently a significant issue and there is no need to further address it at this time. • Lance Doyle updated the committee on their recently approved Ketamine Trial Study. Several LEMSAs will be participating in the trial study and approval letters have already been distributed. MVEMSA will be starting their trial study February 1, 2018. • Susan Mori discussed the work that LA County is currently doing with pediatric medication formularies to reduce medication dosing errors. The committee discussed some commercial products that were already available for this and what some other LEMSAs have done to address these issues. • Crystal Wright advised the committee that the San Francisco County EMS Agency has recently transitioned back into the Public Health Department. • John Poland discussed some recent communication he has had with CDPH and several public health departments in the S-SV EMS region. CDPH is getting ready to distribute a significant amount of naloxone to the public health departments for BLS first responder use (including law enforcement). Public safety naloxone administration programs have to be approved/monitored by the LEMSAs per current regulations which has been an area of confusion in some areas. • John Poland advised that S-SV EMS had just received notification from EMSA that they are removing NTI from the paramedic optional scope of practice statewide within the next 12 months. 	<p>Committee discussion items</p>
<p>8. Adjournment and Roll Call</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 1445 hours</p>	<p>Meeting Adjournment</p>