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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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**MINUTES
May 15, 2013**

COMMISSIONERS	ORGANIZATION	EMS AGENCY STAFF	POSITION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Austin	LAC Ambulance Assn	Cathy Chidester	Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Barnes	LAC Police Chiefs Assn	William Koenig, MD	Medical Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erick H. Cheung, MD	So. CA Psychiatric Society	Kay Fruhwirth	Asst. Director, EMS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerald B. Clute	HASC	Richard Tadeo	Assistant Director, EMS
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clayton Kazan, MD	CAL/ACEP	Lucy Hickey	Staff, EMS Agency
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Areti Tillou, MD	L.A. Surgical Society	Susan Mori	Staff, EMS Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Gary Washburn (Exc)	Public Member, 5 th District		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Binch	Public Member, 4 th District		
<input type="checkbox"/> Bernard Weintraub (Exc)	S. CA Public Health Assn.		

GUESTS

Russell Chidley	Westmed/McCormick	Matt Armstrong	MedCoast/LACAA
Trevor Stoner	MedCoast Ambulance	Dwayne Preston	Long Beach Fire Dept.
Brian Hudson	Torrance Fire Dept.	Scott Ferguson	Santa Monica Fire Dept.
Scott Mitchell	Long Beach Life Guard Assn.	Paul Peppard	L.A. County Fire Dept.
Rex Pritchard	Long Beach FFA	Marvin Chang	Long Beach Fire Dept.
Andy Chan	Long Beach Fire Dept.	Paul Cheek	Long Beach Fire Dept.
Landon Hill	Long Beach Fire Dept.	John Hyun	Long Beach Fire Dept.
Ryan Allee	ESFD	Darren Cureton	Long Beach Fire Dept.
Tim Isaacson	Long Beach Fire Dept.	Patrick Powers	Lynch EMS
Phil Mobley	Long Beach Fire Dept.	John Cardon	L.A. Fire Dept.
Doug Carey	Long Beach Fire Dept.	Fernando Silva	Long Beach Fire Dept.
Duaine Jackson	Long Beach Fire Dept.	Jaime Garcia	HASC
Steve Shea	Long Beach Fire Dept.	Jerry Parker	Santa Monica Fire Dept.
David Morse	L.A. County Fire Dept.	Pat Dolan	L.A. County Fire Dept.
James Farlem	Long Beach Fire Fighters	Greg Reynar	L.A. Fire Dept.
Lewis Smith	L.A. Fire Dept.	Kristine Crews	APCC/LBMMC
Geraldo ???	L.A. County Fire	Sean English	Pasadena Fire
Taylor Gaskins	L.A. Fire Dept.	Jeff Elder	LAFD
Dan France	City of La Mirada	Maurice Guillen	Schaefer Ambulance
Oscar E. Romero	Schaefer Ambulance	Matthew Bolen	Long Beach Fire Dept.
M. Chidley	L.A. County Fire Dept.	Mike Short	L.A. County Fire Dept.

(Ab) = Absent; (Exc) = Excused Absence

CALL TO ORDER:

The Emergency Medical Services Commission (EMSC) meeting was held in the Los Angeles County Department of Education Conference Room, 10100 Pioneer Blvd, Santa Fe Springs, 90670. The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Commission Chair, Raymond Mosack. A quorum was declared.

INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Each member of the Commission introduced him/herself to the audience.
- Chairman Mosack commended Commissioner Andy Ramirez on a recent promotion to Captain.
- In recognition of EMS Week 2013 (May 19-25), the EMS Commission honored the following for their longevity in the field of EMS by presenting them with certificates:

Paramedics

Richard Houle – Los Angeles Fire Department

Gerald Parker – Santa Monica Fire Department

Russell Chidley – Westmed/McCormick Ambulance Company

Mobile Intensive Care Nurses

Jean Orellana – Methodist Hospital of Southern California

Barbara Garrison - Methodist Hospital of Southern California

Mary Upham - Methodist Hospital of Southern California

Emergency Medical Technicians

Oscar Romero – Schaefer Ambulance Service

Patrick Mulcahy – American Red Cross

David Roberts – Centinela Hospital (recently retired)

Lucy Adams, EMS Agency, was acknowledged for coordinating the presentations.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

M/S/C: Commissioner Austin/Thompson to approve all items on the Consent Calendar excluding item numbers 3.4, Provider Agency Advisory Committee Report and 4.3, Reference No. 407, Advanced Life Support (ALS) Unit Alternate Staffing Pilot Program Requirements.

Discussion on Agenda Item 3.4 and 4.3

4.3 Reference No. 407, Advanced Life Support (ALS) Unit Alternate Staffing Pilot Program Requirements

Cathy Chidester, Director of the EMS Agency reported that Reference No. 407 had been reviewed by the Base Hospital Advisory Committee (BHAC) and the Provider Agency Advisory Committee (PAAC) in April. Although the BHAC recommended

some changes, the Committee voted not to approve the policy. PAAC approved the draft policy to go forward to the EMS Commission with the recommended changes incorporated into the final policy before you.

Upon concurrence by the EMS Commission, Chairman Mosack opened the floor for public comment. Everyone was reminded to ensure their remarks related to Reference No. 407 and not the proposed Long Beach Fire Department Pilot Project that would be addressed later on the agenda.

The following is a list of the persons that addressed the Commission and a very brief summary of their comments.

- **Matt Bolen, Long Beach Fire Fighters-Local 372**, recommended that the policy be rejected as it has become extremely contentious (written comments on file).
- **James Farley, Long Beach Fire Fighters-Local 372**, recommended that the policy be rejected as written.
- **Rex Pritchard, President, Long Beach Fire Fighters-Local 372**, recommended that the policy be rejected because it is too vague. Mr. Pritchard stated that the data points for evaluating effectiveness /ineffectiveness of the program are flawed (written comments on file).
- **Chief Mike DuRee, Long Beach Fire Department**, stated that he felt that the policy should be restricted to the agency conducting the study, Long Beach Fire Department. He assured the EMS Commission that if Long Beach's proposal is approved, the City of Long Beach would not "flip a switch" and implement the program overnight.
- **John Cappon, Los Angeles Fire Department**, recommended that the policy be rejected as proposed due to incorrect data collection and safety factor to patients.
- **David Morse, Los Angeles County Fire Local 1014**, recommend that policy be rejected due to lack of data collection and the policy lacks in language and restrictions.
- **Kristine Cash, Association of Prehospital Care Coordinators (APCC)**, addressed comments documented by BHAC in April.
- **Dan France**, (not representing any agency), rejected the concept of 1+1 staffing based upon his first-hand experience.

Following the public comment, a lengthy discussion by the Commission and audience ensued. The audiotape of the comments and further discussion is available for review at the EMS Agency and copies of the provided written comments are on file.

This discussion resulted in the following Motion being made:

Motion by Commissioners Binch/Kazan to approve Reference No. 407 in concept, amend the policy to incorporate the proposed recommendations contained in the correspondence dated May 14, 2013 from Commissioner Binch to the EMS Commission, EMS Agency

and Long Beach Fire Department (see attached), and appoint three people to work with the EMS Agency staff to make these changes and bring back the policy in final form to the next meeting.

Recommendations include items under A: 2.a. Phased Implementation and Evaluation, filling in the blank on top of page 2 to read no more than 5% of the County's population; 2.b. Independent Monitoring and Evaluation; and, 2.c. Safety Brake.

Motion was defeated by 9 no votes to 4 yes votes.

Results of Vote: 4 Yes to 9 No

Clute – No
Kazan – Yes
Austin – No
Barnes – No
Cheung – No
Flashman – Yes
Mosack – No
Snyder – No
Binch – Yes
Tillou – No
Thompson – No
Parish – No
Ramirez – Yes

Motion by Commissioners Parrish/Snyder to accept Ref. No. 407, in concept, amend the policy to incorporate the proposed recommendations contained in the correspondence dated May 14, 2013 from Commissioner Binch to the EMS Commission, EMS Agency and Long Beach Fire Department (see attached) with the exception of 2.b. Independent Monitoring and Evaluation, and bring back the policy in final form to the next meeting.

Recommendations include items under A: 2.a. Phased Implementation and Evaluation, filling in the blank on top of page 2 to read no more than 5% of the County's population and 2.c. Safety Brake. Item 2.b. Independent Monitoring and Evaluation will not be included in the policy.

After the vote a concern by a public member was brought up regarding a violation of the Brown Act. The complaint was that a member of the public had a conversation with one of the Commissioners while the votes were being polled. A ruling from Los Angeles County Counsel declared that no Brown Act violation had been committed, but under an abundance of caution recommended that a vote on the motion be done again. The Commission voted again on the motion with the same outcome.

Motion carried by 8 yes votes to 5 no votes.

Result of Second Vote: 8 Yes to 5 No

Clute – Yes
Kazan – Yes
Austin – Yes
Barnes – Yes
Cheung – Yes
Flashman – Yes
Mosack – No
Snyder – Yes
Binch – No
Tillou – No
Thompson – No
Parish – Yes
Ramirez – No

Motion by Commissioners Austin/Clute to continue the meeting beyond meeting window as stated in the Bylaws and to take a ten (10) minute recess. Motion carried.

Recess: 3:09 PM
Reconvened: 3:20 PM

Commissioner Clute stated that he had reservations regarding continuing the meeting due to the time and possibility of losing the quorum.

Motion by Commissioners Clute/Parrish to adjourn to the meeting of July 17 and table remaining items on the agenda.

Motion carried: 10 yes votes to 3 no votes.

The following items were tabled to the July 17, 2013 agenda:

- 5. BUSINESS (Old Business)
 - 5.1 Status of Policy Initiatives
 - 5.2 Community Paramedic
 - 5.3 1 + 1 Paramedic Staffing Model

- (New Business)
 - 5.4 Wall Time

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting was adjourned by Chairman Mosack at 3:25 PM to the meeting of July 17, 2013.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, 2013
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Recorded by:
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